# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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# 52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College

Today marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC)! A total of ninety-eight (98) students are receiving their degrees from Palau Community College and nine (9) graduates will be completing their studies under the PCC Adult High School Program. Seventeen (17) registered nurses will be receiving their Bachelor of Science Degrees in Public Health from the Fiji National University.

The Honorable President of the Republic Palau Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. has graciously accepted the task of commencement speaker. He is an avid supporter of marine life and preserving Palau's environment for future generations. This is his second time as the commencement speaker for PCC.

The officiators for the ceremony include Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, PCC Board of Trustees Chairperson Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Pastor Marcellus Ngiraingas, Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally, Minister of State Billy G. Kuartei, PCC Student Trustee Tmodrang M. Ishim, PCC Board of Trustees Member Jemmy Blelai, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui.

The officials of the Fiji National University (FNU) are attending the ceremony to commemorate the nurses who have completed the bachelor of science program. The officials are FNU Chancellor Iqbal Janif, FNU Head of School - Nursing Kavekini Nadiri, and FNU Registrar Sarita Harris.

The Valedictorian for the Palau Community College Class of 2015 is Keisha V. Willis. Ms. Willis is receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. The Outstanding Citizenship Award is presented to Ewing Rudimch, a graduate of the Business Administration Program.

Ms. Willis and Mr. Rudimch are two of the thirteen (13) graduating members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter. Twelve (12) graduates will receive the Outstanding Student Award in recognition of their academic achievements in their respective programs.

#### **PCC Valedictorian of 2015**



**Keisha V. Willis**Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

#### **OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**Ewing Rudimch** 

Associate of Science in Business Administration

#### **OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD**

Keisha V. Willis

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

# **Sharnnel D. Sumang** Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

## Vanessa E. Espangel

Associate of Science in Nursing

## Ewing Rudimch

Associate of Science in Business Administration

#### Happy Y. Fritz

Associate of Science in Environmental/Marine

#### Lolani O. Kyota

Associate of Applied Science in Construction

#### Melvira K. Kazuma

Associate of Applied Science in Office Administration

#### Antoni D. Soalablai

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

#### **Halora Paulus**

Associate of Science in Library & Information Science

#### Siomi Masayoshi

Associate of Applied Science in Office Administration

#### Vain P. Casas

Kaia B. Sasao
Associate of Science in Nursing

#### Jasmere S. Oilouch

Associate of Applied Science in General Electronics

#### Cecilia Olikong

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

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.



# 2015 MOC/PCC Alumni Awards



#### **Best Cumulative GPA**

Recognizes the student who has achieved the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in his/her respective program, not including general education requirements.

#### **PROGRAM**

**Business Administration** 

Construction Technology

Education: Elementary Education

Education: Early Childhood

Environmental/Marine Science

General Electronics

Electrical Technology

Information Technology

Library & Information Services

Nursing

Office Administration

Small Engine & Outboard Motor

Tourism & Hospitality: Hotel Operations

Tourism & Hospitality: Tour Services

#### RECIPIENT

**Ewing Rudimch** 

Lolani Olbangel Kyota

Celeste Sumor

Yumi Asanuma

Happy Y. Fritz

Lenin Lmatk Louis

Jasmere S. Oilouch

Kajulani D. Takeo

Halora Paulus

Vanessa E. Espangel

Melvira K. Kazuma

Gunter M. Joseph

Rhea Bilai Remasech

Endira N. Apsalom



# PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY - BETA OMICRON ZETA "PROJECT GRADUATION: RELIEF EFFORT"

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.

"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.

# BITSAND PIECES.

#### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

## **Hours of Operation**

 Monday to Thursday
 7:30am - 7pm

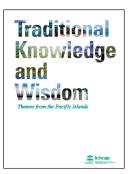
 Friday
 7:30am - 5pm

 Saturday
 9am - 6pm

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM:
THEMES FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS



"This publication compiles informative articles on traditional knowledge from Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Tonga, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and Vanuatu under five themes: world views, relationships & social cohesion, harvest & landscapes, voyaging & seascapes, and art & technology. Published within the framework of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Safeguarding Programme in the Pacific, this publication sheds light on unique cultural practices and expressions of the indigenous peoples in the Pacific that have supported the strength of communities and contributed to unifying islands in the region."

#### **Academic Calendar: Spring 2015**

#### May 29 (F)

52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises

#### June 01 (M)

Holiday: President's Day

#### June 02 (T)

Last Day for Change of Grades

#### **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 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.



# 😰 2015 MOC/PCC Alumni Awards 💽



#### **Best Effort**

Recognizes the student who has demonstrated the best effort in practical skills applications.

#### **PROGRAM**

**Business Administration** 

Construction Technology

Education: Early Childhood

Environmental/Marine Science

General Electronics

Information Technology

Nursing

Office Administration

#### RECIPIENT

Ramon W. Fukuichi

Lolani Olbangel Kyota

Emadech D. Oiterong

Kelutel Yoshiwo

Lenin Lmatk Louis

Knox O. Tkel

Percilla M. Paul

Frida Ramarui

# HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY, PALAU!











From the Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff & Students

# 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:

Math (3rd - 8th Grade)

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

Palauan Orthography (3rd - 8th Grade)

Marine Science (3rd - 8th Grade)



### FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### SHERMAN DANIEL

DEAN OF STUDENTS

"Education is the master key because it opens many opportunities."



Sherman Daniel has been the Dean of Students for four years at Palau Community College. Previously, he was the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He has been working at PCC for twenty-seven years. As Dean of Students, he is responsible for ensuring that students receive the support services needed in order to complete their studies and programs. Dean Daniel holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University, a Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Education also from San Diego State University, and an Associate of Applied Science Degree in General Electronics from Micronesian Occupational College. In his free time, he enjoys reading and fishing.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### Francis Yifith

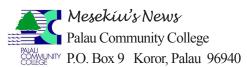
(Class of 1985)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CARPENTRY

"Study hard, return to your home islands, and use your skills to help better your community.



Francis Yifith graduated from the Micronesian Occupational College in 1985 with an AAS Degree in Carpentry. Since 2007, he has been working as a Project Coordinator for the Yap Community Action Team.



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.

# **PCC Students Volunteer for Graduation Preparation**



The Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) and students from the Tourism & Hospitality Program volunteered last week to clean-up the PCC Cafeteria in preparation for today's commencement exercises. PCC would like to thank the students and Instructor Stephanie B. Nakamura for volunteering their time!

### 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, or download forms at http://pcc.palau.edu.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

#### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



http://pcc.palau.edu

Palau Community College - PCC

## **Celebrating Birthdays**

Frutoso Tellei Leonard Ngiramengion



June 02 June 04

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### PCC Endowment Fund

## INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

To Support, Contact Us Today!

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253) e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

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