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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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52nd Commencement Exercises of PCC Held



The graduating members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

Palau Community College (PCC) held its 52nd Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 29, 2015. A total of ninety-two (92) graduates were recognized for their academic achievements. Also recognized were the nine (9) graduates of the PCC Adult High School and the seventeen (17) nurses who completed the Public Health Program under Fiji National University.

This year's commencement speaker was the Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau. In his speech President Remengesau provide three pieces of advice about self-improvement, values, and helping others. He advised the graduates to be open to change and to not hesitate to reinvent themselves. The values that they have, whether it is their cultural values or personal values, will provide direction for their future. President Remengesau also advised to students to help others, especially now that they have the skills that can improve the future of their islands.

Keisha V. Willis gave the valedictory address. She advised her fellow graduates to embrace failure. GRADUATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

FNU Officials Visit PCC

To commemorate the nurses completing the Public Health Nursing Program, a group from Fiji National University (FNU) was in attendance at the commencement exercises of Palau Community College (PCC). The group consisted of FNU Chancellor Iqbal Janif, FNU Head of School - Nursing Kavekini Nadiri, FNU Registrar Sarita Harris, and FNU Academic Office Manager Mere Ravunibola. Seventeen (17) nurses from Palau completed the Bachelor of Science Program under FNU. The nursing program is made possible through the collaborative efforts of Fiji National University, the Palau Ministry of Health, and Palau Community College. It allows nurses in Palau to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health Nursing through FNU.



(left to right): FNU Academic Office Manager Mere Ravunibola, FNU Head of School - Nursing Kavekini Nadiri, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, FNU Chancellor Iqbal Janif, and FNU Registrar Sarita Harris

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.

Photos from the 52nd Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College



Liberal Arts Program



Agricultural Science Program



Tourism & Hospitality Program



Office Administration Program



Business Accounting Program



Nursing Career Ladder Program



Fiji National University - Public Health Nursing Program



PCC Adult High School Class of 2015

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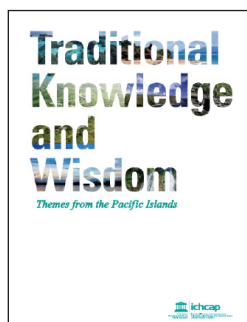
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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: Summer 2015

June 05 (F)

Late Registration

June 08 (M)

First Day of Instruction

June 08-09 (M-T)

Drop/Add Period

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.

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Graduation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

It is only by failing, she emphasized, that true success through knowledge is attained. To her fellow graduates, she encouraged each to face their future without being afraid of failing.

During the commencement exercises, PCC also recognized the following students who received Certificates of Mastery in various vocational programs: Eden K. Muna (Automotive Mechanics Technology), Thorne Siksei (Automotive Mechanics Technology), Mack-vayne Joshua (Construction Technology), Iolani O. Kyota (Construction Technology), Lenin L. Louis (Electrical Technology), Jasmere S. Oilouch (General Electronics Technology), and Gunther M. Joseph (Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology).

Under RPPL 9-22: The Skilled Palauan Workforce Act, businesses who hire Palauan citizens with a vocational certificate may double the amount of salary claimed to be deducted before the Gross Revenue Tax is applied to the business. The following are the recommended wages for the vocational certificate holders: Certificate of Competence (\$4.50), Certificate of Completion (\$5.50), Certificate of Mastery - Associate of Applied Science Degree (\$6.50), and a Certificate of Mastery - Associate of Science Degree (\$7.50).

The following twelve (12) graduated as members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Zeta Chapter: Happy Y. Fritz, Sidney Roberts, Antoni K. Soalablai, Sharnnel D. Sumang, Keisha V. Willis, Percilla M. Paul, Darla J. Babauta, Joanny E. Kesolei, Ewing Rudimch, Melvira K. Kazuma, Iolani O. Kyota, and Jasmere S. Oilouch. PCC congratulates all its graduates and wishes them all the best of luck in whatever endeavors they choose to pursue!



Automotive Mechanics Technology Program



Environmental/Marine Science Program



Construction Technology Program



Education Program

FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

DAVID SALAPWA

STUDENT ACTIVITIES SPECIALIST

"Molasem e mosuub! Always be willing to try and learn from your experiences."



David Salapwa is from Satawal, Yap. He has been working as the Student Activities Specialist for Palau Community College since 2012. Previously, he worked as part of the navigation crew under Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur. Student Activities Specialist Salapwa graduated from Palau Community College in 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Construction Technology. He is an avid sports enthusiast and enjoys participating in various sporting activities such as wrestling, volleyball, paddling, and baseball. In his free time, he also enjoys fishing.

ALUMNI NOTES

EWING RUDIMCH

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Education will take you places. The more you learn, the more you can achieve."



Ewing recently graduated with an AS Degree in Business Administration. He currently works as an Administrative Assistant for DFS Palau Limited. He plans to continue his education in the field of business.

NFTZA Recognizes PCC Alumna Lisa Sulog

contributed by the Ngardmau Free Trade Zone Authority (NFTZA)



(left to right): PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Lisa Sulog, and Cecilia Ikyasang from NFTZA

The Ngardmau Free Trade Zone Authority (NFTZA) presented two (2) Certificates of Appreciation to students that graduated this year. Palau Community College (PCC) graduate Lisa Sulog received a Certificate of Appreciation for her Internship Training with NFTZA. Palau High School graduate Te-wid Rebluud was also recognized for his Career Practicum Training.

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."

Celebrating Birthdays

Volette S. Polloi	June 06
Beronica Bingklang	June 06
Albino Esoailug	June 06
Jerry Taroy	June 08



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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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.

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