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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## EMS Student Symposium Held at PCC Library



EMS Student Bryan Ngiraked (sixth from left) with the college instructors, staff, and students who attended the Student Symposium held at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016 a student symposium was held at the Conference Room of the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. The symposium featured Environmental/Marine Science Student Bryan Ngiraked who interned at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) during the summer.

As an intern, Mr. Ngiraked monitored the seagrass beds at *Tehuleu* Conservation Area in order to assess the benefits of marine protected areas (MPAs). His research focused on comparing the difference between fish biomass found in *Tehuleu* (MPA) with fish data collected from *Ngebtakl* (control site), both located in Peleliu State. He also monitored the seagrass beds in order to identify fish trends and behaviors that could support future marine conservation efforts.

Using surveys, Mr. Ngiraked collected data about the fish biomass and density from both sites. The data provided information about the conditions of the seagrass beds (habitats) that effect the growth of the fish. Mr. Ngiraked also relied on data collected in previous surveys conducted by PICRC in order to assess the benefits in this particular conservation area. EMS SYMPOSIUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

### WIOA Luncheon Hosted at PCC

A luncheon was hosted at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on Friday, July 15, 2016 for the students who participated in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Summer Internship Program. A total of eighteen (18) students had been interning at various offices of the college. The luncheon commemorated the assistance that they had provided the college and the hard work they had put in for the summer. PCC would like to recognize the following WIOA Summer Interns: Brett L. Eungel, Chanelle Laukon, Cyril Saburo Olkeriil, Evelyn Edwin, Fredy M. Ongerung, Garnett T. Daniel, Jaygee Merep, Julianne Brechtefeld, Keola B. West, Levian Libyan, Pablo N. Merar Jr., Ryna U. Obakrairur, Rekekl K. Reklai, Ryon K. Gaines, Uldekel A. Iliau, Vanessa L. Yarofral, Woodraw I. Remasech, and Wurley N. Andy. Thank you all for your hard work. The college greatly appreciates your dedication!



WIOA Summer Internship students being recognized for their hard work by the college

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.

## PCC Table Tennis Tournament Results

contributed by the PCC Recreation Office

From Friday, July 01, 2016 to Thursday, July 14, 2016 the Palau Community College (PCC) Recreation Office organized a Table Tennis Intramural Tournament for the students of the college. The tournament featured male singles, female singles, and mix-double categories. A total of twenty-seven (27) teams joined the tournament: thirteen (13) males, eight (8) females, and six (6) mix-doubles. The tournament was overseen by PCC Student Activities Specialists Lisa Sulog and David Salapwa. TABLE TENNIS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*PCC Student Activities Specialists Lisa Sulog (kneeling, far right) and David Salapwa (standing, far left) with the winners of the PCC Table Tennis Intramural Tournament*

## Emmaus & Bethania Convocation



*Staff and faculty members of Emmaus & Bethania High School reviewing the school's mission statement and educational goals*

This week, a convocation between representatives from Emmaus High School and Bethania High School was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The administration, staff, and faculty members of both schools attended the general meeting to discuss plans related to the merging their campuses. CONVOCATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## Matson Scholarship Launched at PCC

In celebration of its twentieth anniversary as part of the Pacific community, Matson Navigation Company Inc. recently launched a scholarship program with Palau Community College (PCC). The scholarship will support the educational endeavors of two (2) PCC students enrolled full-time in any of the following degree programs: Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Automotive Mechanics Technology, and Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation. Recipients of the Matson Scholarship will receive \$500 each school year (\$250 per semester) in support of their academic studies. Matson Navigation Company Inc. General Manager Bernadette N. Valencia presented the scholarship fund to PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil on Monday, July 25, 2016.

Since its founding in 1882, Matson Navigation Company Inc. has supported the needs of the communities that it serves and in which its employees live & work. The company has been a strong supporter of the degree programs and academic services provided at Palau Community College by continuously donating to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Applications for the Matson Scholarship are available at the PCC Development Office. Students must be enrolled full-time in the previously mentioned programs in order to apply. The scholarship is open to students from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). For more information about the Matson Scholarship or other PCC-based scholarships offered this school year, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.



*(left to right): Matson Navigation Company General Manager Bernadette N. Valencia presenting the scholarship fund to PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil*

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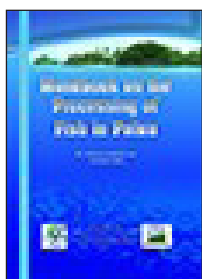
## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### 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: **HANDBOOK ON THE PROCESSING OF FISH IN PALAU**



"Handbook on the Processing of Fish in Palau focuses on the Research & Development Station's efforts on processing local foods that will help Palau create food micro-enterprises. Palau depends mainly on fish as a food source. Processing of fish is needed for self-reliance, rural development, and food security. This book provides information regarding processing fish in Palau to cover these objectives."

## 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

## 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.

## Table Tennis CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The college would like to recognize the following winners of the tournament: Clinton Iohp (first place - male singles), Shermick Mendiola (second place - male singles), Bernie Soichy (third place - male singles), Jayleen Ned (first place - female singles), Tulpe Kilafwakun (second place - female singles), and Chanelle Laukon (third place - female singles). Also recognized are the following teams that won in the mix-doubles category: Elaitaza Gideon & Fredia Clavin (first place), William Waguk & Jayleen Ned (second place), and Anster Dewey & Chanelle Laukon (third place). Congratulations to all the tournament winners!

The PCC Recreation Unit is responsible for organizing co-curricular activities and athletic programs that promote healthy lifestyles and foster leadership skills among the students of the college. These activities are also designed to broaden the students' college experiences. By participating in co-curricular activities, students will enhance their social skills. Co-curricular activities that are usually organized by the PCC Recreation Unit include intramural basketball, volleyball, co-ed softball, and table tennis tournaments. The college also offers try-outs for students who are interested in joining the PCC Mesekiu Baseball, Basketball, or Volleyball Teams.

For more information about the activities organized by the PCC Recreation Unit, please contact the office at (tel): 488-3885.

## Convocation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Emmaus High School and Bethania High School will combine their facilities this coming school year to form a single, co-educational institution.

The schools are well-known boarding schools that have supported the educational endeavors of students from the islands of Micronesia. Emmaus High School, located in Koror, was home to male students while Bethania High School, located in Ngaraard State, housed female students. By combining the schools into a single unit, the administration aims to improve the quality of education provided to the students by utilizing resources such as teachers, textbooks, and teaching equipment.

This coming school year, students from Palau enrolling at the newly established school will live off-campus with their parents or family members. The dormitories are reserved for students from the islands of Micronesia or those who live in the outlying states of Palau. The classrooms and buildings of Emmaus High School in Koror will be the main campus.

During the convocation, representatives from both schools discussed the practical means of implementing the merge especially in terms of meeting the students academic needs. This included a discussion of the school's teaching objectives and maintenance of the dormitory housing. The convocation was also an opportunity for the schools' representatives to review their mission statements and student learning objectives.

The combination of Emmaus High School and Bethania High School will help the administration continue to provide an education to students in Micronesia that is framed by Christian values.

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### SAMANTHA L. RECHELLUUL

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

*"A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her." - David Brinkley*



Samantha L. Rechelluul has been the Instructional Assistant for the Automotive Mechanics Technology Program at Palau Community College (PCC) since 2014. Her duties include teaching the automotive mechanics technology classes, assisting the students with their lessons, and maintaining the PCC Automotive Repair Shop. Instructional Assistant Rechelluul is also an active member of the sports community of Palau. She is a wrestler for the Belau Wrestling Federation (BWF) and also serves as a wrestling coach. In her free time, Instructional Assistant Rechelluul enjoys spending time with her family, writing poetry, and participating in various sports activities.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SANDY FERNANDEZ

(Class of 2009)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES



Sandy graduated from PCC in 2009 with an AS Degree in Library & Information Services. She worked as a Research Librarian for the Belau National Museum after graduating from the college. Currently, she is a staff member of the Community & Cultural Affairs Department at the Koror State Government (KSG).



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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.

## EMS Symposium CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Based on the data collected, Mr. Ngiraked concluded that the fish biomass in both areas has been decreasing and increasing over the years in a similar trend. However, a huge difference between the average fish biomass of the conservation area in comparison to the control site supports the effectiveness of MPAs. Mr. Ngiraked concluded that continued restriction of entry to MPAs is necessary in order to conserve Palau's marine environment. The data compiled by Mr. Ngiraked will be used by policy-makers and managers in support of Palau's marine conservation efforts.

### NOTICE TO ALL NEW, CONTINUING & RETURNING PCC STUDENTS:

New students are reminded that the **New Student Orientation** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 03, 2016**. The orientation will introduce the students to the Registration Process, Degree Programs, Student Services, and College Campus. All new students are required to attend the orientation. Continuing & Returning Students must take note that **Academic Advising & Registration Process** is scheduled for **August 08-10, 2016 (Monday to Wednesday)**. Please meet with your **Counselors at the Student Life Office** during that week to organize your class schedule for the new semester. Thank you!

### Celebrating Birthdays

Tanya Ngirkuteling

July 30

Jolene Joseph

August 04

John J. Tasurmwai

August 04



**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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## PCC Endowment Fund

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

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