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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Environmental/Marine Science Students Symposium



*EMS Graduate Evan Fritz giving a presentation about his field work project with the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB)*

On Wednesday, July 22, 2015 the students who recently completed their Field Studies & Internship under the Environmental/Marine Science Program held a symposium at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The symposium was an opportunity for the students to showcase the projects that they conducted for their field studies. Each student worked with a different agency in Palau involved with environmental projects.

The students featured in this symposium were Yubee K. Isaac, Evan Fritz, and Jason Aderiano. Ms. Isaac interned at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) where she helped assess the marine protected areas. Both Mr. Fritz and Mr. Aderiano worked with the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB). Mr. Fritz focused on a project that analyzed the quality of water supplied to Babeldaob. Mr. Aderiano conducted his field study by examining the silt curtains used by companies when conducting construction projects near marine environments. EMS SYMPOSIUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Tokai Representatives Visit PCC

On Wednesday, July 29, 2015 two (2) representatives from Tokai University in Japan visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Professor Dr. Masafumi Chiba is an English Professor for the Tokai University - School of Science and Mr. Hideyoshi Taguma is the Head of the Tokai University - Office of International Affairs. They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel to exchange information about their respective learning institutions. Tokai University is a private university that was established in 1942 by Shigeyoshi Matsumae. It currently has nine (9) campuses, twenty-one (21) undergraduate schools, twenty-one (21) graduate schools, and one (1) professional graduate school.



*(left to right): Dean of Academic Affairs Ramarui, Professor Dr. Chiba, PCC President Dr. Tellei, Mr. Taguma, and Dean of Students Daniel*

*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.*

## Conferences Held at the PCC Cafeteria



*Members of the community participating in the 2015 Belau National Business & Finance Conference*

The 2015 Belau National Tourism Conference was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, July 27, 2015. Invited to participate in the conference were people from different sectors of the community who represented academics, private businesses, government agencies, non-government organizations, and more. The conference focused on discussions about promoting Palau as a high value tourism destination. Speakers on the topic included Paul Holden (Economist from the Asian Development Bank), Minister Umiich Sengbau (Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism), Jennifer Olgeriil (Koror State Government), Romalinda Gabriel (Melekeok State Government), and Peggy Hanser (Ngardmau State Government). The 2015 Belau National Tourism Conference was hosted by the Palau Visitors Authority, the Palau Chamber of Commerce, and the Belau Tourism Association.

From July 28, 2015 to July 29, 2015 the 2015 Belau National Business & Finance Conference was also hosted at the PCC Cafeteria. It was hosted by the Office of the President of Palau, Palau Chamber of Commerce, and Bank of Guam. Sponsors for the conference were United Airlines and Deloitte & Touche LLP. The conference focused on topics that were of interest to entrepreneurs, new business firms, and those contemplating about starting their own business efforts. Topics covered included financial conditions for businesses, foreign government assistance, plans for stimulating business financing, and federal government lending programs.

## Good Samaritan Dora Lee Benhart

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize one of its students, Dora Lee Benhart, for being a good samaritan. Last week, Ms. Benhart found a lost cell phone in the hallway of the Btaches Building. She turned in the lost cell phone to the Student Services Office where the rightful owner was able to retrieve it. Because of her kind heart, the cell phone was returned to Ms. Mayleen Kesolei. PCC would like to recognize and thank Ms. Benhart for being a good citizen. Her good deed is greatly appreciated.

### **NOTICE TO ALL SUMMER STUDENTS:**

## Summer Semester

→ → **REPORT CARDS** ← ←

can be picked up at the  
**PCC REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.**

### **Registration Schedule for Fall 2015**

#### **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 registration or the upcoming Fall 2015 Semester, please call the Registrar's Office at (tel): 488-2470-2471 ext. 274 or 249. Or e-mail the PCC Registrar's Office: [registrar@palau.edu](mailto:registrar@palau.edu).

## 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: ACADEMIC LEADER NEWSLETTER



"Academic Leader Newsletter (the monthly newsletter from Magna Publications) covers the trends, challenges, and best practices for academic leaders in higher education to help you balance these ever-evolving demands and privileges."

### 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](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.

### ASSESSMENT OF EBIL MPAS & REFERENCE SITE BY YUBEE K. ISAAC

As a part of her Field Studies & Internship for her Environmental/Marine Science Program, Yubee K. Isaac conducted an assessment of the Marine Protected Areas (MPAS) and reference site in the Ebiil Channel of the northern reefs between Ngarchelong State and Kayangel State. Her assessment focused on collecting data on important fish abundance and biomass, invertebrate densities, benthic cover, and coral recruitment for long-term monitoring. Ms. Isaac conducted her field studies under the mentorship of PICRC Researcher Evelyn I. Otto.



### QUALITY OF THE BABELDAOB WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS BY EVAN FRITZ



Evan Fritz conducted his Field Studies & Internship with the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB). His project focused on examining the water quality of the Water Supply Systems (WSS) for Babeldaob. Mr. Fritz collected water samples from the National Capital Building in Ngerulmud, Melekeok and samples from private sites, such as the private stores and local school. He also visited known sample sites in states of Ngaraard, Ngatpang, Aimeliik, Ngiwal, Ngarchelong, and Ngardmau. Samples were tested using Colilert™ which is a water testing product that is used to detect coliforms and *Escherichia coli* (E. coli). Using the Quanti-Tray Most Probable Number (MPN) Table, results of the tested water samples were calculated according to their probability number of coliform bacteria. Mr. Fritz concluded from his tests that the current status of water in Babeldaob is acceptable. He implored Palauans to be more considerate of their water management agencies and suggests that the equipment/methods used by EQPB to examine Palau's water supply be upgraded.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF SILT CURTAINS BY JASON ADERIANO

Jason Aderiano also conducted his Field Studies & Internship with the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB). His project involved examining the silt curtains currently being used by EQPB located at the Koror Side of the Palau-Japan Friendship Bridge and Malakal (George Kebekol Project). Silt curtains are used to contain & enclose the turbidity levels of water at construction sites in order to limit the transportation of fine material to areas of higher turbidity levels. This prevents and limits the damage made to the environment due to construction projects. Upon inspection, Mr. Aderiano concluded that the silt curtains currently being used in the two project sites are of poor condition. Because of the lack of knowledge about and experience by the users, the silt curtains current fail to meet the Environmental Assessment required by EQPB. Thus, the marine environment is in risk due to lack of proper silt curtain usage. Mr. Aderiano comments that silt curtains are important defenses against damaging the marine environment and advises that the users be properly educated in the deployment procedures of the curtains.



## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### JAMES THULL

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES



James Thull is from the State of Montana of the United States of America. For the past year, he has been working as the Director of Library Services for the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. Director Thull holds a Master's Degree in Library & Information Science, a Master's Degree in Native American History, and a Graduate Degree in Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). He is also a certified archivist and grant writer. Previously, Director Thull worked as a Special Collections Librarian at the Montana State University.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### KIRBY SIKYANG

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - T&H: HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

"Persevere in everything that you do. Success is not an overnight process but an every day progress."



Kirby Sikyang graduated in 2014 with a AS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Hospitality Management. He currently works as a Community Behavioral Health Worker for the Community Guidance Center under the Ministry of Health.



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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.

## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE: AAS DEGREE IN PALAUAN STUDIES

Starting Fall Semester 2015, Palau Community College will be offering an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Palauan Studies for those who are interested in learning about the Palauan culture & traditions. Classes will begin on August 24, 2015. All who are interested are encouraged to enroll!



### ENROLL NOW!

For more information about the Palauan Studies Program, please contact PCC School of Arts & Science Academic Advisor Tau'o Ngirmeriil at the Student Life Office. You can also call (tel): 488-3036 or contact (email): [counselors@palau.edu](mailto:counselors@palau.edu) for additional information.



## 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
- (13) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Office)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (14) Twenty-Five (25) Part-Time Tutors  
(Talent Search Office)  
salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 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

Jolene Joseph

John J. Tasurmwai

Kesina K. Tadao



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August 05

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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