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PCC President Dr. Tellei Meets with Students



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (seventh from left, middle row) and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel (far right, middle row) with the students from Pohnpei

This week, Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met with the students from each of the island groups represented at the college: the Republic of the Marshall Islands (Monday, January 25, 2016); Kosrae & Chuuk (Wednesday, January 27, 2016); Pohnpei (Thursday, January 28, 2016), and Yap (Friday, January 29, 2016). PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel was also present at the meetings.

During the meetings, PCC President Dr. Tellei welcomed the students to the college. He thanked the students for choosing Palau Community College as their next step in their educational journey. After providing updates on the political & local news of their respective islands, PCC President Dr. Tellei advised the students to progress towards achieving their educational goals.

He emphasized on the importance of education, especially for the future of the islands. With an education, the students can return and assist their home islands because education will introduce them to new ideas about the world. MEETINGS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Senate Vice President Visits PCC

On Monday, January 25, 2016 the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau Senate Vice President Rukebai K. Inabo visited Palau Community College (PCC). She met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, PCC Dean of Continuing Education William O. Wally, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, PCC Director of Development Tchuze Tadao, and PCC Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior. During their meeting, PCC President Dr. Tellei held a presentation about the RPPL 9-22: The Skilled Palauan Workforce Investment Act that was passed in April 2014. The act mandated the creation of a vocational certification program at the community college as well as the creation of a tax incentive for businesses to hire students who have been certified under the program. RPPL, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau Senate Vice President Rukebai K. Inabo

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.

Ngara Seseb ra Ordovel Donates to PCC

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016 the *Ngara Seseb ra Ordovel ra Airai* group donated to Palau Community College (PCC). The group from Airai donated 50lbs. of coconut, twelve (12) bags of *Edelumel Diokang* (153 lbs.), and five (5) bags of *Kelsous el Diokang* as food supplies for the PCC Cafeteria. Members of the *Ngara Seseb Ra Ordovel ra Airai* are Kerungil Augustine (President), Priscilla Augustine, Susan Caleb, Selyne Misech, Agnes Teriong, Martina Misech, Merlynne Benjamin, Christina Meluat, Omiou Mereb, Mengior Emesiochel, Ann Lund, Alfred Ililau, Junior Augustine, Ometab Augustine, Oiph Christopher, and Marygold Yobech. The college would like to thank the group and its members for its kind donations!



Members of the Ngara Seseb ra Ordovel ra Airai with their donation of coconut and tapioca for the PCC Cafeteria

ASPCC President Special Election

A special election for the vacant position of President in the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) will be held today at the PCC Mesekiu Bai. All registered PCC students are encouraged to participate in choosing a student leader as their representative in school affairs. A student interested in becoming ASPCC President must meet the following criteria: must be registered as a full-time student (twelve credits or more) and maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or higher; must not have a criminal offense of record of felony; and must be in his/her sophomore year with a minimum of thirty (30) credits towards his/her current major. Interested students were required to register at the Office of Student Services no later than Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Currently, only one (1) student has submitted his name for nomination: Mr. Spencer O'Dell, a Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology student from Palau.

ACHIEVE3000 Presentation at PCC



(left to right): PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, ACHIEVE3000 Director of Sales Cindy Hager, and PCC ALO Deikola Olikong

Ms. Cindy Hager paid a courtesy visit to Palau Community College (PCC) on Wednesday, November 27, 2016. Ms. Hager is the Director of Sales for ACHIEVE3000. ACHIEVE300 is a web-based tool that supports reading comprehension and writing proficiency. The program delivers daily differentiated instruction for non-fiction reading and writing that is specifically made according to each registered student's reading level. The tool can be used for daily instruction or as an assessment tool for measuring a student's reading abilities. This allows an education institution to better help students with their literacy skills. During her visit, Ms. Hager held a presentation about ACHIEVE3000 at the PCC Conference Room. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temengil, and PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong attended the presentation. The college would like to thank Ms. Hager for her visit and for providing an informative presentation about the web-based tool.

Surangel & Sons Company Donation

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received a donation of sixteen (16) cases of lettuce courtesy of Surangel & Sons Company. The cases of lettuce were donated to the PCC Cafeteria as a kind contribution to the supply of food provided to the dormitory students. The college would like to recognize and express its gratitude to Surangel & Sons Company.

BITS AND PIECES...

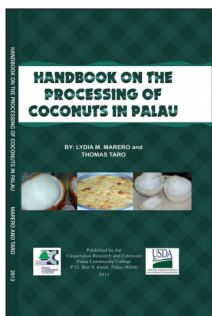
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:
488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:
"PROCESSING COCONUTS IN PALAU"
BY DR. LYDIA MARERO AND THOMAS TARO



"Handbook on Processing Coconuts in Palau is a publication compiled by the Palau Community College (PCC) - Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department in line with the Palau National Economic Development Plan of 2020. It provides recipes and information about food production regarding coconuts. The purpose of the publication is to encourage the local production of food related to coconut in order to increase the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) in the Palau Agricultural Sector."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

February 19 (F)

Last Day for Removal of Grades

February 29 - March 04 (M-F)

Mid-Term Examination Period

March 16-18 (W-F)

Students' Spring Break

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 tchuziet@palau.edu 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.

Student Meetings CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

PCC President Dr. Tellei shared his experiences as a college student. He explained how he found the tutoring assistance he needed to pass his classes and encouraged the students to do the same when necessary. Students who find it difficult to understand concepts in the classroom were encouraged to meet with the tutors at the Learning Resource Center (LRC). They were also encouraged to discuss their academic struggles with the counselors at the Student Life & Housing Office to avoid unnecessary set-backs.

PCC President Dr. Tellei also extended his invitation and reminded the students that his door was always open to anyone in need. The main purpose of the college was to help each of them succeed and they should not be afraid to ask for help along the way.

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Upon completing a vocational program (Civic Action Team Program, Job Corp., etc.), a person will be issued a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Competence. A student who completes a vocational degree program at PCC will receive a Certificate of Mastery for his/her respective field.

PCC President Dr. Tellei provided in detail an explanation about how the vocational program participants will be assessed and certified under the RPPL 9-22. In addition, he provided information regarding the PCC graduates who have received Certificates of Mastery as well as statistical data about the college vocational degree programs and its number of students/graduates.

Words of Thanks & Appreciation

Dear PCC Family,

I would like to express my gratitude & recognize those of you who helped me get through the last few weeks. Your thoughts, prayers, and *badek* have meant so much to me. It is in such times of sadness & grief that personal words, and more so friends, become so valuable. It meant a great deal to me that you came to Julia's funeral. It was a difficult day and your presence was of great comfort to me. I will never forget your kindness and generosity.

I hope that this year will be a happy one for you and your family.

Thank You All for Caring,
Pioria W. Asito

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

ELICITA N. MOREI

PALAUAN STUDIES & ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

"Be committed to your studies and persevere. You didn't come to PCC because it is easy; you came to PCC as a challenge. Take care and value your experiences because life is lived only once."



Instructor Elicita N. Morei has been teaching the Palauan Studies & English courses at Palau Community College (PCC) for nearly three years. She previously served as an adjunct instructor for the college. Instructor Morei holds a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology & a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, both from Chico State University. She also studied Education Psychology at California State University in Long Beach. Instructor Morei is a member of many groups, including the *Ngara Maiberel* Koror Women's Group. Her hobbies include writing, reading, and gardening. Instructor Morei is a well-known Palauan writer whose poems & articles have been featured in various publications.

ALUMNI NOTES

DANIELLE DACHELBAI

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - T&H; FOOD & BEVERAGE



Danielle graduated from PCC in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Food & Beverage. She currently works as a Supply Clerk for the PCC Cafeteria.



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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.

PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to inform its students that two (2) scholarships are currently available. Call the PCC Development Office at (tel):488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253 for more information.

Sandra S. Pierantozzi PCC-Based Scholarship: Mr. Marcello Pierantozzi and his wife, Mrs. Sandra S. Pierantozzi, are committed sponsors of the Pierantozzi PCC-Based Scholarship. Each school year, Mr. & Mrs. Pierantozzi donate \$1000 in support of the post-secondary educational pursuits of two (2) full-time, Palauan PCC students. Each is rewarded \$500 for the school year (\$250 per semester).

David W. Shipper Memorial Scholarship: The family of the late David W. Shipper are proud to sponsor this scholarship in his honor. David Shipper was an attorney who practiced in Palau for many years. In addition to having his own practice, Mr. Shipper also served as Assistant Attorney General to the President and Senior Legal Counsel working with international clients on immigration, human rights, and international business issues. The selected recipient of this scholarship will receive \$250 per semester.

Celebrating Birthdays

Rennetta D. Meyar

January 31

Felix Sengebau

January 31

Loyola B. Darius

February 01

Vernice Yuji

February 02



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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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

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