

# **PCC** Faculty Senate Association Hosts Workshop



Guest Speaker Dr. Stevenson Kuartei addressing the PCC Faculty

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) of Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a "Building a Healthy and Productive Working Relationship" Workshop on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. Invited to participate in the workshop were the faculty and staff members of the college. Student leaders of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) were also invited to join the workshop. The workshop began with opening remarks from FSA President Johvanna Yoach. FSA Workshop, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Condolences...

Palau Community College (PCC) sends its deepest condolences to the family of Governor Eloy S. Inos of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Governor Inos passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. PCC keeps his family and the people of CNMI in mind as they go through such a difficult time. Governor Inos was a member of the CNMI Republican Party. He has served as CNMI Governor since February 2013.

# **PCC Christmas Luncheon**

In light of the holiday season, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a Christmas Luncheon for its faculty & staff members on Thursday, December 24, 2015. All employees as well as students were invited to join the celebration. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, alongside PCC Board of Trustees Member Jemmy Blelai, expressed gratitude to all the employees who had worked diligently throughout the year on behalf of the college. Guests were also invited to enjoy the luncheon including Dr. Gregory Dever, Kambes Kesolei, and Santy Asanuma. PCC would like to thank all of its employees for contributing to an impressive year. In addition, the college would also like to wish all of its employees a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!



PCC employees at the Christmas Luncheon

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Kiep Returns from Taiwan Training



Group photo of the graduates who participated in the 2015 Taiwan Vocational Training Project and their instructors

Palau Community College (PCC) Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Instructional Assistant I Galindez Kiep recently returned from the Republic of China (Taiwan) where he participated in the 2015 Vocational Training Project for Youth in the Pacific. One of the thirty (30) participants selected from the Pacific region, Instructional Assistant Kiep was part of the vocational training that focused on electrical & electronic engineering. The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) commissioned the Workforce Development Agency of the Ministry of Labor in the Taichung-Changhua-Nantou Regional Branch of the Republic of China to conduct the training.

A graduation ceremony for the participants was held on December 21, 2015. Tuvalu Ambassador to the Republic of China (ROC) Minute Alapati Taupo was the guest speaker for the ceremony. In his remarks, Ambassador Taupo congratulated the Pacific islanders on completing their vocational training sessions. He recognized and thanked the TaiwanICDF, the ROC Ministry of Labor, and the ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their collaborative support of the training program. Because of their support, Pacific islanders can pursue further studies in the fields of electrical & electronic engineering, automotive mechanics, and wood-working. These skills are then utilized by the islands nations in their development efforts. To the graduates, Ambassador Taupo encouraged them use their newfound skill sets as cornerstones for the improvement of their nation's technical & vocational sectors.

The 2015 Vocational Training Project for Youth in the Pacific was a four-month vocational training program sponsored by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor, and the TaiwanICDF. The main aim of the project was to develop human resources and strengthen vocational training in the Pacific region by sharing expertise in relevant fields.

# Condolences...

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to offer the deepest of condolences to its General Electronics Technology Associate Professor Joel Yabes who is facing the untimely passing of his father. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Palau Community College (PCC) would also like to offer its deepest of condolences to its Drafting & Computer Science Instructor Suzette G. Hinojales whose mother recently passed away. Her mother, Soledad Garcia, was an Instructor for the PCC Tourism & Hospitality Program. Her presence will be greatly missed and we keep all her family members in our prayers. A memorial service will be held in honor of Ms. Soledad Garcia on Friday, January 15, 2016.



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Sunday	CLOSED

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### Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

**January 01 (F)** Holiday: New Year's Day

**January 04 - 06 (M-W)** Placement Testing for SP 2016

**January 05 (T)** New Student Orientation

January 06-08 (M-F) Academic Advising & Registration

#### **News/Stories Wanted**

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Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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A conversation starter session allowed the participants to share information about productivity and forming healthy work relationships. Dr. Stevenson Kuartei was the guest speaker for the workshop. His presentation focused on tailoring the learning environment for the "Pacifican" child.

Dr. Kuartei explained the genetic evolution of Pacific islanders and the underlying social issues that may effect a Pacific child's learning. He highlighted how modern-day Pacific children are straddled traditional expectations and modernity which influences their education. Thus, he encouraged the PCC instructors to consider the Pacific student's worldview context, representation, and cultural reference when forming lessons for their students.

Scholastic Honors Fall Semester 2015					
Semester Grade Point Average					
President's List (GPA of 4.00)					
Name	Major		Name	Major	
Howard Charles, Jr.	IT-AS		Tyron Rengulbai	IT-AS	
Evana Dengokl	UNDECLARED		Wyzer Seklii	SE-AAS	
Kersten Dismas	IT-AS		Shenna Sengebau	UNDECLARED	
Angie Erungel	UNDECLARED		Judah Sibetang	SE-AAS	
Wade Kitalong	LA-AA		Costner Tellei	ET-AAS	
Nelson Masang, Jr.	LA-AA		Rdiall Tellei	CT-AAS	
Dean's List (High Honor: GPA of 3.80 - 3.99)					
Name		Major			
Maecey Sebangiol		CJ-AS			
Dean's List (Honor: GPA of 3.50 - 3.79)					
Name	Major		Name	Major	
Odaol Adelbai	AM-AAS		Karma Ngiratregd	OA-AAS	
Bellory Cleophas	UNDECLARED		Stallone Obakrairur	AM-AAS	
Lofton Edward	SE-AAS		Geelynn Recheked	UNDECLARED	
Viola Francis	NU-AS		Turang Rengiil	CJ-AS	
Zoe Kintaro	UNDECLARED		Neil Ringang	CJ-AS	
Charmaine Luke	OA-AAS		Sean Sakurai	UNDECLARED	
Janet Luke	AG-AAS		Kelloi Sumang	THFB-AAS	
Harriet Madrangchar	LA-AA		Krystal Taareb	AG-AAS	
Jedidah Masahiro	SD-AA		Pualavita Tadao	THFB-AAS	
Marla Masang	THHM-AS		Clare Techitong	UNDECLARED	

"CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT!"

Regner Techitong

Shiphrah Tellames

Angeline Tiningdad

Harris Ubedei

IT-AS

**BU-AS** 

OA-AAS

CJ-AS

BA-AS

CT-AAS

LA-AA

GE-AAS

UNDECLARED

Baleria Melairei

Alas Mochimaru

Erickson Moses

Tabesul Ngirailemesang

Jairus Merep

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

**BRUCE RIMIRCH** DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER & DATA PROCESSING

"Try your best and focus on your studies. Pursue your education to the highest degree that you can."



Bruce Rimirch has been working for the past twenty-eight (28) years at Palau Community College. He is the Director of Computer & Data Processing. Director Rimirch holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics (with a minor study in the field of Computer Science) from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky USA. He has participated in numerous training sessions that focus on operating systems under the Telecommunication & Information Resource Management Novell Network. In his free time, Director Rimirch enjoys listening to music and gardening/ farming.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### **TMODRANG M. ISHIM** (Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Tmodrang Ishim graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Business Administration. He currently attends the University of Hawaii in Hilo where he is continuing his studies in the field of business. While at PCC. Mr. Ishim served as a Student Trustee.

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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 Mesekín's News issues.

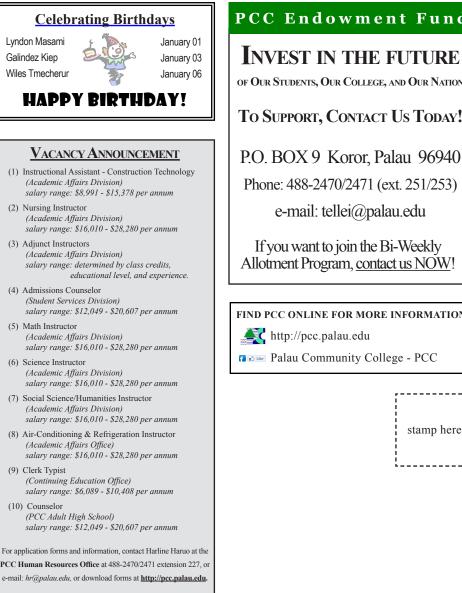
# Stanford Students Donate to PCC Endowment Fund

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received a donation from the two (2) Stanford University Graduate students who were conducting research in collaboration with the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department. Stanford University students Ms. Staci Lewis and Ms. Mallory Bark- (left to right): Staci Lewis presenting dull donated a total of \$450 in sup-



donation to CRE Agent Lyndon Masami

port of the PCC Endowment Fund. Ms. Lewis donated \$300 and Ms. Barkdull donated \$150. PCC would like to thank both Stanford University Graduate students for generously supporting the future stability and programs of Palau's only institution of higher learning!



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