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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## New Student Orientation Held for Spring 2016 Semester



*PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei welcoming the new students to PCC*

Palau Community College (PCC) held its New Student Orientation for the Spring 2016 Semester on Tuesday, January 05, 2016. New students were invited to learn more about the college and the services it provides that can help them achieve academic success. The New Student Orientation was organized by the PCC Student Life & Housing Division.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei opened the orientation with his welcoming remarks. He welcomed and thanked the students for choosing PCC as a step in their educational journey. In his remarks, PCC President Dr. Tellei encouraged the students to maintain a balance between their social affairs and academics. He also shared his personal experiences as a student at PCC and the challenges he faced academically. ORIENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

### PCC End-of-the-Year Luncheon

Palau Community College (PCC) held its End-of-the-Year Endowment Fund Luncheon on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. An annual event hosted at the Mesekiu Bai, the luncheon serves as a token of appreciation to all the bi-weekly contributors who have continued to support and contribute to the PCC Endowment Fund. PCC staff members were present to assist the bi-weekly contributors with completing their tax refund forms. In addition, the bi-weekly contributors who attended the luncheon were entered in a raffle drawing for chances to win prizes ranging from household appliances to cash. The grand prize was a \$300 Travel Voucher courtesy of Delta Air Lines, Inc. with \$500. Grand Prize Winner was Gaylord Rdech. Mr. Rdech was also the fortunate winner of the special prize, a Sanyo Flat Screen Television donated by Sunrise Construction. LUNCH, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



*(left to right): Gaylord Rdech, PCC Board of Trustee Member Jemmy Blelai, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*



**Palau Community College (PCC)**  
**Welcomes All New & Continuing**  
**Students to the Spring 2016 Semester!**

*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.*

## SDSU Professors Visit PCC



*Current SDSU Masters Program Cohort of Palau*

Dr. Caren Sax and Dr. Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete were recently at Palau Community College (PCC) to initiate and complete courses for the current bachelors & masters cohorts under the San Diego State University (SDSU). They concluded the final course (ARP-499: Special Study Required for Undergraduates) for the SDSU Bachelors Cohort and initiated the Masters Cohort ARP-755: Governance & Policy Development for Post-Secondary Learning Environment Course.

Dr. Sax is Professor and Chair of the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education at SDSU. She is also the Co-Director of the SDSU Interwork Institute. Dr. Garcia-Navarrete holds a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from SDSU. In the past, she has assisted PCC instructors develop courses that promote student engagement. She is also known for developing Our Reading Toolbox, a thinking-centered intervention in community college developmental reading classes that aims to help students improve their reading comprehension and writing skills.

## Lunch CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The PCC Endowment Fund, which has an ultimate goal of \$30 million, is a critical component of the PCC 15-Year Institutional Master Plan. PCC would like to thank all of its bi-weekly contributors who have continued to support its Endowment Fund. Your generously will help maintain the future stability and programs of Palau's only institution of higher learning!

## Palau Research Alliance Team Meeting

contributed by Berry Moon Watson

From December 16, 2015 to December 17, 2015 fifteen (15) members of the Palau Research Alliance held their final training/workshop at the Conference Room of the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. The members focused on finalizing the draft of the Implementation Plan for Alcohol Use in Youth. The Collective Impact Training was sponsored by the Pacific Regional Education Lab (PREL) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. It was led by the Locally-Based Consultant, Ms. Berry Moon Watson. The core members of the Palau Research Alliance are from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs, the Ministry of State, PCC, and the Palau National Olympic Committee. ALLIANCE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*Members of the Palau Research Alliance*

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR US NAVAL ACADEMY

The United States Naval Academy is now soliciting up to six (6) applicants to its Class of 2020. All applicants must be at least seventeen years old (17 yrs. old) and must not have passed their twenty-third birthday on July 01 of the year of admission.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the Palau Ministry of State no later than January 17, 2016 for a formal submission to the United States Embassy. A Palauan of Dual Citizenship with the United States must apply directly to the Naval Academy as a United States student.

Interested individuals may obtain copies of the application form and the nomination form at the PCC Student Services Office. You can also call the Palau Ministry of State at (tel): 767-2343/2509 for more information.



## **BITS AND PIECES...**

### **Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

#### **Hours of Operation**

**Monday to Thursday** 7:30<sup>AM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>  
**Friday** 7:30<sup>AM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>  
**Saturday** 9<sup>AM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>  
**Sunday** **CLOSED**

For more information, call:  
488-3540

#### **AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:**

#### **HAWAII MAGAZINE**



"Hawaii Magazine reaches Hawaii enthusiasts locally, nationally, and internationally. The magazine helps readers plan for new vacations and fondly remember past ones. Through its stories, the magazine provides readers with an experience of Hawaii in more depth, gaining an understanding of its history, culture, and landscape."

#### **Academic Calendar: Spring 2016**

**January 08-11 (F, M)**  
Late Registration

**January 11 (M)**  
First Day of Instruction

**January 11-13 (M-W)**  
Credit By Examination Period

**January 11-15 (M-F)**  
Add & Drop Period

#### **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 [tchuziet@palau.edu](mailto:tchuziet@palau.edu) 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.

#### **Alliance** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

A major objective of the Palau Research Alliance and the Collective Impact Initiative is the engagement of all Palauan citizens. The alliance members have reached out to the youth, political & traditional leaders, families, and influential community members as an effort in influencing as well as encouraging practices toward a positive outcome of decreased youth alcohol consumption in Palau.

In previous training sessions, the Palau Research Alliance adopted the following strategic directions for reducing the use of alcohol in the youth population: (1) create a community-based inter-agency collaboration to work to reduce alcohol consumption & distribution in the youth population; (2) develop information gathering and sharing systems across agencies for use in prevention; (3) prevention of alcohol use in youths; and (4) development of alcohol use & abuse promotion, protection, preventive model programs appropriate for the youth of Palau.

The Collective Impact Initiative recognizes that the issue of alcohol use in youth has become national issue and that it takes all of our collective effort as a nation to address it. In the past two (2) trainings, an agenda of five (5) mutually reinforcing strategies was developed. This third training focused on translating these strategies into activities that can be adopted in the workplace/communities as ways for each of member of the community to undertake the reduction of alcohol usage in the Palauan youth.

In this final training/workshop, a draft Implementation Plan was finalized and will be submitted to each member agency. The Palau Research Alliance also submitted the document to the Ministry of Education. Minister of Education Sinton Soalablai will submit the plan to the Palau National Coordinating Mechanism for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). If adopted, the plan can be considered as a ministerial approach to the issue of alcohol as prescribed by the National NCD Strategic Plan (Strategic Direction of Alcohol Use Reduction).

*In Loving Memory of*

# **Mrs. Soledad Garcia**

May 6, 1952 – December 23, 2015

**Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of our beloved Sol with her closest family and friends.**

**Place:** PCC's PTHSE Building  
**Date:** January 15, 2016  
**Time:** 6:00 pm

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### MARY M. BANPHIS

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY ASSISTANT

*"Value your studies and always strive for improvement in order to achieve success."*



Mary M. Banphis is from the island of Yap. She has been working as a Library Assistant at the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library for two (2) years. Her duties include maintaining the library's collection and assisting its patrons. In 2013, Ms. Banphis graduated from PCC with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Library & Information Services. She is a member of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA). In her free time, Ms. Banphis enjoys gardening.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SIDNEY ROBERTS

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS



Sidney graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. As a student at PCC, she served as President-Elect for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) as well as a Student Tutor at the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Currently, Ms. Roberts is continuing her education at the Bowling Green State University in Ohio State, USA.

## Orientation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

He advised the students to seek help in their studies by taking advantage of the learning services available at the college, such as the tutoring services at the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

Dean of Students Sherman Daniel followed with an introduction to the Student Services Division. Director Rechebei introduced the new students to the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department. She encouraged students who have yet to declare a major to enroll under the agricultural science program which will make them eligible for the scholarships provided by CRE. Director Rechebei also introduced the new students to the learning services available at the LRC.

Students representatives from the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) and Student Trustee Rdiall L. Tellei led tours of the college campus. Afterwards, the new students met with the academic advisors to begin their registration process.

### Celebrating Birthdays

William O. Wally

January 11

Siliang Michael

January 11

Miranda Ebas

January 11



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum

(2) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Office)  
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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

 <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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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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