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# Palau Community College



## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Participates in the Bethlehem Christmas Program



*PCC Santa Claus meets with the children while the PCC Music Club performs*

On Thursday, December 18, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) participated in the Children's Christmas Program at Bethlehem Park. The program invited all members of the community, especially the children, to Bethlehem Park to experience the spirit of the holidays. Members of the PCC Music Club performed a number of Christmas songs under the direction of Associate Professor Howard Charles. Students representing the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) gave gifts to the children as they lined up to meet the PCC Santa Claus. PCC BETHLEHEM PHOTOS ON PAGE 3

### PCC Dorm Christmas Program

A Christmas Program for the dormitory students of Palau Community College (PCC) was hosted on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the Airai-side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge. The program included Christmas songs and dance performances from the represented island groups. PCC would like to thank the following for donating gifts for the students: PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Debra Ngiraingas, Akiko Udui, Maurine Alexander, Kristy Olkeriil, the PCC Development Office, the PCC Business Office, and the Tan Siu Lin Library.



*Students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands performing a Christmas song during the program*



The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students would like to wish all of Palau a

**"Ungil Kurismas ma Budech el Beches el Rak!"**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*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.*

## PAN Site Capacity Building Workshop

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)



(left to right, front row) Ngiwal State Governor Ellender Ngrameketii, Ngaraard State Governor Isaac Bai, and Kayangel State Governor Jeffrey Titiml with the participants and staff from PICRC, PAN, JICA, BMR, and P-CoRIE at the PICRC Kedarm Conference Room

The Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) conducted a two-day workshop at the Kedarm Conference Room that discussed a potential plan to build management capacity of the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Palau. The workshop highlighted and addressed the main management gaps as well as needs of each state with MPAs that are part of the Protected Areas Network (PAN).

Partners involved in the workshop were the PAN Office, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Palau Conservation Society (PCS), Palau Community College (PCC), Bureau of Marine Resources, Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE), PAN coordinators, and state conservation officers. Eight of the twelve states that have MPAS were present during the workshop: Airai, Hatohobei, Kayangel, Koror, Melekeok, Ngardmau, Ngiwal, and Ngchesar. The workshop was funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

On the first day of the workshop, PAN coordinators and conservation officers discussed the current gaps in marine management. The gaps discussed included management and planning, reporting and communication, marine monitoring skills, equipment and materials, education, outreach, and transport. The needs were assessed and a matrix of the gaps was made. On the second day, the matrix was discussed with the partner agencies in order to build a strategic plan of capacity building for the next three to five years.

Through the development of capacity building programs, PICRC along with its partner agencies work toward improving the management of PAN.

## Santa Visits PCC Child Care Center



Santa Claus (far back) with the children at the Day Care Center

The children at the Child Care Center of Palau Community College (PCC) had a surprise visit from Santa Claus on Friday, December 19, 2014. Santa Claus met with the children and helped distribute gifts before continuing on his journey to the other islands in the Pacific region. During his visit, the children of the day care center performed a number of songs for Santa Claus to thank him for visiting.

## PCC Nursing Students' Presentations



Nursing students Omung Shiro (sitting) and Jennifer Wiley (standing) presenting about Palau's need for a new pediatrics hospital

On December 08, 2014 the nursing students of Palau Community College (PCC) conducted presentations about changes that should be made in order to improve the quality of health care provided in Palau. The topics covered during the presentations included a new pediatrics hospital, a nursing home for the elderly, separation of wards in the national hospital to promote healthier environments, and changes in management in order to improve the work environment. NURSE PRESENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

**Monday to Friday** 8AM - 5PM  
**Saturday** 9AM - 6PM  
**Sunday** CLOSED

*Tan Siu Lin PCC Library will be closed on:  
 December 23, 27, and January 03.*

For more information, call:  
 488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: ESQUIRE MAGAZINE



"Esquire Magazine features articles aimed 'to become the common denominator of masculine interests—to be all things to all men.' Founded in 1832, the men's magazine flourished during the Great Depression under the guidance of founders Arnold Gingrich, David A. Smart and Henry L. Jackson."

#### Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**January 01 (TH)**

Holiday: NEW YEAR

**January 05-07 (M-W)**

Placement Testing

**January 08 (TH)**

New Student Orientation

#### 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](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.

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## Nurse Presentation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Invited to sit in at the presentations were Palau's Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang and the Ministry of Health Human Resources Administrator Marleen Ngirametuker.

By doing an in-depth study of the problems they noticed while at the Belau National Hospital, the nursing students were able to practice the leadership and decision-making skills that they had learned for the semester. NU-207: Decision-Making and Leadership Class was taught by Nursing Instructor Terry Ngirmang and focused on management of clients via the nursing process, introduced leadership and management concepts to the students, and incorporated time management.

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## FACULTY PROFILE

### CHRISTOPHER KITALONG

ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR

*"Isaac Newton said, 'Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.' The people of Palau have been and always will be practical and simple, despite the complexity that surrounds us."*



Christopher Kitalong is the Environmental/Marine Science Instructor for Palau Community College. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science & Business from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana; a Master of Science Degree in Pharmacology from the University of Toyama in Japan; and a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Biology with a focus in Ethnobotany, Ecology, Phytochemistry, and Pharmacology from the Graduate Center of City University of New York (CUNY). Instructor Kitalong also does research in general, such as research of the medical plants of Palau and the ecology of the rock islands. His hobbies include paddling, boxing, fishing, surfing, track & field, sports, and traveling.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JESSICA S. EMESIOCHL

(Class of 2010)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

*"Value your education and do your best in your studies."*



Jessica graduated with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She worked for three years at the Social Security Administration Office as a Benefits & Claims Assistant. Currently, she is the Coordinator for the National Solid Waste Management under the Bureau of Public Works of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries & Commerce (MPIIC).



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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, Rachel Lukas. Ms. Lukas works for the Ngiwal State Government. She is also an Alumna of PCC. Thank you, Ms. Lukas, for your contribution to Palau's only institution 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

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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Hellen Imanuel  
Lyndon Masami



December 29  
January 01

**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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