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First PCC Parents Orientation Held



Parents of PCC students attending the orientation at the PCC Assembly Hall.

Palau Community College (PCC) held its first Parents Orientation on the evening of Thursday, October 16, 2014. The orientation was held at the PCC Assembly Hall and introduced the parents of PCC students to the students services available at the college. Throughout the evening, representatives from different college departments involved with student services provided information about their offices.

The orientation opened with the welcoming remarks of PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei thanked the parents for participating in the orientation. He encouraged the parents to be active supporters of their children's education by taking note of the student services available. The college, he reminded the parents, was there to help their students succeed in their academic endeavors. PARENTS ORIENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Dr. Peter W. Black Visits PCC

Dr. Peter W. Black and his wife met with Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Acting Director of Library Services Pioria Asito on Friday, October 03, 2014. The meeting was a discussion about the possibility of the college purchasing and housing copies of Dr. Black's latest project at the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library. Dr. Black is the Senior Historian and Director of the Division of the Senior Historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He has held numerous teaching positions including Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at George Mason University. Dr. Black is also the President and Director of the Friends of Tobi Island (FOTI) Non-Profit Organization. FOTI is a collaborative project between the people of Tobi that documents the Ramari Hatohobei, a severely endangered language.



(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Mrs. Black, Acting Director of Library Services Pioria Asito, and Dr. Peter Black.



HAPPY UNITED NATIONS DAY!

FROM THE PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PRESIDENT,
FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

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 Students Study DNA Analysis

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

Fifteen students from Palau Community College (PCC) learned about DNA analysis and its applications in marine conservation on September 28, 2014. During four hours of lecture, Dr. Julien Lorion and Dr. Christopher Kitalong lectured and conducted experiments with the students. Dr. Lorion is a Post-Doctoral Fellow, who works for the University of the Ryukyus, is based at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). He is a part of the Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystem Project (P-CoRIE) which is a joint project among PICRC, PCC, and the University of the Ryukyus funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Dr. Kitalong is a Science Instructor at the college.

The course began with a lecture by Dr. Lorion about basic cell biology and DNA analysis. Following the lecture, the students carried out an experiment which consisted of extracting DNA from an onion and a blood sample with only salt water, soap, and ethanol. This simple experiment was meant to “demystify” DNA analysis by providing the students with a demonstration that proved DNA analysis is nothing more than basic chemistry, just like cooking.

“It is very easy for the students to understand what is going on in a tube when you mix onion, soap, and salt. They are better teaching materials for this introductory course than the complex machines and chemical reagents with difficult names we use on a daily basis for actual research,” stated Dr. Lorion.

DNA ANALYSIS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



PCC student preparing agarose gel to check if the extraction of DNA from an onion and blood sample was successful.

IP&E, Palau Inc. Donation



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (left) receiving the IP&E, Palau Inc. donation from Delegate Frank Kyota (right).

On October 07, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) received a \$2,000 donation from IP&E, Palau Inc. The donation was presented by IP&E Palau Area Manager, Delegate Frank Kyota. The college would like to thank IP&E, Palau Inc. for its generous donation to the PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser!

PAL Thanks Surangel & Sons Company

contributed by the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL)



Palau Association of Libraries members with the donated t-shirts.

Palau and the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) are hosting the 2014 PIALA Annual Conference in November. Library & Information Professionals from all around the Pacific region will gather together to discuss how libraries and museums can transform our communities. This yearly conference is an important opportunity for local and regional librarians, archivists, and other information professionals to share ideas and upgrade their skills. The PIALA planning committee would like to thank Surangel & Sons Company for its generous donation of t-shirts for the event. The event would not be possible without our advocates and supporters!

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: RUNNER'S WORLD MAGAZINE



"*Runner's World Magazine* is a globally circulated monthly magazine for runners of all skills sets, published by Rodale Press in Emmaus, Pennsylvania in the United States."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

October 23 (TH)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

October 24 (F)

HOLIDAY: United Nations Day!

October 27-29 (M-W)

Pre-Registration for Spring 2015

November 27 (TH)

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Day!

November 27-28 (TH-F)

Students' Thanksgiving Break

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiw'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.

Parents Orientation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

After President Tellei, the following presentations were given: Dean of Students Sherman Daniel who introduced the parents to the services provided by the Student Services Department; Financial Aid Counselor Lakolani Olengellel who explained the services provided by the Admissions & Financial Aid Office; Director of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Vernice Rechebei who shared with the parents the tutoring and learning services provided by LRC; Director of Student Life Hilda N. Reklai who presented about the housing and counseling services of her division; Acting Director of Library Services Pioria W. Asito who encouraged the parents as well as the students to take advantage of the information housed at the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library; Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil who presented about the faculty and the academic division of the college; and lastly, Director of Finance Uroi N. Salii who explained the purpose of the PCC Business Office. Volunteer students also led the parents on a tour of the campus.

DNA Analysis CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

"The complex equipment and chemicals are used to enhance the quality of DNA obtained and automatizing the process, but the chemistry itself remains the same, therefore it is easier to understand using kitchen goods."

The second lecture showed the students how DNA analysis can be used for marine conservation. While most people usually associate DNA analysis with forensics, it actually offers a wide range of applications including molecular species identification and delimitation (e.g. biodiversity assessments), spatial connectivity of natural populations (e.g. fish, clam) and temporal tracking of the genetic diversity of harvested species.

The lecture and lab activities conducted by P-CoRIE demonstrate the commitment among the three project partners to support science education at PCC and in Palau. PICRC envisions empowering people with science and knowledge for effective marine conservation and management. For more information about PICRC, visit www.picrc.org or "Like" PICRC on Facebook.

Support the Palau Community College Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser!

To purchase tickets or make donations to the Endowment Fundraising Event, contact:



Palau Community College
Development Office
tel: 488-2470/2471 ext. 251 or 253



PURCHASE A \$10 TICKET
You need not be present to win fabulous prizes!

ENDOWMENT THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER

An Annual Palau Community College Event

Place: PCC Courtyard
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014
Time: 12:30PM - 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Contact the PCC Development Office for more information:

tel: 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253.

FACULTY PROFILE

DR. SHELLEY L. DOLE

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

"Education is a vital part of life and everyone should take advantage of any learning opportunities that come their way. Completing a qualification is an important and valuable way to enrich your life."



Mathematics Education Development Advisor Dr. Shelley L. Dole is from Australia. She has been working at Palau Community College for ten months where she is developing a course of mathematics curriculum for the teachers in Palau. Dr. Dole holds a Master's Degree in Mathematics Education and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) Degree, both from Queensland University of Technology. She is a member of the Mathematics Teachers Association.

ALUMNI NOTES

SUNSHINE SOALABLAH

(Class of 2000)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

"Find what you love to do, stick with it, and pursue your dreams. Do it to the best of your ability!"



Sunshine received a Certificate of Completion in Business Accounting from Palau Community College (PCC) in 2000. He currently works for the Ministry of Finance as a Senior Tax Officer for the Bureau of Customs & Taxation.



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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.

Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Lily Kebou. Ms. Kebou works for the Palau Parents Empowered Organization. Thank you, Ms. Kebou, 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.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Director of Library Services
(PCC Library - Office of the President)
salary range: \$20,258 - \$33,082 per annum
- (2) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (3) Nursing 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.
- (5) Twenty (20) Part-Time Tutors
(Educational Talent Search Office)
salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 per annum
- (6) Career/Transfer Counselor
(Learning Resource Center - Student Service)
salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Part-Time Teachers
English, Math, Science, Health, Occupational Knowledge, Government & Law, Consumer Economics, Community Resources, College Preparation, and Computer Literacy
(PCC Adult High School)
salary range: \$980 - \$1,350 per course
- (8) Small Engine Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Director of Research and Development
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (10) Administrative Assistant
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum
- (11) Library Assistant
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (12) Part-Time Instructors/Tutors
2 Math Instructors/Tutors, 2 English Instructors/Tutors, 2 Science Instructors/Tutors, 2 Academic Instructors/Tutors
(PCC - Upward Bound Program Office)
duration: October 2014 to May 2015
salary range: \$100 - \$200 bi-weekly

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471, extension 227 or e-mail: hr@palau.edu or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthdays

Itwong Ngirakelau		October 24
N. Todd Ngiramengior		October 27
Umang Kesolei		October 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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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!**

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FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://pcc.palau.edu>



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