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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## ASPCC Hosts “Pretty in Pink” Valentine’s Bash



*PCC students and guests dancing at the Valentine's Day “Pretty in Pink” Bash*

The Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) hosted a Valentine’s Day bash on the evening of Friday, February 13, 2015. The “Pretty in Pink” themed event was open to all students plus guests. Performances for the evening included dance numbers by the student organizations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kosrae, Yap, and Palau. A local band was also present to perform throughout the night. The officers of ASPCC also set up a raffle drawing with prizes.

ASPCC would like to thank United Airlines, Drop Off Bar & Grill, and Surangel & Sons Company for generously donating prizes for the raffle drawing. The student officers also extend their thanks to the local artists who performed at the event. They would also like to thank the student organizations and the students who participated in the event. Lastly, ASPCC would like to thank the PCC Board of Trustees and administration for their support which made the entire event possible. ASPCC VALENTINE, PAGE 3

### Former US Ambassador Donates

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received a donation of \$200 for its Endowment Fund from former United States Ambassador to Palau Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe. The donation was presented on behalf of the United States Embassy by their Political/Econ Specialist Jocelyn Isechal. Present to receive the donation were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui.

The PCC Endowment Fund is an important component of the college 15th Year Institutional Master Plan. Through the contribution of community members, the Endowment Fund will help support the future programs and students of PCC. The college would like to thank former Ambassador Reed-Rowe and the Embassy of the United States for its contribution.



*(left to right): PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, US Embassy Political/Econ Specialist Jocelyn Isechal, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*

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

## ABS Policy Development Workshop

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

A workshop on the Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS) Policy Development for Palau was held at the Kedarm Conference Room of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) from February 03, 2015 to February 05, 2015. The ABS Policy Development Workshop was hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism (MNRET), Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), and PICRC with support from the ABS Capacity Development Initiative.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Kabir Bavikatte, an international environmental lawyer who has represented a number of governments and indigenous communities in protecting their rights to their genetic resources and traditional knowledge. Participants of the workshop included representatives from the Bureau of Marine Resources, Bureau of Agriculture, Bureau of National Archives, Bureau of Arts & Culture, Protected Areas Network (PAN), Palau Community College (PCC) – Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE), the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau – Senate, the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau – House of Delegates, and the Belau National Museum. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as state government agencies were also represented.

The objective of the ABS Policy Development workshop was to assess the current policies and laws, identify gaps and develop a policy that grants access to genetic resources, and outline procedures that will allow for fair and equitable sharing of benefits among the people of Palau. By the end of the workshop, the participants drafted a policy framework.



*Participants of the ABS Policy Development Workshop*

## Valentine's Day Health Check-Up



*PCC students participating in the health screening hosted by the Health Center*

The Health Center on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a health check-up and disease prevention event on Friday, February 13, 2015. In collaboration with the Tobacco Use Prevention Unit, the Health Center invited students to participate in free health screenings for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Students who participated received a free, heart-shaped cookie as well as pamphlets of health-related information. The Valentine's Day Health Screening was held at a tent next to the Health Center.

## A REMINDER FOR PCC EMPLOYEES

Enrollment is now open until THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 for any employee who is not a member and wishes to enroll in the Calvo's Insurance Select Care. Current members may also update their insurance information. If you are using your Medical Savings Account (MSA) to pay for your Calvo's Insurance monthly premium, please stop by the Human Resources Office as soon as possible to adjust your monthly payment accordingly. Thank you!

## 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.

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#### SCHOOLARTS MAGAZINE



"SchoolArts Magazine is a national art education magazine committed to promoting excellence, advocacy, and professional support for educators in the visual arts."

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**March 09-13 (M-F)**  
Mid-Term Period

**March 27 (F)**  
Last Day for All Withdrawals

**March 30 (M)**  
Summer 2015 Pre-Registration

#### 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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Yap Student Organization performing a Candlelight Dance



The Republic of the Marshall Islands Student Organization performance



Kosrae Student Organization performing a Polynesian dance number



Palau Student Organization performing a contemporary dance

### A REMINDER TO POTENTIAL GRADUATES OF SPRING 2015

All potential graduates of Spring 2015 are reminded that **graduation forms are due on Friday, February 27, 2015.** Please fill out your form and submit it to the Registrar's Office before the deadline. Thank you!

### Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund 2015 Taiwan ICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program

The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) is a strong supporter of international education and training. Each year, in collaboration with universities and post-secondary educational institutions in Taiwan, TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for specific trades and academic pursuits. The plan to promote the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program.

As of 2015, the TaiwanICDF has been cooperating with twenty-one (21) universities in thirty-four (34) programs of study.

application forms available at:

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/Register.aspx>

A list of all the universities and scholarships offered is on the TaiwanICDF website. Also, a copy of the information may be obtained at the PCC Development Office: 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

**DEADLINE: March 16, 2015**

## STAFF & FACULTY PROFILE

### GLENDALYNN "TAU'O" NGIRMERIIL

ACADEMIC ADVISOR & SS-100 INSTRUCTOR

*"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?"*

- Albert Einstein"



Glendalynn "Tau'o" Ngirmeriil is the Academic Advisor/Counselor for the School of Arts & Sciences. She holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Palau Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, with a minor in Ethnic Studies, from the University of Hawaii in Manoa. She is a member of the American Counseling Association. Currently, she is pursuing a Masters of Arts Degree in Education through the San Diego State University (SDSU) cohort. In addition to counseling, Ms. Ngirmeriil also teaches the SS-100: Introduction to College course. Her hobbies include photography, reading, gardening, and anything to do with music (except singing).

## ALUMNI NOTES

### MAUREEN S. RENGUUL

(Class of 2003; Class of 2004)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"Don't give up on your goal. An education opens for you numerous opportunities."*



Maureen received a certificate for Office Administration in 2003 and a certificate for Business Accounting in 2004. She currently works for the PCC Office of Admissions & Financial Aid as a Financial Aid Technician.



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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, Ngeyus Ngirachelsau. Mr. Ngirachelsau works for the Ministry of Education. Thank you, Mr. Ngirachelsau, 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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

## Celebrating Birthdays

Nena H. George

February 20

Stephanie J. Minor

February 24



**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](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

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