

FREE!!!



# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, July 15, 2016

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 18, Issue 29

## PCC Accreditation Reaffirmed by ACCJC



*The Accreditation External Team that visited the college earlier this year*

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC-WASC) President Dr. Barbara A. Beno regarding its accreditation status. As of July 08, 2016 the accreditation status of the community college has been reaffirmed and the college is required to submit a Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2017.

The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate that the college has resolved the following deficiencies in order to continue meeting accreditation standards: 1) PCC must complete its planned schedule of assessment for the institution-set standards and publish the results (I.B.3, ER11); 2) PCC should provide an opportunity for third-party comments prior to site visits in accordance with the Commission's policy on Rights and Responsibility of Commission and Member Institutions (I.C.12); and 3) the PCC Governing Board should implement a mechanism to make public the results of its performance evaluation (IV.C.10).

As an accredited institution, PCC is required to submit an Institutional Self-Evaluation Report to the Commission at the end of each accreditation cycle. ACCJC, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### *Alingano Maisu Returns to Palau*

A welcoming ceremony for the *Alingano Maisu* was held at the Drop-Off Bar & Grill on Monday, July 11, 2016. The double-hulled voyaging canoe had returned from its journey to the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPac 2016) that was held in Guam. Present to welcome the navigation crew were Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, Republic of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., Palau Vice President/Minister of Justice Antonio Bells, Minister of State Billy G. Kuartei, Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs Baklai Temengil-Chilton, Minister of Education Sinton Soalabla, Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang, and Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Also present were staff members of the college and members of the Micronesian Voyaging Society (MVS). On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 the voyaging canoe began its voyage by departing from the NECO Marine Harbor. MAISU, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*Alingano Maisu crew welcomed back to Palau*

*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.*

## STEP-UP Summer Student Presentations



*STEP-UP student research presentation about coconut rhino beetles*

On Friday, July 08, 2016 student researchers who participated in the Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) Summer Program held presentations about their researches at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. Each presentation showcased the student's project background, research methods, and findings.

The student researchers for this year's program were Kenton Mongami (Palau High School), David Moses (Mindszenty High School), Amie Oilouch (Mindszenty High School), and Leah Bukorou (Palau High School). They were joined by Zacca Gallen-Adelbai (Xavier High School) and Minelli Olkeril (Mindszenty High School) who were sponsored by the Pacific Academic Institute for Research (PAIR) that is based in Palau.

The students' research projects included a construction of Palau's worm snail population, an assessment of Palau's coconut rhinoceros beetle population (emphasis on environmental damages), the social impacts of urbanization (opening a new landfill in Aimeliik and the construction of a paved road to Ngesaol), and how the eating habits of Palauans can lead to diabetes.

Mentors were Dr. Joel Miles (National Invasive Species Coordinator for the Palau National Government), Dr. Julien Lorion (Researcher at the Palau International Coral Reef Center), Dr. Akiko Iida (Department of Urban Engineering at the University of Tokyo), Dr. Christopher Kitalong (Project Coordinator for the Palau Environment, Inc.), David Ramarui Mason (Coordinator for the Koror-Palau Sanitation Project), Mr. Larry Wakakoro (Academic Coordinator & Advisor for the PCC Upward Bound TRiO Program), and Mr. Nelson Masang Jr. (Research Assistant at the Palau International Coral Reef Center).

## PNSB Holds First Internship Forum



*PNSB Internship Student sharing his summer work experience*

The Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) held its first internship forum at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on Thursday, July 07, 2016. The internship forum featured students who had participated in the 2016 Palau Fellowship Award Program. PNSB INTERNSHIP FORUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## German Students Visit PCC Campus

Students from Philipps University in Marburg, Germany visited Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, July 11, 2016. They were accompanied by Palau's Honorary Consul to the Federal Republic of Germany Thomas Schubert. During their visit, the students met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to learn more about Palau's only institution of higher learning. The students who visited the college were Eileen Hageböling, Lea Korossy, Julia Amann, Katja Kraft, Rico Nollmeyer, Leon Form, and Wolfgang Form. They are enrolled in the Peace & Conflict Program at Philipps University.



*(standing, left to right): Rico Nollmeyer, Honorary Consul to Germany Thomas Schubert, Leon Form, Wolfgang Form, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (kneeling, left to right): Eileen Hageböling, Lea Korossy, Julia Amann, and Katja Kraft*



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

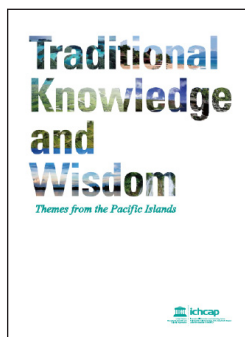
#### Hours of Operation

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

##### 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: Summer 2016

**July 15 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

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

Final Examination Period

#### News/Stories Wanted

*Mesekiu'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.

## ACCJC CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The report is a self-assessment conducted by the institution that evaluates its student learning, student success, and institutional effectiveness.

Members of the Accreditation Commission review the report in order to determine whether the college is meeting the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission Policies set for institutional accreditation. On December 24, 2015 the community college submitted its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report along with supporting evidence materials to the Commission.

From February 29, 2016 to March 03, 2016 an External Evaluation Team visited the college. The team of eleven (11) members was chaired by Dr. Melinda Nish, the Superintendent/President of the Southwestern College in California. During their visit, the External Evaluation Team met with PCC administrators, faculty, staff, and students to validate the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report that was submitted by the college. After their visit, the External Evaluation Team compiled its report that was received by Palau Community College on March 26, 2016. The college submitted a response to the External Evaluation Report on March 31, 2016. A Supplemental Report was submitted to ACCJC-WASC on May 05, 2016.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei appeared before the Commission on June 08, 2016 on behalf of the college. After reviewing all the material, the Commission acted to reaffirm accreditation for eighteen months requiring Palau Community College to submit a Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2016. The reaffirmation indicates that the Commission has determined Palau Community College is in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards.

The college would like to recognize its Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students who assisted with the accreditation process. The dedication and hard work of those involved have helped Palau Community College maintain its accreditation status. Thank you all for ensuring that Palau's only institution of higher learning continues to support student learning, achievement, and institutional effectiveness.

## Maisu CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The canoe visited the following islands during its journey: Ngulu, Lomotrek, Woleai, Satawal, West Fayu, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. It arrived in Guam on Sunday, May 22, 2016 in time for the festival's opening ceremony. The canoe was under the command of Navigator Sesario Sewralur.

*Alingano Maisu* is a fifty-six foot, double-hulled voyaging canoe that was built in Hawaii by members of the N Kālai Wa'a O Hawai'i, a group of Polynesian canoe builders and voyagers. It was a gift of gratitude to Master Navigator Dr. Pius Mau Pialug, the father of Navigator Sesario Sewralur who had revived the non-instrumental navigation techniques of Polynesia during a 1976 voyage from Hawaii to Tahiti. In 2008, PCC established a Non-Instrumental Navigation Program with the intention of preserving the non-instrumental navigation practices of the Pacific islands. Navigator Sewralur is the instructor for this program.

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### HARLINE HARUO

PERSONNEL MANAGER - HUMAN RESOURCES

*"It's not about having time, it's about making time."*



Harline Haruo has been working for Palau Community College (PCC) for over eleven (11) years. She is the current Personnel Manager at the PCC Human Resources Office. Her duties include planning & carrying out policies related to all phases of personnel activity. In addition, she assists the Director of Human Resources with overseeing all office-related operations such as constructing contracts and recruiting new employees. Ms. Haruo holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Lassen Community College in Susanville, California USA. In May 2016, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from San Diego State University (SDSU). In her free time, Ms. Haruo enjoys spending time with her daughter.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JOSEPH ANASTACIO

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Joseph graduated from PCC in 2014 with an AS Degree in Information Technology. He studies Computer Science at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. This summer, Mr. Anastacio interned at the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) where he assisted with the PNSB database and website maintenance.



**Mesekiu's News**

Palau Community College

P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940

**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.

## PNSB Internship Forum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

An eight-week paid internship program, the Palau Fellowship Program is an opportunity for students to learn about Palau's workforce. A majority of the students who participated in the internship program are currently enrolled in post-secondary education institutions outside of Palau. The program allowed the students to learn about various local agencies and how they contribute to the overall function of Palau's community. In addition, the students were able to contribute to the improvement of Palau's workforce by applying the skills and knowledge that they acquired through their educational pursuits.

The students spent their summer internship at various agencies such as the Belau National Hospital, Palau Pacific Resort (PPR), the Office of the Public Auditor, the Belau National Museum, and different government offices. The internship forum showcased the various work experiences of the students. Interested members of the community were invited to join the presentation to learn more about the opportunities provided through the summer internship program.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Lesley Adachi	July 15
Sheryl P. Bedana	July 16
Don Hanser	July 17
Jalavenda P. Osima	July 20
Husto Ulengchong	July 20
Tennyson Cason	July 21



**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>.

**"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."**

## PCC Endowment Fund

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**To SUPPORT,  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

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

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

### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://pcc.palau.edu>



Palau Community College - PCC

stamp here