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PCC Hosts Introduction to STEM Workshop



High school graduating students arriving at the PICRC Port after sailing on the Alingano Maisu as part of the PCC Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation Program

Last week, Palau Community College (PCC) conducted a workshop for graduating high school seniors that focused on the significance of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Disciplines. The workshop aimed to increase the students' awareness and interest regarding the following degree programs offered at the college: the Information Technology Program, the Environmental/Marine Science Program, and the Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation Program.

Presentations by college instructors & hands-on activities were designed to provide the students with an understanding of the adaptation of scientific, technological, and traditional knowledge on a local community level. It was also an opportunity for the college to increase its student enrollment in these specific programs.

The workshop began on Monday, July 11, 2016 with a welcoming ceremony at the PCC Assembly Hall. Afterwards, the students participated in a technology class about digital graphic use. The lesson focused mainly on the various applications of the Adobe PhotoShop Photo-Editing Software. STEM WORKSHOP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

33rd Upward Bound Graduation

On Thursday, July 07, 2016 the Upward Bound Program held its 33rd Graduation Banquet. Held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria, the banquet celebrated the achievements of the graduating high school seniors who completed the program this year. The Upward Bound Program provides fundamental support and opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college preparation and continue to higher education pursuits. It serves high school students from low-income families and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree. A number of graduates from the Upward Bound Program have continued on to become successful members of Palau's community. PCC Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai as well as the counselors & staff of the Upward Bound Program extend their best wishes to their recent graduates. May you all find success in the paths that you choose to follow!



High school graduates who recently completed the Upward Bound TRiO Program at PCC

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.

PIU Offers Study in Marriage & Family

contributed by PIU Palau Facility Coordinator Shamira Ldesel

The Pacific Islands University (PIU) is offering a practical study on the biblical views of marriage and family. Offered through the PIU Distance Education Department, CFOR-303: Marriage and Family will focus on topics related to marriage such as family experiences, personal choices, marital adjustments, conflict management, parenting decisions, and communication. Each subject will be discussed with a particular attention to the preparation of a marriage and family life rooted in Christian values.

Reverend Hiob Ngirachemoui (Senior Pastor of the Koror Evangelical Church) and Reverend Howard Merrell (Chairman of the PIU Board of Trustees and Director of PIU Palau) will be co-instructors for study. The course will be taught in a combination of online instruction as well as classroom lectures offered at the PIU Teaching Facility located on the Palau Community College (PCC) Campus. Classroom lectures are scheduled for October 17, 2016 to October 28, 2016 from 5:10 - 6:30PM. The DE Portion of the study will begin on Monday, August 29, 2016.

The PIU CFOR-303: Marriage and Family emphasizes on the exploration of the interface of Biblical standards of family life with the Palauan family structure, especially in a changing world culture. Reading assignments in addition to lectures will present the Biblical framework on family and acquaint students with research regarding its application. Discussions as well as practical exercises will allow students to explore ways of applying what they learn in the classroom to everyday situations.

PCC students are not required to enroll at PIU in order to take CFOR-303: Marriage and Family. Students may discuss the possibility of using the course to meet graduation requirements with their academic advisors/counselors at the PCC Student Life Office.

PIU Palau Facility Coordinator Shamira Ldesel is available to answer questions about the class and provide assistance with applying for the university. You may contact Ms. Ldesel via email (sldesel@piu.edu) or call (tel): 488-4294. You may also contact Reverend Merrell via email (hmerrell@piu.edu) for more information. PIU has been offering Micronesia accessible, transformative higher education with a distinctively Christian worldview for four decades. Visit the university's official website (<http://piu.edu>) for additional information regarding its classes.

PCC Students Attend STEM Seminar

contributed by PCC Associate Professor Johvanna Yaoch



(left to right): Regner Techitong and Wynona T. Ewatel

Palau Community College (PCC) Information Technology (IT) Program Students Regner Techitong and Wynona Tahira Ewatel attended the 2016 Pacific Islands STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Seminar that was hosted in Hilo, Hawaii USA. STEM SEMINAR, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Upward Bound Recognizes Sponsors

contributed by The Upward Bound TRiO Program

The Upward Bound Program would like to recognize the following agencies that sponsored their students over the summer: ANA Gas Station; Bureau of Marine Resources - Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism; Family Health Clinic - Ministry of Health; Ninth Olbiil era Kelulau - House of Delegates; Palau Supreme Court - Clerk of Courts; Singichi Ikesakes Law Library; Probation Office - Ministry of Justice; Koror Elementary School; M. H. Dental Clinic; Ministry of Finance; Bureau of Public Safety - Ministry of Justice; Prevention Unit - Ministry of Health; Medical Records Office - Ministry of Health; Ngarchelong State Office; *Omekulel A Biblia*; Palau Wave Radio Station; PCC Student Life Office; PCC Academic Affairs Office; PCC Accreditation Office; PCC Auto-Shop; PCC Bookstore; PCC Business Office; PCC Cafeteria; PCC Continuing Education (CE) Office; PCC Development Office; PCC Educational Talent Search Office; PCC Financial Aid Office; Tan Siu Lin PCC Library; PCC Physical Plant Division; Peleliu State Government; Palau National Olympics Committee (PNOC); Palau Public Library, and Palau Visitors Authority (PVA). Thank you all for teaching our students about responsibilities and improving their work-related skills!

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: **GUAM BUSINESS MAGAZINE**



"Producing quality must-read features since 1983, Guam Business Magazine is an award-winning publication, with journalists and photographers working not only in Guam, but also corresponding from Saipan, Palau, the Philippines, Japan and other locations around Micronesia and the U.S. mainland."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

August 01 (M)

Last Day for Change of Grades

August 03 (W)

New Student Orientation

August 08-10 (M-W)

Academic Advising & Registration

August 11-12 (TH-F)

Late 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.

STEM Workshop CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The technology lessons continued the next day with an introduction to the basics of computer programming and web page development.

From Wednesday, July 13, 2016 to Thursday, July 14, 2016 activities related to environmental/marine science were organized for the high school seniors. The students learned about environmental issues that have impacted Palau, such as global warming and coral bleaching. They also participated in a field day excursion that introduced the students to scientific research methods used in assessing Palau's marine environment.

The last day of the workshop was on Friday, July 15, 2016. As part of the PCC Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation Program, the students sailed from the NECO Marine Harbor to the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) Port on the Alingano Maisu, a fifty-six feet (56ft.) voyaging canoe that recently sailed from Palau to Guam for the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts. The students sailed under the command of Navigator Sesario Sewralur who is also the program's instructor. The workshop concluded with a luncheon that was held at the PICRC Conference Room.

A total of seventeen (17) high school graduating seniors participated in the workshop: Roleen Ronny (Palau High School), Shunrang B. Chin (Mindszenty High School), Zsanessa D. Isamu (Palau Mission Academy), Mengei S. Termeteet (Palau High School), Ronalei S. Ronny (Palau High School), Kirah I. Rebelkuul (Mindszenty High School), Diluey U. Takawo (Mindszenty High School), Masasinge T. Hideos (Palau High School), Ronald Gabriel (Palau High School), Cesca M. Sam (Bethania High School), Elora James (Palau High School), Christie Tucheliaur (Mindszenty High School), Bonicarbo Thomas (Palau High School), Brett A. Meriang (Palau High School), Garry B. Tellames Jr. (Emmas High School), Ngedengoll D. Akira (Palau High School), and Samantha O. Iyar (Palau Mission Academy).

The Introduction to STEM Workshop hosted by PCC aimed to provide graduating high school students in Palau with an awareness regarding the importance of science, technology, and traditional knowledge education. In order to increase the students' enrollment in these respective fields, the workshop provided information and activities that highlighted the learning experiences of each program.

The PCC Introduction to STEM Workshop was made possible due to the generous support of the National Science Foundation, Advanced Technological Educational (NSF-ATE) Project entitled: "Partnership for Advanced Marine and Environmental Science Training for Pacific Islanders." The NSF-ATE Project is designed to enhance marine and environmental science education at the five (5) minority-serving community colleges of the Pacific islands: American Samoa Community College, the College of Micronesia - FSM, the College of the Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas College, and Palau Community College.

The project is a National Science Foundation Program that works to increase the amount of underrepresented minority students graduating with four-year degrees in STEM disciplines.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

FEON HUA-HSIN HSU

MANDARIN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

"As an instructor, I look forward to sharing my culture with students. In exchange, I look forward to learning more about Palau's culture."



For the past two (2) years, Feon Hua-Hsin Hsu has been the Mandarin Language (Conversational Chinese) Instructor at Palau Community College (PCC). Instructor Hsu is from the Republic of China - Taiwan. Her duties as an instructor include teaching the basic speaking and writing skills that will help students comprehend the Mandarin language. Instructor Hsu holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chinese Literature from the National Central University in Taiwan. In her free time, Instructor Hsu enjoys reading books and playing volleyball.

ALUMNI NOTES

ALPHONSO YANGIRELT

(Class of 1981)

CERTIFICATE - AUTOBODY REPAIR



Alphonso received a Certificate in Auto-Body Repair from the Micronesia Occupational College (MOC) in 1981. He currently works as an Instructor for Automotive Mechanics, Body & Fender Technology, and Welding at Marianas High School in Saipan. He has also worked as a welding & body repair teacher for Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Pohnpei. Mr. Yangirelt is from the island of Yap.



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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.

STEM Seminar CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The students were accompanied by PCC Associate Professor of Computer Science Johvanna Yaoch.

The seminar was held from Wednesday, July 06 to Friday, July 08, 2016. It was an opportunity for students from various colleges and universities across the Pacific region to present on STEM projects as well as meet other students in similar fields of studies.

Mr. Techitong and Ms. Ewatel presented on a custom database system that they developed for the PCC Bookstore. The intention of the system is to expedite the book purchasing process at the PCC Bookstore. The database system was designed to minimize human errors. The system was piloted this summer and is ready for full implementation in the fall term.

The PCC Information Technology Program Faculty would like to thank the Islands of Opportunity Alliance-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (IOA-LSAMP) for making opportunities like this possible for our students.

Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Merong		July 22
Akilina Maech		July 25
Carlton Olkeril		July 28

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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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