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# Palau Community College



## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## US Ambassador Amy Hyatt Visits PCC



(left to right): Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, United States Ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt, United States Embassy Political Assistant Jocelyn Isechal, and PCC Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior

On Monday, May 18, 2015 the United States Ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt paid a courtesy visit to Palau Community College (PCC). She was accompanied by Jocelyn Isechal, a political assistant of the United States Embassy in Palau. The two met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, and Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior.

A presentation by the PCC representatives was held at the Conference Room for Ambassador Hyatt introducing her to the history, current programs, and educational highlights of the college.

### EMS Program Presentation

On Friday, May 15, 2015 the students enrolled in the Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program at Palau Community College (PCC) held a presentation at the PCC Assembly Hall. High school students in the Upward Bound Program were invited to the presentation. The purpose of the presentation was to entice interested high school students into enrolling in the program. EMS students who conducted the presentation were Evan Fritz, Yubee Isaac, and Jason Aderano. The presentation provided information pertaining to the Environmental/Marine Science Program such as eligibility requirements, core classes, and student learning outcomes. Photographs were also featured of the various activities, field trips, and researches that the students conducted over the school year. EMS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



PCC student Evan Fritz (standing at podium) leading the EMS Program Presentation

*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.*

## Climate-Smart Agriculture Workshop

contributed by Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai

The Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) conducted a training workshop on “Climate-Smart Agriculture” from Tuesday, May 12, 2015 to Wednesday, May 13, 2015 under the Professional Development Program of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE). The purpose of the workshop was to educate and train extension agents, agriculture professionals, and farmers in climate-smart agricultural practices.

About twenty (20) participants including extension agents, agriculture professionals, farmers, and staff of various government agencies attended this workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai (Researcher Extension Specialist, Cooperative Research and Extension, College of Micronesia-FSM, Yap Campus) and Dr. Virendra Verma (Researcher/Extension Specialist, Cooperative Research and Extension, College of Micronesia-FSM, Kosrae Campus).

This two-day training workshop covered the following six topics: i) What is Smallholder Farming, ii) Climate Change Impacts That You Can Expect, iii) Climate Change Impacts on Smallholder Farming, iv) Improving Soil Fertility and Farm Productivity, v) Climate-Smart Adaptation Strategies, and vi) Climate-Smart Agricultural Adaptation Strategies.

Pre-evaluation & post-evaluation results of the workshop show that participants gained knowledge and awareness on the topics discussed allowing them to better serve their communities.



*Participants of the CRE Workshop with their facilitators, Dr. Virendra M. Verma and Dr. Murukesan V. Krishnapillai*

## Ambassador Jaroslav Olša Jr. Visits PCC



*(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Ambassador Jaroslav Olša Jr., and PCC Associate Professor Danka Ledgerwood*

On Friday, May 15, 2015 the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau, and Nauru visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Ambassador Jaroslav Olša Jr. met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Associate Professor Danka Ledgerwood. Ambassador Olša has extensive experience in the field of public diplomacy. Previously, he served as the Czech Republic Ambassador for South Korea as well as several countries in Africa.

## 52<sup>ND</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Join us as we commemorate our students at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College! All are cordially invited to join in recognizing and celebrating the educational achievements of our students.

**PLACE: PCC CAFETERIA**  
**TIME: 10AM**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015**



## 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

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488-3540

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### Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**May 25-27 (M-W)**

Placement Testing/Readmit Students

**May 29 (F)**

52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises

**June 02 (T)**

Last Day for Change of Grades

### 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](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.

## EMS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Four (4) EMS Program students are potential graduates this semester. Since its inception, twenty-seven (27) PCC graduates have completed the Environmental/Marine Science Program and continued on to prosperous careers.

The Environmental/Marine Science Program began in 2002. It provides technical training for students who choose to work after graduating from PCC; provides the option for employees in this field to improve their skills; and provides a solid background for students interested in pursuing a higher education degree at a four-year institution.



## PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY BETA OMICRON ZETA

### "PROJECT GRADUATION: RELIEF EFFORT"

"Help the students of Phi Theta Kappa Society with the relief efforts for our neighboring islands! Any supplies donated will be greatly appreciated."

**WHEN: May 29, 2015**

**TIME: 9AM - 1PM**

**LOCATION: PCC CAFETERIA**

For more information, contact  
Director Reklai at 488-2690.

The Phi Theta Kappa Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter is asking for donations as a part of their 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Graduation. Their theme for this year is "Relief Effort" in line with assistance to the islands of Micronesia that were unfortunately hit by the recent typhoon.

The group is asking for donations such as perishable food items, bed linens, pillows cases, pillows, clothes (any size), shoes (any size), towels, hats, or hygiene products (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitizer, etc.).

If you would like to donate or need someone to pick-up your donations, please contact Student Life Director Hilda N. Reklai at 488-260 and provide your name, contact, and location.

## PCC Continuing Education: Summer Kids Program 2015

The 2015 Summer Kids Program offered by the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) has begun its registration process. The classes offered by the summer program will provide education activities that will help students enhance their abilities to improve in subject areas as well as foster new skills. These classes are on a first-come-first-serve basis with a maximum number of twenty (20) students per class. If you are interested in enrolling your child or want to know more information, please contact Anna Ngiraklei or Leona Blaluk at (tel): 488-6223. Last day for registration is Friday, June 05, 2015.



### Classes Offered for the 2015 PCC-CE SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM:

Math (3rd - 8th Grade)

English Reading & Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)

Palauan Orthography (3rd - 8th Grade)

Marine Science (3rd - 8th Grade)



## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### EPHRAIM NGIRACHITEI

DORMITORY MANAGER

*"Invest your time in your studies and you'll suffer a little but later on you'll have a brighter future."*



Ephraim Ngirachitei has been working at Palau Community College (PCC) since 1986. He began as a Student Activities Coordinator before becoming a Dormitory Manager. As a dormitory manager, Mr. Ngirachitei provides dormitory students with academic/social counseling, guidance, and helps maintain the quality of the environment at the dormitories. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Hawaii Pacific University. He is the President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Schools Alumni Association and serves as a member of the SDA Schools Board. Formerly, he served four years as the President of the Classified Staff Organization (CSO). In his free time, Mr. Ngirachitei enjoys fishing and sports.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JOURNEY TERUZI

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

*"Don't give up, focus on your studies, and do the best that you can do."*



Journey graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Library & Information Services. After graduating, she worked as a Library Assistant for the Palau Public Library. For the past two years, she has been working as a Classroom Teacher for Ibobang Elementary School.



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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.

# PIGLETS FOR SALE!

Lucky drawers will pay \$65 per piglet, bring the receipt to the PCC R&D Station in Ngeremlengui, and claim their piglet! Piglets must be claimed before Thursday, May 28, 2015!

For more information, contact Omchuong Emesiochl at PCC telephone number 488-2471 ext. 231.

**\*DRAWING FOR PIGLETS\***  
**WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**  
**WHERE: PCC BUSINESS OFFICE**  
**TIME: 9AM**

## 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) Financial Aid Counselor  
*(Student Services Division)*  
*salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum*
- (6) Administrative Assistant  
*(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)*  
*salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum*
- (7) Admissions Counselor  
*(Student Services Division)*  
*salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum*
- (8) Maintenance Technician (General)  
*(Physical Plant - Administration Department)*  
*salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum*
- (9) Executive Secretary  
*(Office of the President)*  
*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

Debbie Ngirabai



May 25

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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

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