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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Hosts 17<sup>th</sup> Science Student Symposium



*17<sup>th</sup> Science Student Symposium participants with family members*

The 17<sup>th</sup> Science Student Symposium of Palau Community College (PCC) was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Students in the Environmental/Marine Science Program and the Information Technology Program were given the opportunity to showcase their skills & knowledge in their respective fields of study.

Participants of this year's symposium were Kelutel D. Yoshiwo (Environmental/Marine Science Program), Happy L. Fritz (Environmental/Marine Science Program), Knox O. Tkel (Information Technology Program), and Kaiulani D. Takeo (Information Technology Program).

Mr. Yoshiwo focused his research study on analyzing the population of snail-worms (eol) in Palau. His research was conducted in collaboration with the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Ms. Fritz focused her presentation on the sea urchins' feeding preferences research she conducted in 2014 under the Undergraduate Research and Mentoring in the Biological Sciences (URM, formerly UMEB) Program. Ms. Takeo and Ms. Tkel developed two (2) android application programs that integrated Palauan studies. SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Dr. Dale Jenkins Visits PCC

Dr. Dale Jenkins visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, May 18, 2015. He met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil to discuss the development of the first baccalaureate (four-year) degree program for the college. Dr. Jenkins has extensive experience in the field of education. He served as head of the upper school of the St. John's School in Guam as well as headmaster for the Saipan International School. Dr. Jenkins holds a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Policy Development and Management from the University of Oregon. He also holds Master of Education Degrees from the University of Guam.



*(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Dale Jenkins, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil*

*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.*

## Pristine Seas Presentation Hosted at PCC



*PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (left) receiving copies of the Pristine Seas Research from PICRC CEO Dr. Yimnang Golbuu (right)*

On Tuesday, June 02, 2014 the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) presented the result of its research entitled “Marine Biodiversity and Protected Areas in Palau.” The research project was a collaboration between PICRC and the National Geographic Pristine Seas Team. The presentation was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on June 02, 2015. Led by PICRC Chief Executive Office Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, it provided scientific data that assessed the efficacy of current marine protected areas (MPAs) in Palau. Copies of the research are available at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. The presentation also featured a free-viewing of the National Geographic documentary titled “Return to Paradise” that was filmed in Palau during the Pristine Seas Expedition.

## \$300 Donated to PCC Endowment Fund



*Ngirachitei Dr. Yano*

On May 29, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) Endowment Fund received a \$300 donation from the family of Dirraurak Ibul Iyar Ngiraibai. Dirraurak Ngiraibai recently passed away and the donation was made in her honor. Presenting the donation on her behalf was Ngirachitei Dr. Victor M. Yano (counterpart to Dirraurak). The college extends its deepest gratitude to the family of Dirraurak Ibul Iyar Ngiraibai and Ngirachitei Dr. Yano for generously donating to the PCC Endowment Fund.

## Summer Semester Student Orientation



*Student Life Academic Advisor/Counselor Shelley Ueki introducing the new students to the programs available at PCC*

On June 02, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) held a New Student Orientation for the students enrolling in the summer semester. The orientation introduced the new students to the programs and services available at the college. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei began the orientation by welcoming the new students. He thanked the students for choosing PCC as the next step in their education journey and advised the students to prioritize their education. Dean of Students Sherman Daniel followed with an introduction to the services available at the college designed to help the students achieve academic success. ORIENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to express its deepest condolences to its Director of Library Services James Thull and Security Officer Casper Meares who are both dealing with the unfortunate loss of close family members. We keep you both in our thoughts and prayers during your time of need. PCC also expresses its condolences to the family of the late Mace Kesolei. Mr. Kesolei was an Alumnus of the college. During his years at PCC, he served as President of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). Our deepest sympathies go to his family as well as the families of Mr. Thull and Mr. Meares.



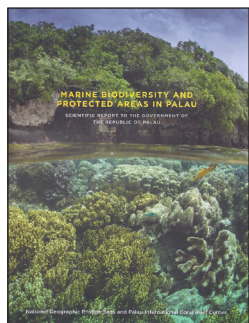
### Hours of Operation

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:

#### "MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND PROTECTED AREAS IN PALAU"



"This publication provides scientific data that can help the Government of Palau establish its marine sanctuary. The data provided was collected in September 2014 when the *National Geographic's Pristine Seas* collaborated with the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) to assess the efficacy of current marine protect areas (MPAs). The expedition explored the deep sea and open ocean realms with the ultimate goal of evaluating the health of Palau's marine ecosystems under different levels of protection."

### Academic Calendar: Summer 2015

**June 15-19 (M-F)**  
ID Card Processing

**June 29-30 (M-T)**  
Midterm Period

**July 07 (T)**  
Last Day for Withdrawals

### 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.

### POPULATION ANALYSIS OF WORM-SNAILS IN PALAU BY KELUTEL YOSHIWO

In collaboration with the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), Kelutel D. Yoshiwo conducted a population analysis research on the species of "eol" (worm-snails) in Palau. He found five (5) different species with only four (4) populations sharing the same haplotype—a set of DNA variations, or polymorphisms, that tend to be inherited together—out of fifty-five (55) haplotypes. This finding suggests a strong spacial genetic structure. Four species were of limited range but one was abundant and widely distributed. The populations of the widely distributed worm-snail species are genetically different which suggests a long-term historical isolation. Mr. Yoshiwo relied on DNA Bar-Coding during the course of his research.



### FEEDING PREFERENCES & HEALTH OF SEA URCHINS BY HAPPY FRITZ



Happy L. Fritz focused her presentation on research she conducted in 2014 under the Undergraduate Research and Mentoring in the Biological Sciences (URM, formerly UMEB) Program. Her research focused on the feeding preference of the sea urchin and the effects it may have on its health. Under the mentorship of Dr. Celia M. Smith, a Professor of Botany at the University of Hawaii—Manoa, Ms. Fritz focused on two points: identifying whether the sea urchin preferred the *Avrainvillea amadeplha* (invasive algae) to the native algae in Hawaii; and whether the consumption of the *Avrainvillea amadeplha* will have negative effects on the health of the sea urchin. Sea urchins used in the research were from Anueue Fisheries Research Center, a hatchery for sea urchins in Hawaii.

### ANDROID APPS IN PALAUAN BY KAIULANI TAKEO & KNOX TKEL

Kailuani D. Takeo and Knox O. Tkel developed two (2) application programs or apps that aimed to provide educational enhancements in Palauan studies for children in pre-school to lower elementary school levels. The first app called *Skeng er a Belau: Skeng er a Ochur, Blebael, me a Bedengel a Klalou el Tekoi er a Belau* is a game app that tests Palauan vocabulary understanding in subject areas of counting, colors, and shapes. The second app called "*Beluu er a Belau: Omesubel a Beluu er a Belau*" focused on testing the children's knowledge about the sixteen (16) States of Palau, such as traditional names and respective flags. These apps were made possible through the collaborative efforts of Ms. Takeo & Ms. Tkel, the Ministry of Education, and the Mathematics and Culture in Micronesia Integrating Social Experiences (MACIMISE). The primary programs used in the development of these apps were Adobe Flash CS5.5 and ActionScript 3.0. Yet to be finalized, Ms. Takeo and Ms. Tkel plan to add additional features to their apps. The apps are examples of the how merging modern technology and learning can have a beneficial outcome, especially in preserving Palau's culture.



## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### BRUCE RIMIRCH

DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER & DATA PROCESSING

*"Try your best and focus on your studies.  
Further your education as much as possible."*



Bruce Rimirch has been working at Palau Community College for twenty-eight years. He is the Director of Computer & Data Processing at the college. Director Rimirch holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, with minor study in the field of Computer Science, from Asburdy College in Kentucky USA. He has participated in a number of training sessions unique to operating systems under the Telecommunication & Information Resource Management Novell Network. In his free time, Director Rimirch enjoys listening to music and gardening.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### KEISHA V. WILLIS

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

*"Fail as many times as necessary in order for you to succeed because it is only through failure that true knowledge is attained."*



Keisha was the Valedictorian for the PCC Class of 2015 and graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. Over the summer, she will be working as a Tutor for the Upward Bound Program. Ms. Willis will continue her education at Washington State University.



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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.

## Orientation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

PCC Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Dahlia M. Katosang also attended the orientation to provide the new students with information about the federal financial aid and its requirements. The new students were led on a tour of the college campus by members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

The orientation also helped the new students begin their registration process. They met with the academic advisors from Student Life Division and planned their classes for the semester. PCC welcomes to all the new students and returning students to new semester!

## 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
- (10) Math, English, and Japanese Instructors  
(Upward Bound Program)  
salary range: \$400 - \$800 biweekly
- (11) Academic Tutor  
(Upward Bound Program)  
salary range: \$200 - \$315 biweekly
- (12) Director of Research & Development Station  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 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

Raven S. Kloulubak	June 14
Alex Gachalian	June 16
Midori Mersai	June 18



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

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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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