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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Closing Ceremony for the CE 2016 Summer Kids Program



*Summer program students singing songs that they had learned under the instruction of PCC Associate Professor of Music Howard Charles (standing by table)*

On Friday, July 01, 2016 a closing ceremony for the Continuing Education (CE) 2016 Summer Kids Program was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The ceremony was an opportunity for the elementary school students to showcase the artistic and cultural skills that they learned while participating in the program. Present to enjoy the performances were the students' family members as well as interested members of the community. Also in attendance were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Continuing Education (CE) William O. Wally, and the summer program instructors.

The 2016 Summer Kids Program offered summer classes began on Monday, June 06, 2016. Over a four-week period, students participated in various cultural & educational activities designed to enhance their learning abilities. Subjects covered in this year's summer classes included mathematics (with an emphasis on Singapore math), English reading & writing, Palauan orthography, marine/environmental science, music, and art. CE KIDS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### SDSU Public Policy Simulation

The students of the San Diego State University (SDSU) - Master of Arts in Education with a Concentration in Post-secondary Education Leadership with an Emphasis on Public Administration and Human Resource Development participated in a role-playing simulation on Wednesday, July 06, 2016. The students simulated a public hearing addressing the possible solutions that could help elderly citizens and their dependents live healthier lives. A group responsible for researching the facts in support of the proposal presented their findings. After highlighting the issue, the researchers proposed their solution. The committee members and concerned citizens were given the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation. The role-playing simulation allows public administration students to apply the public policy development skills they had learned in the classroom. Facilitator for the class was Senator Sandra S. Pierantozzi.



*SDSU Masters Cohort students participating in the public hearing simulation*

*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.*

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Thanks Students

contributed by Interim Librarian Pioria W. Asito

The Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library would like to recognize the following students who provided assistance during a general clean-up: Pablo Merar and Woodrow Remasech. The students were participants of The Skilled Palauan Workforce Investment Act (SPWIA) Summer Program. Under the program, student from Palau are assigned summer work-based activities that are sponsored by local businesses, institutions, corporations, and agencies. The students spend the summer interning at the sponsored agencies in order to improve their work skills.

In addition to cleaning the library's exterior, the SPWIA students also assisted the staff with maintaining the library's reading collection. They assisted with returning books to their appropriate shelves, keeping track of borrowed materials, and assisting the patrons of the library. The students also improved the library's level of comfort by keeping the study & reading areas clean.

In addition to Mr. Merar and Mr. Remasech were two (2) more students under SPWIA: Rayna Obakrairur and Ryon Gaines. Ms. Obakrairur dedicated most of her time to the maintenance of the book collection and cleanliness of the library's Kid's Korner. Mr. Gaines assisted with various library tasks.

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library would also like to extend its thanks and recognition to the following Upward Bound Program Students: Marinca Faimau, Kawai Jackson, Kayla Robert, and Alirah Udui. All the students contributed tremendously to the overall function of the library's core services. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication this summer!



*Tan Sin PCC Library Technician Tanya Ngirkuteling (standing, far right) and Library Assistant Amanda N. Ebas (standing, second from left) cleaning the front entrance with SPWIA summer student*

## PCC Alumni & Student PICRC Interns

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

The Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) has started its internship program and the following Palau Community College (PCC) alumni are participating this summer: Ms. Yubee Isaac (University of Hawaii in Hilo), Mr. Joseph Anastacio (University of Hawaii in Hilo), and Ms. Persis D. Omelau (University of Alaska in Fairbanks). They are joined by Bryan Ngiraked who is currently enrolled as a student at the college. In total, eight (8) Palauan students are participating in this year's PICRC summer internship program. PICRC, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*(left to right): Zsanessa Isamu (Palau Mission Academy), Ngedengoll Akira (Palau High School), Garry B. Jr. Tellames (Emmaus High School), Alexi Meltel (University of Hawaii - Mānoa), and Yubee Isaac (University of Hawaii - Hilo). Interns not in photo: Persis Omelau (University of Alaska - Fairbanks), Joe Anastacio (University of Hawaii - Hilo), and Bryan Ngiraked (Palau Community College)*

## NEED ANY HELP?

### TUTORING FOR CS-100: COMPUTER LITERACY

"This course covers basic information processing and uses of computer including basic application software and the Internet. Topics include basic computer concepts, navigating in a Windows Operating System, and computer software including word processing, spreadsheet, and Internet applications, including email."

### AVAILABLE AT THE PCC ONLINE LAB!

Peer Tutors at the PCC Online Lab who will be happy to answer your questions or help you with your studies are Regner, Daemi, Rimat, and Ayshia.



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

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: ACADEMIC LEADER NEWSLETTER



"Academic Leader Newsletter is the monthly newsletter published by the Magna Publications. It covers trends, challenges, and best practices for academic leaders in higher education to help you balance these ever-evolving demands & privileges."

#### Academic Calendar: Summer 2016

**July 13 (F)**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

**July 15 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

**July 18-20 (M-W)**

Final Examination Period

#### 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.

#### CE Kids CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In addition to improving their academic skills, the summer program students also participated in activities that enhanced their understanding of Palau's traditions and cultural practices. The students learned traditional skills such as basket-weaving and the proper method for building a fish trap. In addition, the students learned about Palau's mythology through traditional chants and storytelling.

During the closing ceremony, the elementary school students performed various skits that highlighted the lessons they learned over the summer. This included a number of songs that they had learned in their music classes that were taught by PCC Associate Professor of Music Howard Charles. The students also received certificates in recognition of their academic efforts and scholastic improvements.

Instructors for the 2016 CE Summer Kids Program were Ms. Emadech Oiterong, Ms. Kayleen Joseph, Ms. Kalista Rafael, Mr. Judson Butelbai, Mr. Evan Fritz, and PCC Associate Professor Charles.

#### PICRC CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The PCC student and alumni will join the following student interns: Ms. Zsanessa D. Isamu (Graduate of Palau Mission Academy), Ms. Ngedengoll D. Akira (Graduate of Palau High School), Mr. Garry Boisek Tel-lames Jr. (Graduate of Emmaus High School), and Ms. Alexi B. Meltel (Student at the University of Hawaii in Hilo).

Over the summer, the student interns are paired with a PICRC Researcher. The researcher will mentor the students regarding the marine ecosystems, conservations efforts, and marine cultural knowledge of Palau. In addition, the mentors will also provide the students with academic guidance and career advice.

The six-week summer internship program at PICRC aims to provide eager, dedicated students with the opportunity to learn about the marine environment, especially in terms of protecting and conserving Palau's pristine environment.

The student interns will also immerse themselves in Palau's traditional and cultural knowledge related marine conservation efforts. They will learn the traditional and modern conservation practices while remaining up to speed on marine research and technology trends. The Palau cultural immersion is required of all interns as it is envisioned that the student will acquire local knowledge to understand history and how it plays a role in today's marine conservation efforts and the future of Palau.

The PICRC Summer Internship Program focuses on building Palau's youth capacity for environmental science which is necessary for the country's marine conservation efforts. The program is made possible by the Government of Palau's 2016 Year of the Youth Small Grant Scheme that is supported by a grant from the Government of India.

The PICRC Summer Internship Program began on June 13, 2016 and will end on July 22, 2016.

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### PIORIA W. ASITO

INTERIM LIBRARIAN - TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

*"No one is a failure. You can succeed if only you are willing to work hard. You are the captain of your ship and, if you want it to sail, you have to make it happen."*



Pioria W. Asito began working at Palau Community College (PCC) in 1983 as a Media Specialist. In 1999, she began working as a Librarian Technician for the PCC Library. Mrs. Asito holds three (3) degrees from Palau Community College: an Associate of Science Degree in Secretarial Studies, an Associate of Science Degree in Library & Information Services, and an Associate of Science Degree in Business Accounting. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from San Diego State University (SDSU). Mrs. Asito currently serves as the Vice President of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA). She is also a member of the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL). In her free time, Mrs. Asito enjoys gardening, fishing, and spending time with her family.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### YUBEE ISAAC

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Yubee graduated with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. She is continuing her environmental studies at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. This summer, she is a Student Intern at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).



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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.

## PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PALAU

"In exercising our inherent sovereignty, We, the people of Palau proclaim and reaffirm our immemorial right to be supreme in these islands of Palau, our homeland. We renew our dedication to preserve and enhance our traditional heritage, our national identity and our respect for peace, freedom and justice for all mankind. In establishing this Constitution of the sovereign Republic of Palau, We venture into the future with full reliance on our own efforts and the divine guidance of Almighty God."



## HAPPY 36<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUTION DAY, PALAU!

from the Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Palau Community College

### Celebrating Birthdays

Sesario Sewralur

July 11

Hilda N. Reklai

July 14



**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) Library Assistant  
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 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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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

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