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# Palau Community College



## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Emergency Medical Technician Training Begins



*EMT Training participants with their instructor, CAT 84-03 Captain Estela Ruiz*

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training supported by the Continuing Education (CE) Division of Palau Community College (PCC) began on Monday, April 06, 2015. Held at the CE Training Room, a total of nineteen (19) participants signed up for the training session. Participants included fire-fighters, bomb squad members, and workers in the Aircraft Rescue & Fire-Fighting (ARFF) Division. Captain Estela Ruiz from the Palau Civil Action Team (CAT) 84-03 volunteered to teach the course.

The EMT Training aims to provide the necessary instruction that will help improve and build the capacity level needed to support the Fire Department Crew and ARFF Division of the Ministry of Justice. Core subjects for the training include an overview of the human anatomy & physiology, basic lessons in CPR & first aid, and instruction in skills needed for traumatic situations.

This training was made possible by the collaborative efforts of PCC, the Ministry of Health - Emergency Health Program, Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA), and the Palau CAT 84-03. Participants are expected to complete 300 hours of training. The training will end in December of this year. EMT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### FSM Honorary Consul Sworn-In

On Wednesday, April 08, 2015 an official swearing-in ceremony for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Honorary Consul to Palau Changeina N. Masang was held at the Executive Lounge. Invited to witness the celebration were high officials from the FSM Government, prominent citizens of Palau, members of the Evangelical Church, PCC staff members, and FSM students attending Palau Community College (PCC). Mrs. Masang, an active member of the Palauan community who is originally from the island of Chuuk, was officially recognized by FSM President Manny Mori as the nation's honorary consul to Palau. PCC congratulates Mrs. Masang on her new appointment. Mrs. Masang has been a great source of support for the FSM students of PCC. She is also an active member of FSM community in Palau.



*FSM Honorary Consul to Palau Changeina N. Masang (far left) and FSM President Manny Mori (fifth from left) with PCC students*

*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.*

## PacFAA 2015 Annual Conference

contributed by The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid

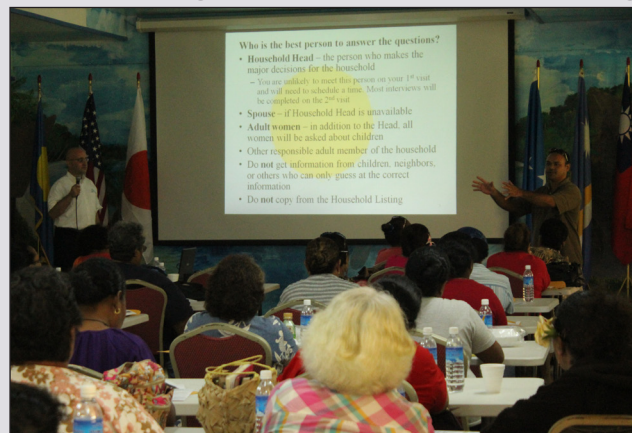
Admissions & Financial Aid Director Dahlia M. Katosang, Federal Work-Study Coordinator Stephanie Minor, and Student Account Supervisor Tessmarie U. Kodep recently attended the Pacific Financial Aid Association (PacFAA) Annual Conference on behalf of Palau Community College (PCC). Hosted in Honolulu, Hawaii the conference began on March 29, 2015 and ended on March 31, 2015.

The annual conference presented provided information about ethical, equitable, and accessible financial aid delivery system. The valuable information obtained taught the PCC representatives how to utilize and professionally develop opportunities through individual presentations. The conference also provided the valuable federal updates for the upcoming 2015-2016 Award Year. The maximum Federal Pell Grant Award for 2015-2016 Award Year is \$5775. This maximum Pell Grant award for the 2015-2016 Award Year is an increase of \$45 from the \$5,730 maximum Pell Grant award for the 2014-2015 Award Year.

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid will be conducting financial aid orientation sessions with the continuing students of PCC from April 13-17, 2015 at the Assembly Hall. There will be a total of nine (9) sessions. The purpose of the meetings is to provide the students with new federal updates and assist the students in completing their 2015-2016 Financial Aid forms, including FAFSA. Students who are planning to use federal student aid funds to cover their cost of attendance during the School Year 2015-2016 starting this coming summer must attend the session and complete their financial aid application forms. Below is the schedule of these sessions:

PALAU & US CITIZENS with last name from:	GROUP	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
A - D	1	MONDAY 04/13/15	11AM - 12PM	PCC ASSEMBLY HALL
E - I	2		12PM - 1PM	
J - L	3	TUESDAY 04/14/15	11AM - 12PM	
M - N	4		12PM - 1PM	
O - R	5	WEDNESDAY 04/15/15	11AM - 12PM	
S	6		12PM - 1PM	
T - Z	7	THURSDAY 04/16/15	11AM - 12PM	
FSM & RMI STUDENTS according to islands:	GROUP	DAY	TIME	
YAP & KOSRAE	8	THURSDAY 04/16/15	12PM - 1PM	
CHUUK, POHNPEI & THE MARSHALL ISLANDS	9	FRIDAY 04/17/15	11AM - 12PM	

## House & Agriculture Census Training



*The population census training at the PCC Assembly Hall*

A training for the census of the population of housing & agriculture was hosted at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The two-part training was conducted by Kyonori Tel-lames, a planning analyst for the Bureau of Budget & Planning under the Ministry of Finance. The training provided participants with the necessary skills needed for conducting house-to-house surveys about agriculture such as whom to interview, what questions to ask, and how to note responses. The training began on Monday, April 06, 2015 and ended on Thursday, April 10, 2015.

## Message of Thanks & Appreciation

**To the Faculty & Staff of Palau Community College:**

**I would like to extend my sincere, heartfelt appreciation to all of you for keeping me in your thoughts & prayers during a most difficult period in my life. I am forever grateful for the kindness and generosity that you all shared with me.**

**Your sympathy and support will always be remembered.**

**Thank you all again and may the Lord, who is abundant in love & goodness, continue to bless us all.**

**Sincerely,  
Vernice Yuji & Family**



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	7:30AM - 7PM
Friday	7:30AM - 5PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

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### Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**May 15 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

**May 18-20 (M-F)**

Final Examination Period

**May 20 (F)**

Graduates' Grades Due by 11AM

### News/Stories Wanted

*Mesekiw's News* welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday 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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Captain Ruiz, the volunteer instructor for the course, has been serving in the United States Army for nearly seven years. She is stationed in Fort Shafter in Honolulu, Hawaii USA. Her experience in the medical field includes practicing medicine at the Hawaii Institute of Pain (HiPain) and working for a family practice in Hawaii. She also worked for Kaiser Permanente. Captain Ruiz is originally from Cavite, Philippines.

### FSM Ambassador to Japan John Fritz Visits PCC



*PCC students from the FSM and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei meeting with Ambassador John Fritz and FSM Honorary Consul to Palau Changeina N. Masang*

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Ambassador to Japan John Fritz paid a courtesy visit to the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Tuesday, April 07, 2015. During his visit, Ambassador Fritz met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and students from the FSM. Also present at the meeting was FSM Honorary Consul to Palau Changeina N. Masang.



## PCC Faculty-Senate Association presents the 7th Annual Gentlemen's Gourmet

Buy a ticket for only \$20 EACH and you will be entered for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Not only that, you will get ONE (1) COMPLIMENTARY DRINK OF YOUR CHOICE and the opportunity to taste some of the most delicious dishes from around the world.

**MONEY RAISED WILL HELP SECURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE PCC STUDENTS.**

If you would like to be a chef, buy a ticket, or make a donation: call 488-2471 ext. 240 and ask for Elicita Morei, Lucia Tabelual, Margie Buban, Tim Mitchell, Johvanna Yaoch, Midori Mersai, Samantha Bells, Loyola Darius, or any FSA member.

The Palau Community College Faculty-Senate Association (FSA) is a registered Non-Profit Organization.

**Date: Saturday, May 02, 2015**  
**time: 7:30PM to 10:30PM**  
**place: Ngarachamyong Cultural Center**



theme: International Cuisine

## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### ROGELIO G. SANTOS

AUTO-BODY & WELDING INSTRUCTOR

*"Complete your education so you can help improve your community."*



Rogelio Santos is from Manila, Philippines. He has been the Welding & Auto-Body Instructor at Palau Community College for six years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Technology & Welding and a Masters of Science Degree in Technical Education from Marikina Institute of Science & Technology. He is a member of the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) of PCC. Instructor Santos enjoys music and singing.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### CECILIA IKYASANG

(Class of 1998)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"I encourage students to take the general education courses (enroll in the Liberal Arts Program) to prepare themselves for higher education after PCC. Also, general education offers elective courses that help broaden your horizons."*



Cecilia graduated in 1998 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. She currently works as an Administrative Specialist Officer for the Ngardmau Free Trade Zone Authority.



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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, Rsei Odang. Mr. Odang works for the Bureau of Land & Survey. Thank you, Mr. Odang, 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) Adjunct Instructors  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (4) Career/Transfer Counselor  
(Learning Resource Center - Student Service)  
salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) Director of Research and Development  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (6) Administrative Assistant  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum
- (7) Academic Tutor  
(Upward Bound Program)  
salary range: \$200 - \$315 biweekly
- (8) Maintenance Technician (General)  
(Physical Plant - Administration Department)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (9) Security Service Office  
(Administration Department)  
salary range: \$6,709 - \$11,475 per annum
- (10) Math, English, and Japanese Instructors  
(Upward Bound Program)  
salary range: \$400 - \$800 biweekly

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

Glendalynn N. Ngirmeril

Tessmarie U. Kodep

Gaylord Rdechhor

Johnston A. Kloulubak



April 10

April 12

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April 16

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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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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