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Weekly Newsletter

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PTK Holds Food Run for Project Graduation



Members of the PTK - BOZ hosting their Project Graduation: Food Drive event at the PCC Parking Lot

On Friday, May 06, 2016 members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society (PTK) - Beta Omicron Zeta (BOZ) Chapter held a food drive for their Project Graduation event. The project graduation is an annual event held by the PTK-BOZ members as part of their service to the community. This year, the students hosted a food drive inviting members of the community to donate non-perishable food items, such as canned goods.

PTK-BOZ members will donate the non-perishable food items to the Department of Corrections under the Palau Ministry of Justice (MOJ). Members of the community also contributed over six-hundred dollars (\$600) in monetary donations. PTK-BOZ, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY!

FROM THE PCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS



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.

TracDat® Training Sessions

contributed by ALO Deikola Olikong

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and Monday, May 09, 2016 two (2) training sessions were conducted with the staff of the Student Life & Housing Unit of Palau Community College (PCC). The sessions focused on preparing the staff for the implementation of the TracDat® Phase II that will occur this coming fall semester (Fall 2016). The two-day training covered the following components important for the TracDat® Program: mapping of the service area outcomes to Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs); 15-Year Institutional Master Plan Strategic Directions Goals & Objectives; ACCJC Standards & Eligibility Requirements; and the Institutional-Set Standards. This training will also be provided to all non-instructional & non-academic service areas of the college in order to prepare all the divisions/service areas for the program's implementation phase this coming fall. TRAINING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Student Life & Housing staff attending a training session for the TracDat® Program

LRC & CRE Agriculture Presentation

A collaborative presentation between the Palau Community College (PCC) Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Division and the Learning Resource Center (LRC) was held at the PCC Assembly Hall on May 04, 2016. The presentation was aimed at students currently enrolled in the Agriculture Science Program or who have yet to declare a major. LRC Instructor Isumechraad K. Ngirairkl, who was the presenter, highlighted the career opportunities available for agriculture science graduates such as nutritionist, product manager, or laboratory technician. She also shared information regarding scholarships and academic funding available for the program's students.



LRC CRE Agriculture Presentation held at the PCC Assembly Hall

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 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.

Student Presentations for UB Program

On Friday, May 06, 2016 presentations by Palau Community College (PCC) students enrolled in the Environmental/Marine Science Program and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Disciplines Program were held at the PCC Assembly Hall. The presentations aimed to encourage high school students to enroll in the two programs. The high school students who attended the presentations were participants of the Upward Bound Program.

The presentations highlighted the eligibility requirements, core courses, and extra-curricular activities (such as field trips or student presentations) of each program. PCC students who presented also shared their personal experiences regarding the programs' learning environment, lessons, and academic opportunities. High school students were encouraged to ask questions or make comments in order to learn more about the programs.

EMS is an associate of science degree program that provides technical training for students who may choose to work in fields related to environmental or marine science. The program provides the opportunity for students, and employees already in the field, to obtain or improve skills related to scientific research and investigation. Career opportunities for EMS graduates include becoming a marine biologist, aquaculturist, or fishery researcher.

The STEM Disciplines is an associate of arts degree program designed for students who are interested in professional careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. The program provides basic knowledge and skills focused on subject areas of mathematics & science. Career opportunities for students who graduate from the STEM Disciplines Program include becoming engineers or scientists.



Group Photo of high school students in the Upward Bound Program and the EMS & STEM students who hosted the presentation

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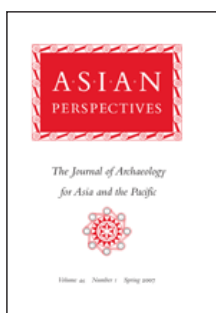
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES JOURNAL



"Asian Perspectives Journal is the leading peer-reviewed archaeological journal devoted to the prehistory of Asia and the Pacific region. In addition to archaeology, it features articles and book reviews on ethno-archaeology, palaeoanthropology, physical anthropology, and ethnography. International specialists contribute regional reports summarizing current research and fieldwork, and present topical reports of significant sites."

Academic Calendar: Summer 2016

June 01 (W)

Holiday: President's Day

June 02 (TH)

New Student Orientation

June 06-08 (M-W)

Academic Advising & Registration

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.

Food Drive CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The society members and their advisor Ms. Glendallyn N. Ngirmeriil would like to thank all the community members who donated during the food drive. Your donations will help the PTK-BOZ students contribute to our community.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for community colleges. Its purpose is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college student by providing opportunities for the development of leadership & service, intellectual exchanges of ideas or ideals, lively fellowship amongst scholars, and stimulation of interest in continued academic excellence. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in America consisting of more than two-million members and one-thousand-two-hundred (1,200) chapters. Palau's PTK chapter is called the Beta Omicron Beta.

For more information regarding PTK-BOZ or its community events, please contact PTK-BOZ Advisor Ms. Ngirmeriil at the PCC Student Life Office (tel): 488-3690 or 488-3036.

Training CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Participants of the training sessions included Student Life & Housing Director Hilda N. Reklai, Academic Advisor Maureen Alexander, Academic Advisor Glenda N. Ngirmeriil, Academic Advisor Shelley R. Ueki, Dormitory Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei, Dormitory Manager Hulda Lukas, and Student Activities Supervisor James Norman Sato. Both training sessions were held at the Institutional Research & Evaluation Office.

The next scheduled training (slated for June 16, 2016) is for the following non-academic areas: Human Resources, Finance, Computer Systems, Physical Plant, Cafeteria, Development Office, Book Store, Office of the President, and Facilities Designs. Training schedules for the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library and other student support services are currently being planned. The final dates will be announced to the appropriate deans and directors by the end of May.

Pristine Campus Campaign: Candid Camera Feature



Marina Toribiong (right) receiving her \$25 Award from PCC Associate Professor Samantha Bells (left)

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to congratulate the final recipient of the Pristine Campus: Candid Camera Feature, Ms. Marine Toribiong. The Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) also thanks all the students who have been supportive of the Pristine Campus Campaign. Your efforts will help ensure that our campus continues to be clean and litter-free.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

EPHRAIM NGIRACHITEI

PCC DORMITORY MANAGER

"Invest your time in your studies now. Even if you struggle, you will find a brighter future later."



Ephraim Ngirachitei has been working at Palau Community College (PCC) since 1986. He began as a Student Activities Coordinator before applying for his current position. As a dormitory manager, Mr. Ngirachitei provides dormitory students with academic/social counseling and guidance. He also helps maintain the quality of the environment at the dormitories, such as keeping the noise level down or promoting clean living areas. Mr. Ngirachitei holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Hawaii Pacific University (HPU). He is the President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Schools Alumni Association and serves as a member of the SDA Schools Board. Formerly, he was the President of the PCC Classified Staff Organization (CSO). In his free time, Mr. Ngirachitei enjoys fishing and sports.

ALUMNI NOTES

HALORA P. FAKATOU

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE



Halora graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Library & Information Science. She currently works as at the Palau Supreme Court Library. Previously, she worked for Emmaus High School.



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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.

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.

Celebrating Birthdays

Frutoso Tellei



June 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
- (3) Maintenance Technicians (4)
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (4) Upward Bound Math Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (5) Upward Bound English Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (6) Upward Bound Foreign Language Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (7) Academic Tutor
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly

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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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!

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