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## MESEKIU'S NEWS

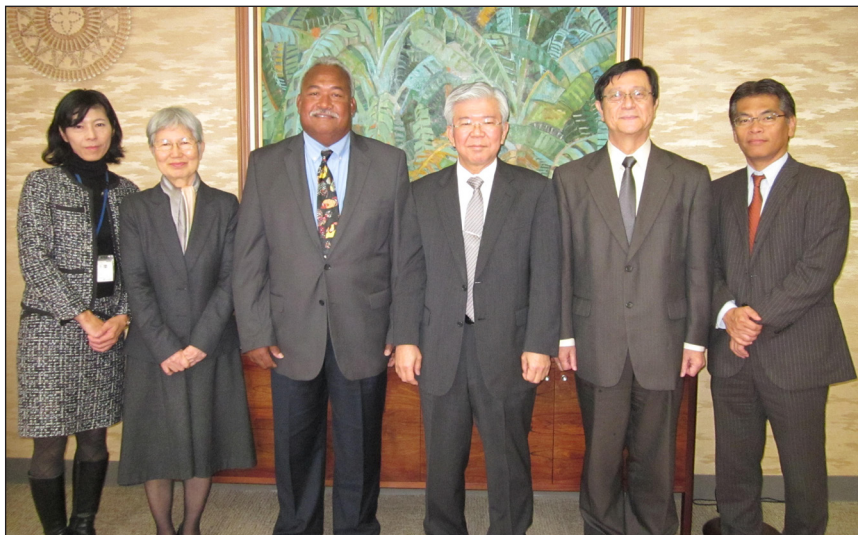


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## Asia-Pacific Environmental Scientists Network Established



(left to right): UoR International Exchange Coordinator Kaori Kinjo, UoR Vice President of International Affairs Tomiko Hokama, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, UoR President Hajime Oshiro, UoR Professor Youan Tonaki, and UoR Head of the International Collaboration Section Toru Kinjo

From March 23, 2016 to March 25, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei was in Okinawa attending a meeting about the establishment of the Environmental Scientists Network for Asia-Pacific Islands (ESNAP). The establishment of this network will provide a venue where environmental scientists can present the results of their research that focus mainly on climate change and its effects in the Asia-Pacific islands regions.

ESNAP was established for the following purposes: to realize sustainable social systems; to conserve ecological systems including rare and endemic species; to advance adaptation plans through researches of fragile island environments against climate change; and to announce & propose the potential risk and possibility to the world.

While in Okinawa, PCC President Dr. Tellei also attended the Meeting for Establishing a Network of Island Country Researchers & International Symposium where he was featured as a keynote speaker on the topic of Island Environment and Climate Change in Asia-Pacific Region. PCC PRESIDENT IN OKINAWA, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

*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.*

### PCC Mesekiu Team Places Second in IP&E Tournament

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize and congratulate its basketball team on placing first runner-up in the IP&E Basketball League Tournament. The PCC Mesekiu Basketball Team played its first championship match against the Ngermid Originals on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Unfortunately, the game ended with a tight score of 92 (PCC Mesekiu) to 103 (Ngermid Originals). The second game was played on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 where the PCC team won with a score of 101 to 82. The final game was played on Thursday, March 31, 2016. The Ngermid Originals defeated the PCC team with a score of 95 to 93 winning the championship title. The PCC Mesekiu Basketball Team would like to thank all the students as well as faculty & staff members who supported their games throughout the tournament.



PCC Mesekiu Basketball Team receiving their IP&E Basketball League Trophy

## MOH Promotes Tobacco-Free Pledge



*PCC students who signed the 24-Hour Tobacco-Free Pledge*

In support of its tobacco-free campaign, representatives from the Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Health (MOH) set-up a booth at the Palau Community College (PCC) Mesekiu Bai. Students and staff members were encouraged to take a stand against tobacco by signing a tobacco-free pledge. Those who signed the pledge were expected to refrain from using tobacco products for at least twenty-four hours. Participants were given t-shirts that promoted tobacco-free lifestyle choices. The theme for the pledge was “Kick Butts Day: Stand Out, Speak Up, Seize Control.”

## ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES THIRD PARTY COMMENT PROCEDURE

ACCJC's Third Party Comment allows an individual who wishes to make comments on an institution that is undergoing comprehensive review in the current semester and that is considered by the ACCJC at its next meeting, should use the Third Party Comment Form to provide any comment about the institution's quality or effectiveness, as well as, the basis of any provided comments. The Third Party Comment Form should include individual/group name, address, phone number, and email address. The Third Party Comment Form should be received by the Commission five weeks before the scheduled Commission meeting. Comments should be submitted as an attachment to [accjc@accjc.org](mailto:accjc@accjc.org) or mail to:

Accrediting Commission for  
Community and Junior Colleges  
10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204  
Novato, CA 94949

The Third Party Comment Form is available at the Office of the President and the Accreditation Office. For more information, please contact ALO Deikola Olikong at #271 or 778-6019.

## GVSU Representatives Visit PCC



*(left to right): GVSU Board of Trustees Member James Brook, GVSU President Thomas J. Haas, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, GVSU Board of Trustees Member Donna Brooks, and GVSU Chief International Officer Mark Schaub*

On Monday, March 14, 2016 representatives from the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Allendale, Michigan USA visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). The group included GVSU Board of Trustees Member James Brooks, GVSU Board of Trustees Member Donna Brooks, GVSU President Thomas J. Haas, and GVSU Chief International Office Mark Schaub. They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and exchanged information regarding their academic programs & services. The group from GVSU was in Palau to present President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. with the COL Ralph W. Hauenstein Fellowship Award, a recognition bestowed upon individuals who have influenced their communities through public service and leadership. President Remengesau is an alumnus of Grand Valley State University.

## PCC 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



**PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
2015 Annual Report**



Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
(ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

**Copies of the Palau Community College (PCC) 2015 Annual Report is now available and will be distributed to the officials in the national government today.**



## BITS AND PIECES...

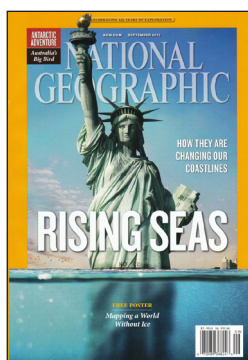
### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

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| Monday to Thursday | 8AM - 5PM |
| Friday             | 8AM - 5PM |
| Saturday           | 9AM - 4PM |
| Sunday             | CLOSED    |

For more information, call:  
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#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE



"National Geographic Magazine is the official journal of the National Geographic Society, one of the world's largest nonprofit educational and scientific organizations 'for the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge.' Since 1888, the Society has supported more than 9,000 explorations and research projects, adding to our knowledge of earth, sea, and sky."

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

**April 29 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

**May 02-04 (M-W)**

Final Examination Period

**May 05 (TH)**

Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day

### 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](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.

## PCC President in Okinawa CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

PCC President Dr. Tellei was also invited to meet with the University of the Ryukyus (UoR) President Hajime Oshiro, UoR Vice President of International Affairs Tomiko Hokama, UoR Head of the International Collaboration Section Toru Konji, UoR International Exchange Coordinator Kaori Kinjo, and UoR Professor Youan Tonaki to discuss a new program that would allow two-year community college degree (associate of science degree or associate of applied science degree) students to matriculate to the university. This program will be beneficial to students graduating from Palau Community College, the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia - FSM. PCC and UoR will continue discussing the details of the program in future visits & meetings.

## Pristine Campus Campaign Candid Camera Features



(left to right): Associate Professor Samantha T. Bells, Wade E. Kitalong, Instructor Elicita N. Morei, Ester Grace Sigrah, Associate Professor William T. Mitchell, Odaol Adelbai, Associate Professor Evangeline Andrew, and CSO Member Akiko S. Udui

The three (3) students who were recently featured in the Candid Camera Portion of the Pristine Campus Campaign were each awarded \$25 by the Palau Community College (PCC) Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC), and Classified Staff Organization (CSO). The campaign was established to encourage students and staff members to take part in keeping the campus clean. The students who were featured are Wade E. Kitalong, Ester Grace Sigrah, and Odaol Adelbai.

## KSG ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY

On a recent environmental survey conducted by the Koror State Government (KSG), Palau Community College (PCC) received a top grade of 100% regarding the overall condition & cleanliness of its campus. The top rating was also given to the college dormitories. Palau Community College would like to thank its faculty, staff, and students for keeping the campus in great condition. The gratitude is expressed especially to the college maintenance team who go above & beyond in keeping the campus looking pristine. Thank you all for your contribution!

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### SHELLEY R. UEKI

STUDENT LIFE ACADEMIC ADVISOR/COUNSELOR

*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*



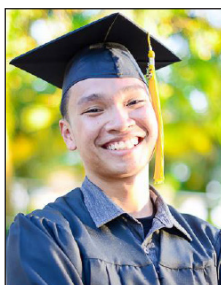
Since 2012, Shelley R. Ueki has been an Academic Advisor/Counselor for the Student Life & Housing of Palau Community College (PCC). She provides academic advising for undeclared students as well as students in the DUAL Program (high school students who are enrolled in college level courses). Academic Advisor Ueki also teaches the SS-100: Introduction to College Course. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from the Eastern Washington University. She is a member of the *Fit Palau: CrossFit Team* and the Koror Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) Church. Counselor Ueki enjoys watching movies, spending time with her family, and running. She is from Spokane, Washington USA.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### CHAZ SUGIYAMA

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Chaz Sugiyama recently graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. He currently works for the Koror State Government. In the future, he plans to continue his education in the field of business.



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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.

## PRISTINE CAMPUS CAMPAIGN "Candid Camera" April Feature



The Pristine Campus Campaign is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). It aims to promote the maintenance and continued cleanliness of the campus. If a candid photo of a student throwing away trash is featured in the *Mesekiu's News*, that student will receive \$25. Two (2) students will be recognized each month from March to April. Congratulations to Ms. Marina Toribiong for being the second student featured in the "Candid Camera" section the month of April!

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the water rationing hours currently in place, the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library will change its operation hours to 8AM-5PM from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library will be opened from 9AM-4PM.

### PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, [contact us NOW!](#)

### Celebrating Birthdays

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Glendalynn N. Ngirmeriil | April 10 |
| Tessmarie U. Kodep       | April 12 |
| Gaylord Rdechur          | April 12 |



**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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