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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Student & Professor Attend Island Sustainability Conference

contributed by PCC Associate Professor of Science Vernice Yuzi



(left to right): PCC Associate Professor of Science Vernice Yuzi, Former RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs Tony de Brum, and PCC Student Neola E. West

The 7th Regional Conference on Island Sustainability (CIS2016) was hosted at the Lotte Guam Resort from April 11, 2016 to April 15, 2016. Palau Community College (PCC) Environmental/Marine Science Student Neola E. West attended the conference with PCC Associate Professor of Science Vernice Yuzi. The event was co-hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Guam (UOG) Center for Island Sustainability.

Ms. West prepared a poster presentation titled "Conservation: A Bond Between the Past and the Future" that highlighted the Palauan traditional practice of *bul*. *Bul* is a fishing ban that is set by traditional leaders of Palau in order to preserve or restore the island's fish population. In modern times, Palau has applied its traditional ban in its establishment as a national marine sanctuary.

The theme for this year's conference was "Island Communities" which focused on addressing issues affecting the wellness of the islands. Participants also discussed possible solutions to the issues being faced by these island nations. CIS2016, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Pristine Campus Police Activity

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 a campus-wide clean up was held as part of the Pristine Campus Campaign of Palau Community College (PCC). The Campus Police Activity invited staff, students, and faculty members to lend a hand in picking up trash and debris around campus. This was in support of promoting a litter-free campus and a clean learning environment. The college would like to recognize & thank the following students, staff, and faculty members who participated in the clean up: Student Trustee Rdiall L. Tellei, ASPCC President Spencer O'Dell, Turang Rengiil, Neil Ringang, Romeo Reddin, Bailey Ederong, CSO President Lesley Adachi, Akiko Udui, Lyndon Masami, Dawkins Dingelius, E-Van Ongrung, Gaylord Rdechior, FSA President Johvanna Yaoch, FSA Secretary Midori Mersai, FSA Treasurer Derbei Meyar, William T. Mitchell, Elicita N. Morei, Cecil E. Meteolechol, Danka Ledgerwood, Reiko Nakamura, Jesna Nissam, and Samantha T. Bells.



Participants of the campus wide clean-up
(photo by Associate Professor Danka Ledgerwood)

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.

JCI Tokyo Representatives Visit PCC



(left to right): PCC Dean of Students Daniel, Ms. Sekine, Mr. Masahiro, PCC President Dr. Tellei, and PVA Marketing & Research Manager Ruluked

On April 18, 2016 Mr. Toguchi Masahiro and Ms. Mari Sekine from the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Tokyo met with Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel. They were accompanied by Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) Marketing & Research Manager Kadoi Ruluked and Ms. Norma Etibek. Ms. Sekine and Mr. Masahiro visited the college to discuss forming bilateral connections with its students. JCI is a worldwide, non-political, and non-sectarian youth service organization. It is an international community of citizens between the ages of 18 to 40 that aims to create positive change in the world. Its members believe that such changes must result from “collective action to improve themselves and the world around them.”

ACCJC 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 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.

Transition Workshop Hosted at PCC

From Thursday, April 14, 2016 to Friday, April 15, 2016 a workshop aimed at eighth grade students from local elementary schools in Palau was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria. The workshop focused on providing the students with advice as well as information that may help them succeed socially & academically in their upcoming four (4) years of high school.

The first day opened with a prayer from Pastor John Zimmer. After the national anthem was sung, Minister of Education Sinton Soalablai gave his welcoming remarks. Keynote Address Speaker Dr. Stevenson Kuartei followed with a presentation about basing the Palauan learning environment on the culture, traditions, and social experiences of the Pacific island child. The students then learned about the habits of successful people.

Ms. Josepha Tiobech, a retired Palauan nurse, followed with special remarks. Afterwards, the students participated in activities designed to help build their sense of teamwork. This was also an opportunity for the students to meet and learn more about each other. The first day of the workshop closed with remarks from Aimeliik Elementary School Principal Jeremiah Tem.

The next day, students took a mathematics placement test while parents participated in a parental workshop. Presenters from the Ministry of Health (MOH) Family Health Unit advised the parents on how to raise their children as they enter their adolescent stage. They discussed the importance of respecting a child's personal boundaries, especially as they grow into their own person. The day ended with remarks from MOE Director of Education Administration Andrew Tabelual. **TRANSITION WORKSHOP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**



Transition Workshop Keynote Speaker Dr. Stevenson Kuartei presenting about the Pacific child education experience

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:
488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

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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 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.

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Keynote speakers for the event were Mr. Tony de Brum (former Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs), Dr. Robert Franco (Director of the Office for Institutional Effectiveness & Professor of Pacific Anthropology at Kapi'olani Community College), and United States Senator from Alaska Lisa Murkowski. Pre-conference speaker was Dr. Scott Slovic (English Professor and Chair of the English Department at the University of Idaho).

Meaningful discussions about what sustainability means and how the islands can continue to collaborate in order to achieve possible solutions was the highlight of the sessions.

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Sponsors for the workshop included the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Palau Community College, the Koror State Government, the principals of the Palau private schools, the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC), Surangel & Sons Company, and Jezzrae Wear II. Special recognition is given to the eighth grade students and their parents who participated in the workshop.



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY BETA OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER

PROJECT GRADUATION: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

The Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter of Palau Community College (PCC) will hold its annual "Project Graduation" Event on Friday, May 06, 2016 at the PCC Parking Lot. As students of PCC and members of the community, Beta Omicron Zeta believe in promoting a sense of responsibility to the community, especially for those who are in less fortunate circumstances. Thus, they humbly ask that the community assist them by donating non-perishable food items such as rice, ramen, canned food, and water. Goods donated for the food drive will be given to the Bureau of Public Safety to assist the Division of Corrections. Contributions may be given on or before the date of the event.

For additional information about the food drive and/or the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter, please contact PCC Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Glenda "Tau'o" Ngirmeriil at the Student Life Office at (tel): 488-3036.

VENUE: PCC PARKING LOT
DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 06, 2016
TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

MAURINE ALEXANDER

STUDENT LIFE - ACADEMIC ADVISOR/COUNSELOR

"Challenge yourself to be great in things you do by setting high expectations & standards for yourself and work to meet them."



For more than twenty (20) years, Maurine Alexander has been working as an Academic Advisor/Counselor for the Student Life & Housing Unit of Palau Community College (PCC). She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Northern State College and a Master's Degree in Education Leadership from San Diego State University. She is a member of the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) and the American Counseling Association (ACA). In her free time, Counselor Alexander enjoys participating in various sports activities and gardening.

ALUMNI NOTES

VICTOR NESTOR

(Class of 2007)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Victor graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. He attended the University of Hawaii - Hilo where he received his BA Degree in Marine Science. After working as a Researcher for the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), he continued his education at the University of the Ryukyus (UoR) in Okinawa where he recently received his Master's Degree in Marine Science.

<UNTITLED> by Zoë Kintaro

"The room is always the right temperature
For when I come in to class
I have my books, my bag,
But unfortunately I left my sass

We read chapters, poems, & stories
That are always never the same
Frustrating at times they may be
They always step up my literary game

We choose from a collection of stories, poems
Some in English modern, some in English old
The ones that leave me puzzled
Are always the ones in English old

Though analyzing these stories
Can be difficult at times
It never hurts to put more effort
Resulting in ideas that harmoniously chime"

Each week, the PCC Mesekiu's News will feature a poem written by one of the students enrolled in the EN-189: Introduction to Literature Class taught by Associate Professor Midori Mersai.

EN-189: Introduction to Literature
Poetry Feature

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 open from 9AM-4PM.

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

Celebrating Birthdays

Aleyna Ann Ngirengkoi



May 01

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."



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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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