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PCC Welcomes SDSU Assistant Professor Dr. Crockett



(left to right): Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, Assistant Professor Dr. Kelley E. Crockett, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Facilitator Sandra S. Pierantozzi

On Monday, April 20, 2015 Kelley E. Crockett from San Diego State University (SDSU) visited Palau Community College (PCC). She met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Sandra S. Pierantozzi, and Dean of Students Sherman Daniel. Ms. Crockett is the Assistant Professor for Public Administration at SDSU. She will be teaching a course for the current Masters of Arts Cohort. Currently, the SDSU Masters Cohort Program has a total of twenty-seven (27) students.

Assistant Professor Crockett holds a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish & Environmental Geology from Ohio State University, a Bachelor's Degree in Theater Arts from the University of California in Los Angeles, a Master's Degree in Education from Ohio State University, and a Doctorate Degree in Public Administration & Policy from the University of Texas at Arlington. Her experience includes being an English as a Second Language (ESL) Coordinator, Adjunct Professor at Tarrant County College, and Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Quickbooks® Workshop at PCC

This week, a Quickbooks® Workshop for government departments and state governments was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). Quickbooks® is a book-keeping software that combines a variety of accounting processes into one user-friendly system. The primary function of the software is to alleviate the use of multiple tables, spreadsheets, and tracking sheets necessary to document & maintain accounting tasks. Accounting figures are also easily reconciled for tax purposes with the Quickbooks® software. Developed by Intuit Inc., Quickbooks® can be customized based on the needs of a particular business. The workshop held at PCC introduced the main components of the software to government workers who may be involved in the accounting processes of their respective offices.



Participants of the Quickbooks® Workshop

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.

PPEC Coordinating Team Appointed

In August, Palau Community College (PCC) will host a two-day meeting for the Pacific Post-Secondary Education Council (PPEC) member institutions. PPEC is a consortium of presidents & chancellors of accredited higher education instructions in the Pacific region, including the state of Hawaii. Together, the PPEC members agree to work collaboratively in order to serve the needs of the member institutions by addressing regional and post-secondary education issues. Member institutions are from American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, Palau, and Hawaii.

In preparation for the meeting, a coordinating team has been appointed by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The following are the members of the team: Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior (chairman), Upward Bound Project Director Kuye Belelai, Tourism & Hospitality Instructor Ltelatk H. Fritz, Director of Physical Plant Clement Kazuma, Director of Food Services Ezra Takeo, Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, and Computer Technician E-Van T. Ongrung.

The members of the coordinating team will meet no later than Friday, May 01, 2015 to begin the planning process for the PPEC meeting.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA):

2015 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

The WIA Office is currently opening its doors for applications to its 2015 Summer Youth Employment & Training Program. Students and young people in Palau who are currently in school (ages 14-21), who are not attending school (ages 16-24), or who have completed college but are currently unemployed may apply. Participants will learn different skills that will help them succeed in a work environment. WIA Office is accepting application forms from March 28, 2015 to May 08, 2015. If interested, please contact the WIA Office on weekdays during its working hours from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Students under the age of eighteen must apply at the WIA Office with a parent or legal guardian.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- Verification of Age (birth certificate, passport, or identification card)
- Check stubs of both parents/guardians if employed, SS/Pension Plan if applicable, and/or verification of income
- 3rd Quarter Report Card or High School Diploma
- Palauan Social Security Card

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Updates



Tan Siu Lin PCC Library - Children's Section

Under the direction of the new Director of Library Services James Thull, the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library has undergone improvements and updates over the past few months. A library commons, also known as a group study area, has been opened on the second floor of the library. The study area may be used by students who need to complete projects or conduct study sessions without disturbing the other library patrons.

The Coral Café, also located on the second floor of the library, has been utilized as a reading room for those who want to enjoy books without interruption. The first floor remains a quiet area for students who need the atmosphere for completing schoolwork. A new media room that will be located on the first floor is currently being set up. It will house a collection of DVDs & VCR tapes as well as a television set that could be used for research.

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library is also ordering new materials, furniture, DVDs, and books in addition to improving its space. The children's section and the teen's reading area will soon have new furniture including an ocean life wall display and a banana bean bag chair.

The internet connection speed has upgraded from 512 to 256 which will improve the patrons' internet usage. The library also purchased twenty (20) new personal computers, five (5) iMacs, and five (5) laptops. PCC LIBRARY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

BITSAND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday $7:30_{AM} - 7_{PM}$ 7:30 AM - 5PM **Friday** 9_{AM} - 6_{PM} Saturday

Sunday CLOSED

> For more information, call: 488-3540.

AVAILABLE, COURTESY OF UNITED AIRLINES: *PACIFIC DAILY NEWS*

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: **SELF MAGAZINE**



"SELF Magazine is an American magazine for women that specializes in health, wellness, beauty, and style. Published by Condé Nast 12 times a year, it has a circulation of 1,515,880 and a total audience of 5,282,000 readers, according to its corporate media kit."

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

Mesekiu'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 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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The new computers with their faster processors will make accessing the online library database and other online resources easier.

Reading materials and information resources recently ordered by the library cover over twelve areas of study. Included are DVDS about mathematics & physics, encyclopedia sets that cover subjects such as public health & nursing, and new fiction such as the complete Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy. The library would like to acknowledge and thank PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei for his support of the improvements and for all that he has done to help make this the best library in the Pacific region!

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library continuously aims to improve its information services. If any person would like to suggest materials or resources to be added to the library's collection, please feel free to contact the library or Director James Thull at (tel): 488-3540.

Skipper Colin Dykstra and Maria Mercedes Visit PCC



(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Maria Mercedes, and Colin Dykstra

J. Colin Dykstra, accompanied by his wife Maria Mercedes, visited Palau Community College (PCC) and met PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei on Monday, April 06, 2015. Mr. Dykstra is a Skipper on board the Segue, an Atlantic 55 performance catamaran. He and his wife have been traveling around the world visiting many different places.

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,

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



cheme: International Cuisine

FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

MIDORI MERSAL

ENGLISH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

"Don't give up because, eventually, you will see the end of the rainbow."



Midori Mersai has been working at Palau Community College for nearly fifteen years. She began in 2001 as an English Instructor for Student Services (now the Learning Resource Center). In 2010, she was hired as an Associate Professor for the English Department of the college. She holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Olympic College in Washington, a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Hawaii in Hilo, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University. Associate Professor Mersai also serves as Secretary for the Faculty-Senate Association (FSA). In her free time, she enjoys reading.

ALUMNI NOTES

KIRBY SIKYANG

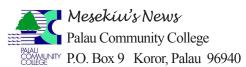
(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - T&H: HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

"Persevere in everything that you do. Success is not an overnight process but an every day progress.'



Kirby graduated in the summer of 2014 with an AS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Hospitality Management. He interned at the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) and now works as a Community Behavioral Health Worker for the Community Guidance Center under the Ministry of Health.



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, Pearl Sengebau. Ms. Sengebau works for the Bureau of Land & Survey. Thank you 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, or download forms at http://pcc.palau.edu.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthdays

Merii Ngirakesau Kazue Melphy Franson Oiterong Hugler D. Imetengel Ltelatk H. Fritz



April 24 April 25 April 26 April 27 April 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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