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PCC Students Attend 2016 SACNAS National Conference

contributed by PCC Science Instructor Vernice Yuzi



(left to right): PCC Student Jedidah E. Masahiro, PCC Alumna Neola K. West, PCC Science Instructor Vernice Yuzi, and PCC Student Ruby Joy Gabriel

From Thursday, October 13, 2016 to Saturday, October 15, 2016 the 2016 National Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders in Science (SACNAS) was held at Long Beach, California USA. Palau Community College (PCC) Students Ms. Jedidah E. Masahiro and Ms. Ruby Joy Gabriel attended the conference accompanied by PCC Science Instructor Vernice Yuzi.

The 2016 SACNAS was a three-day conference of cutting-edge science, training, mentoring, and cultural activities for students as well as scientists at all levels. Over 3,800 science students and professionals from different countries attended the conference. The event also featured workshops, scientific research presentations, motivational keynotes, and engaging networking events that were inspirational & educational to all participants.

PCC Alumna Neola K. West attended the conference to share her research entitled "Density, Habitat Preferences, and Population Structure of Semi-Aquatic Spiders (*Trechaleaextensa*) within Streams of Las Cruces." SACNAS 2016, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

PCC Admissions & Records Office

New regulations for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) being implemented by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) will allow for earlier availability of the application. Traditionally available on January 01, the FAFSA will now be available three (3) months earlier on October 01 (October 01, 2016 for the upcoming 2017-2018 FAFSA). FAFSA will use the income & tax information from one (1) year earlier. For example, the 2017-2018 will use information from the 2015 tax year. The early FAFSA will expand college opportunity by ensuring that students and families have more time to consider college options with an understanding of the financial resources available to help pay for college. Palau Community College (PCC) has discussed the restructuring of its Admissions & Financial Aid Office as a result of the additional FAFSA regulations. The discussion proposed a merging of the Admissions & Financial Aid Office with the Records Office. The restructuring will redirect the recruitment & enrollment responsibilities from the Admissions & Financial Aid Office to the Records Office. Thus, the newly merged office will be established as the PCC Admissions & Records Office. By redirecting the college recruitment efforts, the PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office can focus its efforts on fulfilling the new FAFSA regulations.

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.

Spring 2017 Classes for PIU-Palau

contributed by PIU Palau Teaching Facility Director Howard Merrell

Classes for the Spring Semester 2017 at the Pacific Islands University (PIU) in Palau will begin on Monday, January 09, 2016. Unless announced otherwise, classes will be held at the PIU Teaching Facility located next to the HRPD Office on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). This coming spring semester, PIU-Palau is offering THEO-200: A Survey of Christian Doctrine (Reverend Howard Merrell), Another Class to Be Announced, and BOLD-100: Old Testament Survey (Dr. David Owen).

The first two (2) classes will meet two (2) nights per week from 5:10PM to 6:40PM at the PIU Teaching Facility located on the PCC Campus. BOLD-100 is being offered as a Distance Education-Hybrid Course. It will consist of online & classroom instruction. All learning materials will be available online or through the PIU Teaching Facility. Other courses are offered through the PIU Distance Education Department. PIU-Palau will gladly assist students in Palau who are interested in these classes. PIU, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SPECIAL CARE

To PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, and all the college staff members who showed their support during the untimely passing of my daughter, Rachel Tawelmai. Your contributions were a great source of comfort during such a difficulty time. My wife and I greatly appreciate all of your support we received from the college. We thank you all and pray that the Lord bless you all back, a hundred-fold.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Tawelmai
and Family

*Because
You Give
So Much...*

Belau Art Gallery & Shawarma Corner Donate to 2016 PCC Fundraiser

Palau Community College (PCC) recently received donations from the Belau Art Gallery and Shawarma Corner in support of its fundraising efforts this year. The donations included three (3) \$10 Certificates and three (3) \$5 Certificates from Shawarma Corner as well as five (5) gift bags from Belau Art Gallery.

Belau Art Gallery was the first fine art gallery to open in the Republic of Palau. It was established in 2004 by Artist Michael Glinski. Mr. Glinski made Palau his permanent home following his success as an Ocean Artist, drawing inspiration from Palau's incredible natural beauty both above and below the ocean's surface. The gallery features original oil paintings and limited edition prints as well as a multitude of other artworks, including sculptures and custom Palau inspired jewelry designed by Mr. Glinski. The Belau Art Gallery is open from 10:00AM to 10:00 PM from Monday to Sunday. Its contact number is (tel): 488-6848.

The Shawarma Corner is a newly opened fast-food place that offers a variety of healthy cuisines such as shawarma, hummus, burritos, and so much more. It is located at the Koror-Babeldaob Gas Station (KB Gas Station) in Airai and is opened from Monday to Thursday from 7:30AM to 10:00PM, Friday from 7:30AM to 6:00PM (sunset), Saturday from 6:00PM to 12:AM, and Sunday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. For more information about the Shawarma Corner, please call (tel): 587-2121. Make the right choice, be healthy!

Contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for information about the PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser.



(left to right): PCC Student Kumer Ichiro receiving donations on behalf of the college from Belau Art Gallery & Shawarma Corner Owner Ms. Evita Ngirmeriil

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

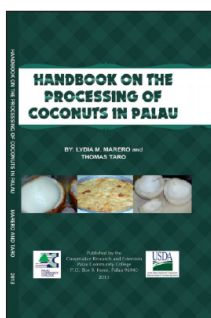
Monday to Thursday	7:30AM - 7PM
Friday	7:30AM - 5PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

PROCESSING COCONUTS IN PALAU

BY DR. LYDIA MARERO AND THOMAS TARO



"Handbook on Processing Coconuts in Palau is a publication compiled by the Palau Community College (PCC) - Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department in line with the Palau National Economic Development Plan of 2020. It provides recipes and information about food production regarding coconuts. The purpose of the publication is to encourage the local production of food related to coconut in order to increase the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) in the Palau Agricultural Sector."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

December 05 (M)

Last Day of Instruction

December 06-08 (T-F)

Final Examination Period

December 13 (T)

Grades Due by 11:00AM

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 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.

SACNAS 2016

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Ms. West had spent time in Lac Cruces, Costa Rica conducting research regarding the semi-aquatic spiders (*Trechaleaextensa*). Currently, she is enrolled at the University of Hawaii in Hilo where she is continuing her education in the field of marine/environmental science.

2016 SACNAS is organized by Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). For over 40 years SACNAS has been the leading multicultural and multidisciplinary STEM diversity organization in the country. The conference will be held next year in Salt Lake City, Utah USA from October 19, 2017 to October 21, 2017.

PIU

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More information about the spring offerings for the PIU Distance Education Classes will be available through the university's website (<http://www.piu.edu>).

The Pacific Islands University is an accredited US institution. It offers degrees in both liberal arts and Bible studies. Its main campus is located in Mangilao, Guam. PCC students may take courses through PIU.

More information regarding course descriptions, school applications, or financial aid forms can be found on the PIU website (<http://www.piu.edu>). Students planning to take classes this spring should apply as soon as possible. PCC students planning to take a PIU Course should contact Reverend Merrell at email: hmerrell@piu.edu. You may directly contact Reverend Howard Merrell via email for more information about the university.

Winner of the PCC Mesekiu "Guess Who" Challenge



Eoghan Ngrudelsang

Congratulations to Mr. Eoghan Ngrudelsang who is the winner of last week's newsletter challenge! Mr. Ngrudelsang correctly named the two (2) staff members, and their current job positions at the college, featured in the photograph below. He also named all the people featured in the photograph. Mr. Ngrudelsang received a \$10 Mobile Card (airtime) as a prize for correctly identifying the people below.



(left to right): PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, PCC Alumnus Damian Mailgiye, Former Counselor at the PCC Upward Bound - Math & Science Program Huan Hosei, PCC Alumnus Weldon Gideon, and PCC Director of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Vernice Rechebei

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

GUESS WHO!

RULES: GUESS THE PEOPLE FEATURED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE COURTESY OF THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEMPT THIS CHALLENGE.



Palau Community College (PCC) has continued to strive because of the dedication & commitment of its employees. The photograph above features four (4) current faculty & staff members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify the staff & faculty members as well as their current positions/job titles, the PCC Development Office will reward you. All students (except the students who are working for the PCC Development Office) are eligible to attempt this challenge. Please visit the PCC Development Office to submit your answer or call (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for more information. An answer will be featured in next week's newsletter!

ALUMNI NOTES

ROLAND HALICHIMAL

(Class of 2004)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Roland graduated in 2004 with an AS Degree in Information Technology. He currently works as a Representative Officer for the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) in the Pohnpei.



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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.

Show your support for the 2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event by purchasing a \$10 Raffle Ticket! Your support will help Palau's only institution of higher learning continue to provide the much needed academic programs & training that will help sustain the future of our islands.

2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event
will take place on **Wednesday, November 23, 2016**
from **11AM - 5PM** at the
PCC Mesekiu Bai

For more information about the fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253. You may also contact the PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao at (email): tchuziet@palau.edu or tchuziet@gmail.com.



SUPPORT THE 2016 PCC THANKSGIVING ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Celebrating Birthdays

Reiko Kawamura	November 07
Dr. Patrick U. Tellei	November 07
Noby Enano	November 08
Maureen Renguul	November 08
Debra Ngiraingas	November 10



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
- (5) Counselor
(Student Life & Housing Office)
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (6) Counselor
(PCC Adult High School)
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 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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PCC Endowment Fund

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**To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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

e-mail: 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>



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