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Second Environmental/Marine Science Program Review

contributed by Associate Professor of Science Sherry Ngirmeriil



PCC Environmental/Marine Science Program faculty, program partners, and alumni

The second program review for the Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program of Palau Community College (PCC) was held on Tuesday, July 07, 2015. EMS Program faculty, alumni, and partner agencies convened at the PCC Assembly Hall to reevaluate the program and discuss possible recommendations that could improve the overall quality of the program. The first EMS Program Review was held in 2006 and many of the recommendations made then have been implemented and integrated into the program.

Comments from partner agencies on how the EMS Program could improve in order to respond to Palau's need for a more knowledgeable & skilled workforce in the areas of marine and/or environmental science (or related fields) were solicited during the program review. Ten (10) alumni of the program also participated in a separate roundtable discussion and disclosed constructive criticism as well as beneficial suggestions about the program. EMS PROGRAM REVIEW, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Pre-Registration for New Semester

contributed by the PCC Registrar's Office

Early registration for Fall Semester 2015 began on Monday, July 06, 2015. This is an opportunity for continuing students from the past semesters (Spring & Summer 2015) to reserve their classes early. Once you pre-register, you will not return to campus until the first day of instruction on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Please follow the regular registration process when you pre-register for classes. All returning & new students will have to follow the Regular Fall 2015 Registration Schedule listed below:

Regular Fall 2015 Registration Schedule

August 05-07 (W-F)

Placement Testing/Readmit Students

August 10 (M)

New Student Orientation

August 11-13 (T-TH)

Academic Advising & Registration

August 14 (F)

Late Registration

August 17 (M)

FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION

August 17-19 (M-F)

Add & Drop Period

For more information about the upcoming Fall Semester 2015, please contact the PCC Registrar's Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 274 or 249 or (e-mail): registrar@palau.edu.

Last Day for CE Summer Kids 2015



CE Summer Kids 2015 performing a Palauan contemporary dance

The last day of classes for the Continuing Education (CE): Summer Kids Program 2015 was Friday, July 03, 2015. Over the summer, elementary school students participating in the program attended classes that focused improving their skills in the subjects of mathematics, English reading, English writing, Palauan orthography, and marine science. Each class was designed to provide education activities that will enhance the students' learning skills and abilities.

The summer students also attended classes that helped them foster new interests and skills. They participated in cultural activities, such as traditional weaving and dance classes, that were designed to improve their understanding of Palauan traditions & culture.

In celebration of their last day of classes, the students held a performance at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) where they showcased the contemporary dances that they learned over the summer. Invited to enjoy the performances were the students' parents as well as their summer instructors.

Instructors for this year's CE Summer Kids Program 2015 were Miriam Anastacio, Judson Butelbai, Kalista J. Rafael, Keong Roduk, and Norma Mersai. The cultural activities instructors are Dilrengechel Sariang Timulch, Rechedioul Jemmy Blelai, Luciana Shiro, Oingerang Erungel, Dilchur Ruluked, Jury Kebekol, Matsko Taro, Priscilla Siangeldeb, Hermana Ramarui, and Albert Soaladaob. The CE Summer Kids Program 2015 began on Monday, June 08, 2015.

New Federal Work-Study Pay Rates

contributed by the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid

Effective this Summer 2015, the Federal Work-Study Pay Rate will increase as follows:

New Pay Rates for Federal Work-Study Effective Summer 2015	
Classification One (1)	\$5.00
Classification Two (2)	\$5.50
Classification Three (3)	\$6.00
Classification Four (4)	\$6.50

All federal work-study recipients will be paid according to the new rates starting this Summer 2015.

The Federal Regulation requires all colleges/universities, including Palau Community College (PCC), to pay the required Federal Matching Share which is 25% of the total annual authorization of Federal Work-Study Program. Based on the 2015-2016 annual authorization for PCC, the required Federal Matching Share would be \$31,963. However, we submitted a request to waive the required matching share for Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program. The FWS Federal Matching Share Waiver request was approved for Palau Community College for Award Year 2015-2016 which means that the College did not have to pay the 25% or \$31,963 matching share.

New Endowment Fund Contributor



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Lily Marino. Ms. Marino is a Classroom Teacher for Meyuns Elementary School. Thank you, Ms. Marino, for your

contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund! Your generosity will help fund future programs as well as sustain the future of Palau's only institute of higher learning.

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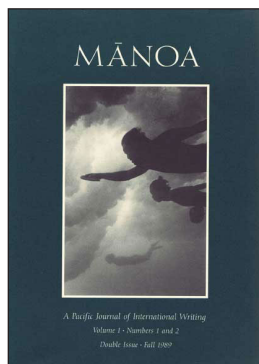
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	7:30AM - 7PM
Friday	7:30AM - 5PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:
MĀNOA: A PACIFIC JOURNAL OF
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Academic Calendar: Summer 2015

July 17 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

July 20-22 (M-W)

Final Examination 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.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

EMS Program Review CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

PCC extends its appreciation to the following representatives of the partner agencies who participated in the program review: Director Jose Ise (Koror State Government – Conservation & Law Enforcement Division), Princess Blailes (Koror State Government – Conservation & Law Enforcement Division), Dr. Yimnang Golbuu (Chief Executive Officer of the Palau International Coral Reef Center), Jesse Sengebau (Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board), Anne Kitalong (Belau National Museum and The Environmental Inc.), Yvonne Ueda (The Nature Conservancy), and Phoebe Sengebau (one of the first two graduates of the program and a representative of the Palau Automated Land and Resources Information System [PALARIS]).

Since its inception in 2002, thirty-two (32) PCC graduates have completed and received degrees in the Environmental/Marine Science Program. Over fifty-percent (50%) of the program's alumni are currently employed in Palau or other places.

PCC-CRE Donates Books to Tan Siu Lin Library

The Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library recently received a donation of books from the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department of the college. Based on research conducted by CRE, the following publications were written by PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro and CRE Researcher/Food Technologist Dr. Lydia Marero:

- 1) Taro as Food in Palau provides a wide variety of information on taro processing and preservation. Taro is a valuable food resource in Palau. The provided information will help farmers utilize taro especially for food microenterprise.
- 2) Cassava as a Staple Food in Palau provides information about the research on processing of cassava in Palau that was spearheaded by PCC-CRE.
- 3) Processing of Sweet Potato in the Republic of Palau will give farmers the needed information for producing locally-grown sweet potatoes as value-added processed food products. This will, in turn, help farmers generate revenue via local resources.
- 4) Handbook on the Processing of Bananas addresses the production and utilization of local foods in order to help Palau reach self-sufficiency in terms of food security.
- 5) Handbook on the Processing of Coconuts in Palau focuses on meeting the goals set in the Palau National Economic Development Plan 2020 by increasing agricultural production and self-sufficiency of food supply of abundant resources, such as coconuts, in Palau.
- 6) Handbook on the Processing of Fish in Palau provides information about the efforts of the CRE Research & Development (R&D) Station in creating food microenterprises that take advantage of the strategic location of Palau, being surrounded by the ocean, and create food products from fish.

FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

MIRANDA B. EBAS

LIBRARY ASSISTANT AT TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."



Miranda B. Ebas has been working for almost a year as a Library Assistant at the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College Library. Her duties include helping the library maintain its collection and assisting library patrons. She graduated from Palau Community College in 2014 with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Library & Information Services. She is currently completing her studies in the PCC Liberal Arts Program. In her free time, Ms. Ebas enjoys spending time with her friends.

ALUMNI NOTES

KNOX ODEURENGUL TKEL

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

"To quote Oprah Winfrey, 'Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.'"



Knox recently graduated with an AS Degree in Information Technology. She currently works as a Lab Assistant for the On-line Lab of Palau Community College. She plans to continue her education in the field of computer programming.



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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.

The Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Palau Community College would like to wish all of Palau a...

Happy 35th Constitution Day!

"In exercising our inherent sovereignty, we, the People of Palau proclaim and reaffirm our immemorial right to be supreme in these islands of Palau, Our Homeland."

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) Math Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (10) Science Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (11) English Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (12) Social Science/Humanities Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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

Sesario Sewralur	July 11
Hilda N. Reklai	July 14
Lesley Adachi	July 15
Sheryl P. Bedana	July 16



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

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