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Palau Community College Holds a Convocation



College personnel attending the first PCC Convocation at the PCC Cafeteria.

On Thursday, August 14, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) held its first convocation. The college staff and faculty participated in the all-day event held at the PCC Cafeteria. During the convocation, each department/division of the college gave introductory presentations. Each presentation highlighted the mission statements, objectives, and goals of the departments.

The convocation began with remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei's opening presentation was about the history and purpose of Palau Community College. He was followed by a presentation that introduced all the college departments and personnel.

The PCC Convocation will become an annual meeting of all college staff and faculty. During the meeting, personnel of the college will become aware of the goals or projects of the different departments and divisions. The convocation is also an opportunity to recognize the achievements of the college.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

PCC Adult High School Meets with 10th Koror State Legislature

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014 a meeting between representatives of the Palau Community College (PCC) Adult High School and the 10th Koror State Legislature was held at the Continuing Education (CE) Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Speaker Eyos Rudimch (Legislator At-Large), Medalaii Legislator Jason Nolan, Ngerkebesang Legislator Ignacio Rengulbai, Meyuns Legislator Edwenor Sadang, Ngermid Legislator Armstrong N. Debelbot, Meketii Legislator Augusto Ngrimang, Legislator At-Large Ann L. Pedro, and Legislator At-Large Kazuki T. Sungino. PCC Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally, Talent Search Director Laura Mangham, and Adult High School Counselor Sione Fakatou were present on behalf of PCC Adult High School.

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PCC Adult High School meeting with Koror State Legislators.

Training Begins for PAN Officers

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

On Monday, August 11, 2014 the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) hosted a brief opening ceremony for the Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) Conservation Officer Training at the PICRC Kedarm Conference Room. The ceremony was opened by the PICRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Yimnang Golbuu. Dr. Golbuu was followed by the special remarks of Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism Umiich Sengbau, Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan His Excellency Kazuhiro Tajiri. Closing remarks was given by Director Matsui Nobuaki of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Palau Office.

Over thirty (30) people attended the ceremony including Ngerchelong State Governor Brownly Salvador, Ngardmau State Governor Renguul Masahiro, Airai State Governor Tmewang Rengulbai, and Angaur State Governor Maria Gate. Also in attendance were Koror State Government Director Jose Ise, Koror State Government Administrative Officer Ernest Ongidobel, and PAN coordinators. Participants of the program include conservation officers from the states of Koror, Ngardmau, Angaur, Ngaraard, Ngarchelong, Airai, and Kayangel.

After the ceremony, the PAN Conservation Training began at the PICRC Student Lab. PICRC Researchers Marine Gouezo, Lincoln Rehm, and Shirley Koshiba together with the Head of Research and Aquarium Department Geraldine Rengiil are conducting the training of a selected number of PAN conservation officers. PAN TRAINING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Participants of the Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) Training with sponsoring agencies and supporters.

Mesekiu Bai Undergoes Painting



PCC Alumna Elsei Tellei painting the Mesekiu Bai.

The Mesekiu Bai of Palau Community College (PCC) recently underwent a painting makeover. PCC Alumna Elsei D. Tellei spent a few afternoons painting traditional art on the pillars of the bai. PCC would like to thank Ms. Tellei for beautifying the campus of the college with her artistic contribution!

FACULTY-SENATE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Students are reminded that the deadline for the 2014-2015 Faculty-Senate Association (FSA) Scholarship has been extended. Interested students may pick up application forms at the PCC Development Office or call 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253 for more information.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2014

FINE FOR DORM/FACILITY DAMAGES CAUSED BY STUDENTS

Effective on Friday, August 15, 2014:

Any damage(s) or destruction of PCC property determined to be caused by PCC student(s) will result in an automatic fine of \$100.00 levied against the student, and such fine will be automatically assessed against the student's account at the PCC Business Office.

This \$100.00 fine will be ultimately adjusted accordingly to reflect the actual cost of repair/replacement for the damages caused by a student.

The decision will remain in effect and will be rescinded only in writing by the PCC President.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday	7:30AM - 7PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: SCUBA-DIVING MAGAZINE



"Scuba-Diving Magazine features articles about popular diving sites and tourist areas. The articles include recommendations by other diving enthusiasts as well as diving experience stories."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

August 18-22 (M-F)

Add/Drop Period

August 25-29 (M-F)

I.D. Card Processing

October 06-08 (M-W)

Mid-Term Period

October 23 (TH)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu's News welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to dilubch@gmail.com or tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

Adult High School CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The meeting opened with welcoming remarks from Dean Wally. He provided a brief explanation about the beginning of the PCC Adult High School Program and its current state. Director Mangham contributed to the explanation by providing information about the classes, the learning opportunities it offers Palauans, and the possible support that the legislature could offer in order to promote the program within their communities.

The Adult High School Program was introduced by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei as an alternative education route. In 2000, the program was established and now serves adult members of the community who have not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent. The PCC Adult High School program offers two tracks of education: a terminal program for those in the workforce, or who wish to join the workforce after completing the program, and a program for those desiring entry into a post-secondary institution. Since its inception, over two-hundred students have graduated from the program.

PAN Training CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Lessons and field activities during the training includes proper ecological methods in monitoring of MPAs; identification of corals, fish, invertebrates, sea-grass; and managing and conserving our marine resources.

The purpose of the training is to provide support in areas that conservation officers need and to certify conservation officers in the management of state Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Collaborating with PCC and PANO, the training will be conducted with the technical assistance of JICA and Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE) fulfill PIC-RC's mission in supporting conservation and management for the perpetuation of marine and associated environments through research and education that is significant to Palau and relevant to the world.



PCC-Based Scholarships

NOW AVAILABLE!

* **Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship for School Year 2014-2015**

* **Pierantozzi Scholarship for School Year 2014-2015**

Applications are available at the PCC Development Office.

For more information, call 488-2470/2471, ext. 252 or 253.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

ALUMNI NOTES

RACHEL LUKAS

(Class of 1996)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

"There is no greater investment in life than an investment in knowledge. Keep an open mind and learn as much as you can."



Rachel graduated in 1996 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. Her work experience including teaching at George B. Harris Elementary School, working for Palau Pacific Resort (PPR). Ms. Lukas currently works as an Administrative Officer for the Ngirwal State Office.

SAMANTHA RECHELLUUL

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AUTO-MECHANICS TECH.

"School is the key to success and the path to a brighter future."



Samantha graduated with an AAS Degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. She has worked as a Mechanic for WCTC and the Koror State Rangers Office. Ms. Rechellul was recently hired at PCC as an Assistant Auto-Mechanics Instructor.

JISAM KAISHA

(Class of 1977)

VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE - HEAVY EQUIPMENT

"Success is not only measured by your achievements but also by your contributions to society. Learn as much as you can so you can some day make a difference!"



Jisam graduated in 1977 with a Vocational Certificate in Heavy Equipment. He currently works as an Executive for the local government of Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands. He attended the 45th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) on behalf of the governor of Majuro.

Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Harumi Fabian. Ms. Fabian works as a Marshal Officer for the Palau Supreme Court. Thank you, Ms. Fabian, for your generous contribution to Palau's only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

Celebrating Birthdays

Arlene Ignacio

August 24

Clara Maile Andreas

August 24

Hosea Sumang

August 25

Teongel Ngirkelau

August 28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1) *Nursing Instructor*
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 2) *Instructional Assistant, Construction Technology*
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- 3) *Small Engine Instructor*
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 4) *Adjunct Instructors*
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

E-mail hr@palau.edu or download forms at

<http://pcc.palau.edu>

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **contact us NOW!**

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://pcc.palau.edu>



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ALUMNI NOTES showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that Alumna/Alumnus or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.

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