

# **PCC Fall 2016 New Student Orientation Session**



PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro sharing with the new students information about the Agriculture Science Program and projects being conducted by CRE

On Wednesday, August 03, 2016 an orientation session for the new students attending Palau Community College (PCC) this fall semester was held at the PCC Cafeteria. The New Student Orientation was an opportunity for the students to learn about student services and programs available at the college. It was also an opportunity for the college to assist the new students with the registration process.

The orientation began with welcoming remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. PCC President Tellei thank the students for choosing PCC as the next step in their academic paths. He encouraged the students to prioritize their studies by finding a balance between their obligations and free-time. In addition, PCC President Tellei extend his hand to any student who needed assistance. He reminded the new students that his door is always open.

PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel followed with an introduction to the student learning services available at the college. This included the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library and the Learning Resource Center (LRC). STUDENT ORIENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### **IP&E** Donates to Endowment

On Wednesday, July 13, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) received a donation of \$3,000 from the IP&E Palau Inc. The donation was presented on behalf of the company by IP&E Palau Inc. Area Manager (and Airai State Delegate in the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau) Mr. Frank Kyota. It was received on behalf of the college by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, PCC Dean of Continuing Education William O. Wally, and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. The college would like to thank IP&E Palau Inc. for its continued support of the PCC Endowment Fund.



(left to right): PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, PCC Dean of Continuing Education William O. Wally, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, IP&E Palau Inc. Area Manager/Airai State Delegate Frank Kyota, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, and PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil

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.

## Palau Hosts Public Service Conference



Participants of the forum discussion held at the PTHSE

Palau hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Pacific Public Service Commissioners' Conference (PPSCC) from Tuesday, August 02, 2016 to Thursday, August 04, 2016. The conference was organized by the Bureau of Public Service System under the Palau Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Pacific Island Center for Public Administration (PICPA) of the University of the South Pacific. It was an opportunity for a cross-jurisdictional forum among the Public Service Commissioners of the Pacific islands to discuss current issues facing the public sectors. PPSCC, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## CAT 133-26 Apprentice Graduation

On Friday, July 29, 2016 a graduation ceremony was held at the Civic Action Team (CAT) Camp in Airai, Palau. A total of eleven (11) individuals who had participated in the CAT Apprentice Program were recognized for completing their respective programs. The ceremony began with an invocation followed by welcoming remarks of Lieutenant Genevieve Pike. Lieutenant Pike commended the graduates for their hard work and dedication to completing their respective fields of studies. CAT 133-26, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



PCC Alumna Liliwokalani Akemij (second from right) receiving a Certificate of Completion for the Medical Assistance Program

## PCC Exchange Program with Japan

On Thursday, July 21, 2016 representatives from the Junsei Educational Institution and Kibi International University visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). They met with PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel to discuss the possibility of forming an exchange program that would allow students from the Junsei Educational Institution and the Kibi International University to spend some time in Palau learning about the culture as well as sharing the Japanese culture with the students of Palau. The exchange program would promote global partnership that is based on cultural understanding. It will also strengthen cooperation by facilitating the advancement of shared learning & teaching goals.



(left to right): Kibi University Office of International Affairs Director Masanori Oishi, Kibi University Vice President Yuki Kake, PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel



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### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday to Thursday	7:30 <sub>ам</sub> - 7 <sub>рм</sub>
Friday	7:30ам - 5рм
Saturday	9ам - 6рм
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540.

## Available to Interested Readers: Hawai'i Magazine



"Hawai'i Magazine reaches Hawai'i enthusiasts locally, nationally and internationally. With each bi-monthly issue, Hawai'i Magazine provides insight into how to experience the best the Islands have to offer. The magazine helps readers plan for new vacations and fondly remember past ones. Through our stories, readers experience Hawai'i in more depth, gaining an understanding of the islands history, culture, and landscape."

#### Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

August 08-10 (M-W) Academic Advising & Registration

> August 11 (TH) Late Registration

August 15 (M) First Day of Instruction

#### **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.

## Student Orientation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

PCC Vice President of Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Thomas Taro followed with an introduction the agricultural science program. He highlighted the educational opportunities and career benefits of students who completed their studies in the field of agricultural science. In addition, Vice President Taro also introduced students the various projects that are being conducted by the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Department such as food technology classes and aquaculture.

Following the presentations, the new students were led on a tour of the campus by members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). After the campus tour, they met with the academic advisors from the Student Life Office to begin their class schedule planning process. The students also participated in a workshop conducted by the PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office that explained the financial aid application process.

All students are reminded that the First Day of Instruction is Monday, August 15, 2016. Feel free to visit the PCC Student Life Office for assistance during your first week of school or call (tel:) 488-2690 or 488-3036 for more information.

## CAT 133-26 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The following eleven (11) individuals were received a certificate of recognition that certified them in their respective fields of apprenticeship: Nena George (core), Clinton Ngirngesis (core), O'Mkal Tmetuchel (core), Nathan Siliang (electrician), Mason Ngiramolau (equipment operator), Fancher Seklii (equipment operator), Jesse Sumon (equipment operator), Everette Oikang (mechanic), Liliwokalani Akemij (medical assistant), Amber Sakuma (medical assistance), and Marvin Tewid (welder).

On Friday, July 01, 2016 Lieutenant Pike along with CAT 133-26 Chief Hospital Corpsman (HMC) Charles Givens had met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss the Medical Apprentice Training Program. They also invited PCC President Tellei to join the graduation ceremony in recognition of the individuals who completed the training.

## 2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) Assistance Scholarship is open to first-year (freshmen) and second-year (sophomore) students who are enrolled as full-time (maintain at least 12 credits per semester) students at Palau Community College (PCC). All interested students are encouraged to apply! The application forms are available at the PCC Development Office, located across from the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

For more information about the FSA Assistance Scholarship, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

## DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2016

#### PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

#### JULIANNE P. BRECHTEFELD ASPCC President

"Aim high and reach your goals."



Ms. Julianne P. Brechtefeld is from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). She currently serves as President of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). Ms. Brechtefeld is enrolled as a student under the Automotive Mechanics Program at Palau Community College (PCC). As a student leader, Julianne wants to assist her fellow students with finding a balance between their social lives and their academic priorities. Ms. Brechtefeld is a graduate of the Baptist Christian Academy in Majuro, Marshall Islands. As a senior student of the academy, Ms. Brechtefeld served as Vice President of the student body. Her hobbies include sports activities such as basketball, volleyball, rugby, track & field, and working out at the gym.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### LILIWOKALANI AKEMIJ

(Class of 2012) Associate of Applied Science - General Electronics



Liliwokalani graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in General Electronics. Currently, Ms. Akemij works as an Office Administrator for the Civic Action Team (CAT) Camp in Airai. She also completed a recent Apprentice Training with the CAT Camp for Medical Assistance.

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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 Mesekíú's News issues.

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An opening ceremony was held at the Capital Building in Ngerulmud, Melekeok on Tuesday August 02, 2016. Presentations, panel discussions, and workshop sessions were held at the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC).

Fourteen (14) countries were represented in this year's conference: Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Timor-Neste, and Australia.

This year's theme was "Building a Smarter Public Service through Research, Innovation and Strategizing" and discussions focused on topics such as the implementation of performance management systems. Featured presenters were Palau Minister of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism F. Umiich Sengebau and Managing Director of the Palau Visitor's Authority (PVA) Nanae Singeo.

