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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC Holds 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises Today

Today marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC)! A total of fifty-eight (58) graduates are receiving their degrees from PCC; twenty-one (21) graduates are receiving their bachelor's degrees from San Diego State University (SDSU); fourteen (14) graduates have completed the Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling Program; and fifteen (15) graduates have completed the PCC Adult High School Program.

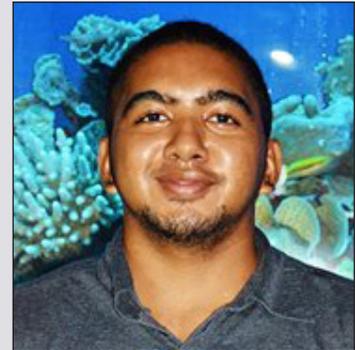
Dr. Gregory J. Dever is the commencement speaker for the ceremony. He is the current Director of the Palau Area Health Education Center and also serves as the Coordinator for the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) Regional Human Resources for Health. Dr. Dever, a well-respected member of the Pacific medical society, has written numerous publications relating to health in the Pacific region.

Commencement officiators include Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, Pastor John Zimmer, SDSU Institute Collaborative for Distance Learning and Center for Pacific Studies Project Coordinator & Instructional Designer Dr. Theresa Lally, PCC Board of Trustees Chairperson Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Honorable Minister of State Billy G. Kuartei (also Vice Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees), PCC Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Emais Roberts, PCC Board of Trustees Member Jemmy Blelai, PCC Student Trustee Rdiall L. Tellei, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Continuing Education William O. Wally, and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui.

Mr. Nelson Masang, Jr. is Valedictorian for the Palau Community College Class of 2016. He is also a recipient of the Outstanding Student Award. Ms. Tyra K. Asanuma is receiving the Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Mr. Masang is one of seven (7) graduating members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter. The other honor society graduates are Masami N. Andreas, Allyne K. Kikuharu, Sheila J. Pedro, Six N. Ridep, Velda F. Lechol, and Judah T. Sibetang. 5<sup>3rd</sup> EXERCISES, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### 2016 PCC VALEDICTORIAN



**Nelson Masang, Jr.**  
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

### OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD

"The Outstanding Citizenship Award recognizes a member of the graduating class who was active in and made significant contributions to the student government, campus community, and the overall welfare of the student population during his/her study at Palau Community College (PCC)."

**Tyra K. Asanuma**  
Information Technology

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

"The Outstanding Student Award is presented to members of the graduating class in each program in recognition of their academic achievements."

**Essie Cailao**  
Associate of Science in Education: Early Childhood

**Kayleen Marie Joseph**  
Associate of Science in Education: Elementary

**Nelson Masang, Jr.**  
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

**Allyne K. Kikuharu**  
Associate of Science in Nursing Career Ladder

**Sheila J. Pedro**  
Associate of Science in Nursing Career Ladder

**Desyree M. Ubedei**  
Associate of Science in Nursing Career Ladder

**Lashawnda E. Olikong**  
Associate of Science in Office Administration

**Cierra R. Sbal**  
Associate of Science in Office Administration

*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.*

# 2016 MOC/PCC Alumni Awards

## BEST CUMULATIVE GPA

Recognizes the student who has achieved the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in his/her respective program, not including general education requirements.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
Automotive Mechanics Technology	Noelani Ngiramengior
Criminal Justice	Connor Yuri
Nursing	Sheila J. Pedro
Office Administration	Lashawnda E. Olikong
Environmental/Marine Science	Evan Fritz

## BEST EFFORT

Recognizes the student who has demonstrated the best effort in practical skills applications.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
Automotive Mechanics Technology	Spencer Remoket
Electrical Technology	Koliano Yaiungeitiw
Criminal Justice	Connor Yuri
Agricultural Science	John Ochalibul
Nursing	Allyne K. Kikuharu
Office Administration	Pracy Masubed
Education: Early Childhood	Essie Cailao
Environmental/Marine Science	Evan Fritz

## 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. The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 08 - 10, 2016.

## Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) Donates Water to PCC

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize and thank the members of the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) who recently ten (10) 1.5 liters of bottled water to the college. The PPEC members had been in Palau participating in the 2016 Spring PPEC Meeting. During their stay, the members experienced the effects of the El Niño on Palau's water condition. PPEC is a non-profit, public corporation established in 1981 consisting of presidents and chancellors from higher education institutions in the United States of America as well as nations in the Pacific affiliated with the United States. It serves to address the concerns and needs of Pacific island post-secondary institutions. PCC thanks PPEC for its generous donation!

# BITS AND PIECES...

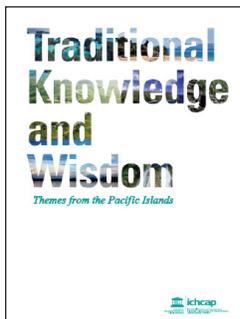
## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### 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**  
**TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM:**  
**THEMES FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**



"This publication compiles informative articles on traditional knowledge from Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Tonga, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and Vanuatu under five themes: world views, relationships & social cohesion, harvest & landscapes, voyaging & seascapes, and art & technology. Published within the framework of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Safeguarding Programme in the Pacific, this publication sheds light on unique cultural practices and expressions of the indigenous peoples in the Pacific that have supported the strength of communities and contributed to unifying islands in the region."

## Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

**May 13 (F)**

53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises

**May 16 (M)**

Last Day for Change of Grades

**June 01 (W)**

Holiday: President's 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.

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Exercises CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Eight (8) graduates are receiving the Outstanding Student Award in recognition of their academic achievements. Ms. Mengiau Sasao is the first PCC graduate to complete the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Disciplines Program.

### Alingano Maisu Arrives Safely in Saipan

On the morning of Saturday, May 07, 2016 the double-hulled voyaging canoe *Alingano Maisu* sailed into the Smiling Cove Marina of Saipan. The canoe and its members will be departing Saipan on the last leg of their journey on May 17, 2016. The canoe is expected to arrive in Guam on Sunday, May 22, 2016 for the opening ceremony of the 2016 Pacific Festival of Arts.

The following are the voyaging canoe's current crew members: Sesarario Sewralur (Captain & Navigator), Dylan Sewralur (Assistant), Rodney Kazuma (Navigation Student), Murais Sebangiol (Navigation Student), Kazuyo Hayashi (Navigation Student), Osamu Kosuge (Navigation Student), Aylie Baker (Navigation Student), Miano Sowraenpiy (Crew Member), Albino Esoailug (Crew Member), and Norman Tawilimai (Crew Member).



*Alingano Maisu and its crew members arriving in Saipan*  
 ( courtesy of Saipan Tribune, Jon Perez)

## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE - CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE): 2016 SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM

**PCC-CE Summer Kids Program Offers the Following Classes:**

- Singapore Math (3rd - 8th Grade)
- English Reading & Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Palauan Orthography (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Marine Science (6th - 8th Grade)
- Arts (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Music (3rd to 8th Grade)

Classes will be from June 06, 2016 to July 01, 2016. Last day of registration is **Friday, May 27, 2016.**

Classes are designed to provide education activities that enhance a student's learning abilities in order to improve in certain subject areas and foster new skills. These classes are on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. Maximum number of students per class is twenty (20). If you would like to enroll your child or if you need more information about the program, please contact Ms. Leona Blaluk or Ms. Courtney Joshua at (tel): 488-6223.

**FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE**

**ISABEL EMMA GOODALL**

PRESIDENT OF THE PALAU STUDENT ORGANIZATION

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising every time we fail.” - Confucius”



Ms. Isabel Emma Goodall is enrolled under the Tourism & Hospitality Program of Palau Community College (PCC). She is the current President of the Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO). Her duties include representing her fellow Palauan students in student activities and college events. In addition, she represents the Palauan students by voicing their concerns or comments about the college. Ms. Goodall is also a member of the PCC Tourism Club. In her free time, Ms. Goodall enjoys playing sports such as volleyball. She is a graduate of Mindszenty High School (MHS). This is Ms. Goodall’s second year serving as RPSO President for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

**ALUMNI NOTES**

**KEISHA V. WILLIS**

(Class of 2015)  
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

“Fail as many times as necessary in order for you to succeed because it is only through failure that true knowledge is attained.”



Keisha graduated from PCC with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. She was the Valedictorian of the PCC Class of 2015. Ms. Willis just completed a year at Washington State University. She plans to continue her education at the University of Hawaii in Manoa.



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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.

**NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE AT PCC BOOKSTORE!**



Lathers in Salt Water - Highly recommended by boating community for people living in coastal environments. Gentle enough for use as a body soap and shampoo!



12 Convertible Duffel Bag Coolers - Simply remove the inside cool layer and it converts into a duffel bag.

The PCC Bookstore is currently offering new items: Kirk's Original Coco Castle Soap Bars (lathers in salt water), PCC Branded T-Shirts (black color), and twelve (12) convertible duffel bag coolers. Feel free to stop by the PCC Bookstore to check out the new items and make a purchase!

**REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Because the water hours are now back to normal (24hrs.), the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library is now operating on its normal hours. The library will open from Monday to Thursday from 7:30AM-7:00PM. On Friday, it will open at 7:30AM-5:00PM. On Saturday, it will open at 9:00AM-6:00PM. On Sunday, the library will be closed.

**Celebrating Birthdays**

Kuye Belelai May 13  
Lakolani Olangelle May 13



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**PCC Endowment Fund**

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE**

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!**

**FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

<http://pcc.palau.edu>

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**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>.

“PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.”

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