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Phi Theta Kappa Society Induction Ceremony



The newly inducted members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

On Thursday, November 20, 2014 an induction ceremony was held for the new members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. The ceremony opened with welcoming remarks from PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. He was followed by PTK President Ewing Rudimch who gave a brief explanation about the history of the honor society. PTK Vice President Melvira Kazuma then followed with an explanation of the PTK Emblem.

The fourteen (14) new members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are Darla J. Babauta, Dilisa Brikul, Natasha M. Dudley, Ricky Igelmai, Olivera I. Katosang, Velda Faith Lechol, Jenny L. Mahor, Nelson Masang Jr., Jessica L. Mobel, Jasmere S. Oilouch, Tanya K. Otei, Sidney Roberts, Maelee R. Sokau, and Joanny Kesolei. The new officers are Ewing Rudimch (President), Melvira K. Kazuma (Vice President), Sidney Roberts (Secretary), and Olivera I. Katosang (Treasurer).

Induction of the new members was led by Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. The new Phi Theta Kappa Society officers were installed by Dean of Students Daniel Sherman. After the ceremony, family members and friends in the audience took photos with the new members. PTK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Adult High School CPR Training

Contributed by PCC Adult High School

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) Health Instructor Allins Nobuo did an hour long CPR training and demonstration for the Adult High School students in Ngardmau during their health class. The students were given the opportunity to practice what they learned during the class. Each student was able to demonstrate the CPR technique on an adult and on an infant. Although they are not certified, the students have learned CPR skills and techniques that may save a life. The Ngardmau Adult High School cohort offers two courses: an English II course and a health course. Currently, the cohort has 15 students and 2 instructors. Present at the CPR training were Principal for Ngardmau Elementary School Elwais W. Beketaut, PCC Talent Search Counselor Angelio Antonio, and PCC Adult High School Counselor Sione Fakatou.



Adult High School students from Ngardmau

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.

2014-2015 FSA Scholarship Recipients



Scholarship recipients (front, sitting) with members of the FSA

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) of Palau Community College (PCC) awarded the recipients of its 2014-2015 scholarship on Tuesday, December 02, 2014. The scholarship is presented to students who show commitment and diligence in their academic endeavors as reflected on their semester reports. The recipients of the 2014-2015 FSA Scholarship are Keisha Willis, Benigno S. Sablan, Happy Fritz, and Melvira Kazuma. This year, the FSA scholarship recipients were all second-year (sophomore) PCC students.

PCC Mesekiu Bai Renovations

The Mesekiu Bai of Palau Community College (PCC) recently underwent a roof replacement courtesy of the Ngerubesang Men's Club of Melekeok State. Members of the Ngerubesang Men's Club removed the old thatched roof of the bai and wove a new one from fresh materials. PCC would like to thank the Ngerubesang Men's Club for its hard work and generous assistance to the college!



Ngerubesang Men's Club replacing the roof of the Mesekiu Bai

Ecosystems Symposium Hosted at PCC

Contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

A joint symposium between Palau Community College (PCC), the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), and the University of the Ryukyus (UoR) was held at the PCC Assembly Hall on November 24, 2014. The symposium was made possible through the partnership of PCC, PICRC, and UoR as well as by the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Part of the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE) Project, the "Connectivity Between Mangrove and Coral Reef Ecosystems with References to their Ecosystem Services" Symposium was a discussion about the connectivity between the ecosystems of mangroves, sea grass beds, lagoons, inner-reefs, and outer-reefs as well as the importance of marine biodiversity in the environment of Palau. It also focused on how different studies comply and contribute to Palau's current environmental issues.

Over forty (40) people from related organizations involved with the coral reef environment and management attended the presentation. This included people from the Protected Area Network (PAN), the Ministry of Education, P-CoRIE, JICA, and PCC.

The symposium opened with remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. He was followed by Dr. Makoto Tsuchiya from UoR who introduced the objectives of the symposium as well as the purpose of P-CoRIE. Presenters for the forum were Shirley Koshiba (PICRC Researcher), Lincoln Rehm (PICRC Researcher), Makoto Tsuchiya (UoR), Haruko Kurihara (UoR), James D. Reimer (UoR), and Takahashi Nakamura (UoR). FORUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



PICRC Researcher Shirley Koshiba giving her presentation

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:
GUAM BUSINESS MAGAZINE



"Guam Business Magazine features articles about the latest trends in business in Guam, Micronesia, and the Pacific region."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

December 05 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

December 08-10 (M-W)

Final Examination Period

December 15 (M)

Grades Due by 11:00AM

December 22 (M)

Last Day for Change of Grades

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.

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Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students. Members are provided with opportunities for individual growth and development via participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.



New members being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



New PTK Officers being installed by Dean of Students Sherman Daniel

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The presentations given during the symposium included *Taro Fields Protect Coral Reefs Trapping Eroded Fine Particles*, *Gaining Insight on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Health Through Long-Term Sea Grass Monitoring in Palau*, *Distribution of Organic Materials Around River Mouth Areas and Ecosystem Services of Mangrove Forests*, *Climate Change and Blue Carbon in Mangrove, Sea Grass, and Ecosystem*, *Characteristics of Biodiversity of Nikko Bay and Comparison to West and East Coasts of Palau*, and *Monitoring of Coral Reefs in the P-CoRIE Project: Coral Reef Community Structure in Palau's Inner-Reef*.

The symposium was an important event that provided an understanding of the connection between Palau's marine ecosystems and human society which is a key to supporting effective management of Palau's marine resources and its conservation of biodiversity.

The symposium fulfills the efforts of PICRC in collaborating with its partners and other organizations in order to provide necessary science data that support effective management and sustainable use of coastal resources along with conservation. The mission of PICRC is to guide efforts supporting coral reef stewardship through research and its applications for the people of Palau, Micronesia, and the world.

Message of Thanks

"To the faculty and staff members of Palau Community College, we would like to thank you for your generosity during our time of hardship. Your kindness and support have been of tremendous help to the both of us. We shall never forget your compassion, thank you all!"

- From Grace Alexander and Maureen Alexander

FACULTY PROFILE

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

"You don't get ahead by taking shortcuts. If you work hard and focus, you will succeed!"



Associate Professor William T. Mitchell is from San Diego, California USA. For nine years, he has been the Associate Professor of Communications for Palau Community College. Associate Professor Mitchell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical (Florida A&M) University and a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. He was also a Captain and an Infantry Officer for the United States Marine Corps. Associate Professor Mitchell enjoys bicycle riding, boat sailing, walking, camping, and fishing.

ALUMNI NOTES

HELEN LAHACHEGRES SALAP

(Class of 1977)

CERTIFICATE - GENERAL OFFICE CLERK

"Study hard because education is very important! It can have a strong impact on your life."



Helen Lahachegres Salap graduated from the Micronesia Occupational College (MOC) with a Certificate in General Office Clerk. She currently works as a Librarian for Ulihi High School in Yap.



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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, Patricia T. Yinug. Ms. Yinug works for the Palau Public Utility Cooperation (PPUC). Thank you, Ms. Yinug, for your 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) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Nursing Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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.
- (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) Director of Research and Development
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (9) Administrative Assistant
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum
- (10) Library Assistant
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (11) Associate Professor of Library & Info. Services
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$18,009 - \$31,810 per annum

For application forms and information, contact Harline Haruo at the 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."

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Celebrating Birthdays

Laura Mangham	December 05
Alice L. Faletam	December 05
Ephraim Ngirachitei	December 05
Danka Ledgerwood	December 08
Dawckins Dingelius	December 09



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

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