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# Palau Community College



## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC President Holds Meetings with Students



*PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, and Tutor Vollete S. Polloi with students from the Marshall Islands.*

For the past two weeks, Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei has been meeting with the different ethnic groups that currently make up the PCC student body. The students were divided into the following groups and met with PCC President Tellei on the following dates: the Marshall Islands (Monday, August 25, 2014), Chuuk (Tuesday, August 26, 2014), Kosrae (Wednesday, August 27, 2014), Pohnpei (Thursday, August 28, 2014), Yap (Tuesday, September 02, 2014) and Palau (Wednesday, September 04, 2014 and Thursday, September 05, 2014).

During the meetings, President Tellei encouraged the students to make use of all the learning resources available. He understood that academic studies can be a struggle, especially in certain subject areas such as mathematics. President Tellei advised the students to take advantage of the tutoring services available such as the services provided by the Learning Resource Center (LRC). President Tellei also encouraged the students to become active members of the student body by representing their island groups as officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPCC).

### **PCC Financial Aid Approved by U. S. Secretary of Education**

contributed by Admissions & Financial Aid Office

During the month of August 2014 the San Francisco/Seattle School Participation Team informed Palau Community College President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei that, based upon the information provided in the college's Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs, the college meets the minimum requirements of institutional eligibility, administrative capability, and financial responsibility.

The approval of application by the United States Secretary of Education means that the college is an eligible institution under the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended in 1965.

Palau Community College will be listed in the next edition of the Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions published by the United States Department of Education. The Participation Agreement between Palau Community College and the United States Department of Education is valid for the next six (6) years ending in June 30, 2020. All colleges and universities are required to submit their re-certification application to participate in the Title IV, HEA Programs every six years.

*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.*

## Environmental Science Summer Program



*Happy Fritz*

Palau Community College (PCC) student Happy Fritz participated in a ten-week summer science program that was hosted by the University of Hawaii–Manoa. The Undergraduate Research and Mentoring in the Biological Sciences (URM) is an environmental

biology science program that trains promising students in modern approaches to environmental biology. Students selected for the program are from the islands of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and Palau.

Ms. Fritz was mentored by Dr. Celia M. Smith, a Professor of Botany from the Department of Botany at the University of Hawaii–Manoa. Dr. Smith has experience working with native and invasive algae of the coral reefs. Her work information was crucial to Ms. Fritz's summer research. Ms. Fritz focused her research on the feeding preference of the sea urchin (*tripneustes gratilla*) and its effect on the biological control of invasive algae (*avrainvillea amadeplha*). Her research was conducted at a hatchery for sea urchins called Anueue Fisheries Research Center located at Sand Island.

The ten-week summer science program was sponsored by the University of Hawaii–Manoa and funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Research project locations included the laboratories on the campuses of the University of Hawaii–Manoa, Kewalo Marine Laboratory, the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at Coconut Island, wild areas, and urban field sites.

The challenges faced by Ms. Fritz during her summer research taught her the importance of conserving Palau's natural habitats. Her experience with the URM summer program has instilled in her a want to help conserve and restore the population of marine species native to Palau.

Ms. Fritz is currently a second-year student under the Environmental/Marine Science Program of PCC.

## Pierantozzi Scholarship Fund



*ASPCC President-Elect Benigno S. Sablan (left) receiving the fund for the Pierantozzi Scholarship on behalf of the college from Sun's Flower Shop Receptionist Tikei Rengiil (right).*

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received funding for the 2014-2015 Pierantozzi Scholarship. The Pierantozzi Scholarship is an annual PCC-based scholarship funded by Mr. Pierantozzi and Mrs. Sandra S. Pierantozzi. The scholarship awards \$500 (\$250 per semester) to two (2) students for the school year. PCC would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Pierantozzi for continually supporting the educational endeavors of Palau's students. Application forms are available at the PCC Development Office. Those interested in applying must be Palauan citizen and a full-time student.

## "Remembering 9/11"

Palau Community College (PCC) will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the PCC Assembly Hall. The Memorial Service will commemorate the heroes of the 9/11 tragedy. All members of the community are invited to join.

**Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014**

**Place: PCC Assembly Hall**



## 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: BULLETIN OF MARINE SCIENCE



"The *Bulletin of Marine Science* is dedicated to the dissemination of research dealing with the waters of the world's oceans. Articles featured cover topics such as marine biology, marine policy, and biological oceanography."

#### Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

**October 06-08 (M-W)**  
Mid-Term Period

**October 23 (TH)**  
Last Day for All Withdrawals

**October 27-29 (M-W)**  
Pre-Registration for Spring 2015

**December 05 (F)**  
Last Day of Instruction

#### News/Stories Wanted

*Mezekiu'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](mailto:dilubch@gmail.com) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

## PCC Welcomes New Employees



*Dickson Noel*

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome its newest employee, Dickson Noel. Mr. Noel was recently hired as the new Daytime Security Guard Officer for the college. He is a graduate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Law Enforcement Academy. During the rigorous fourteen-week training, Mr. Noel was recognized for his high academic achievements. PCC and all its staff welcome you to the campus!

Palau Community College (PCC) would also like to extend its welcome to Merii Ngirakesau. Ms. Ngirakesau was recently hired as the new Secretary for the Human Resources Department of the college. She is a student of the college currently completing her final classes. While completing her courses, Ms. Ngirakesau will assist the Human Resources Department with their office work.



*Merii Ngirakesau*



## PCC-Based Scholarships

**for 2014-2015 are now available!**

- \* **Moylan's Insurance Scholarship**
- \* **Pierantozzi Scholarship**
- \* **Prince Leeboo Scholarship**
- \* **Terry Ngirmang Nursing Scholarship**

Applications are available at the PCC Development Office.  
For more information, call 488-2470/2471, ext. 252 or 253.

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

#### **FINE FOR DORM/FACILITY DAMAGES CAUSED BY STUDENTS**

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.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### BERNICE SIDOI

(Class of 2010)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

*"Invest in yourself by completing your education. It is the best investment that you can make in life."*



Bernice graduated in 2010 with an AAS Degree in Agricultural Science. She currently works as an Extension Agent for the Bureau of Agriculture.

### SUKRAD O. SBAL

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - GENERAL ELECTRONICS

*"Set your goals and strive to meet them regardless of the challenges. Obstacles will only serve to improve you."*



Sukrad graduated in 2013 with an AAS Degree in General Electronics. He currently works for the Primary Health Care Unit of the Belau National Hospital. Mr. Sbal plans to continue his education in the field of bio medical technology.

### RAYVEN C. RENGULBAI

(Class of 2010)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

*"Continue your education but don't do it as an obligation. If you find something you love to do then don't be afraid of choosing it as a career path."*



Rayven graduated in 2010 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. He currently works for Roll'em Productions as a Junior Editor. In the future, he plans to continue his studies in the field of media.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Kurt Rehuher. Mr. Rehuher works as a Security Guard Officer for the Ministry of Health. Thank you, Mr. Rehuher, 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

Holly Farlin

September 06

Leona Blaluk

September 09

O'ranli M. Ise

September 10



**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](mailto: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!**

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

### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://pcc.palau.edu>

