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University of the Virgin Islands Officials Visit PCC



(left to right): PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro, UVI-ILOE Associate Director Wendy V. Coram Violet ND, UVI Associate Provost & Grants Program Director Dr. James Maddirala, Mrs. Rajeswari Maddirala, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Director of the Learning Resource Center Vernice Rechebei

On Friday, November 04, 2016 a group of officials from the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) paid a courtesy visit to the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). The group met with PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Director of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Vernice Rechebei to discuss the Distance Education Grant. The grants program at PCC is under the direction of PCC Vice President Taro and the co-direction of LRC Director Rechebei.

The visitors were UVI Associate Provost Dr. James Maddirala (Director of the UVI Grants Program), Associate Director of the UVI Institute of Leadership (UVI-ILOE) and Naturopathic Physician Wendy Coram Violet (UVI Grants Program Assistant Director), and Mrs. Rajeswari Maddirala. In addition to the Distance Education Grant, the UVI officials also exchanged information regarding the possibility of further collaboration with PCC in the areas of faculty development. UVI, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

CE Crisis Response Training

From Wednesday, October 05, 2016 to Friday, October 07, 2016 the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a Crisis Response Training. Instructor for the training was Clinical Psychiatrist Dr. Sylvia Wally. The only trained psychiatrist in Palau, Dr. Wally's professional experience includes being the Director of the Palau Bureau of Behavioral Health and providing mental wellness assistance in communities across the region of Micronesia. During the Crisis Response Training, Dr. Wally focused on teaching the participants about the proper methods for assisting individuals who have endured an emotional straining or traumatic situation. She highlighted the importance of leading the individuals to a place of positive well-being by promoting the practices of forgiveness, understanding, and analysis of the situation. Eleven (11) individuals from the Bureau of Public Safety and the Ministry of Health participated in the three-day training.



Dr. Sylvia Wally (sitting, far right) with the individuals who participated in the Crisis Response Training

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.

CDU Hosts Halloween Bash at PCC



PCC students participating in the CDU Halloween Bash Event

On Wednesday, October 26, 2016 the Communicable Diseases Unit (CDU) of the Palau Ministry of Health (MOH) organized a Halloween Bash Event. Hosted on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC), the event encouraged students as well as individuals from the community to participate in activities that promoted awareness for communicable diseases such as the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Tuberculosis (TB), and Leprosy. HALLOWEEN BASH, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE Fall Semester 2016

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 313 November 01, 2016 (Tuesday) is declared a National Holiday — "National Day of Democracy" for the Republic of Palau. In observation of this holiday, Palau Community College (PCC) extends its fall 2016 Last Day of Instruction to December 05, 2016 (Monday). With the extension is a change of schedule for the Final Examination Period:

On DECEMBER 06, 2016 (TUESDAY) classes which meet at:

8:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	8:00AM-9:50AM
10:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	10:00AM-11:50AM
1:00PM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	1:00PM - 2:50PM
8:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	3:00PM-4:50PM

On DECEMBER 07, 2016 (WEDNESDAY) classes which meet at:

9:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	8:00AM-9:50AM
11:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	10:00AM-11:50AM
2:00PM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	1:00PM - 2:50PM
4:00AM	TAKE FINAL EXAM FROM	3:00PM-4:50PM

3. Classes which meet on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS; take FINAL EXAMS on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2016 following the designated class times for these courses. FINAL EXAM PERIODS ARE ONE HOUR & FIFTY MINUTES.

4. MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2016. Instructors should arrange their own schedules and inform their students. FINAL EXAM PERIOD IS ONE HOUR & FIFTY MINUTES.

5. LABORATORY PRACTICAL EXAM & CLASSES scheduled at or after 5:00PM will take final exams during their last scheduled meeting of the classes for the semester.

NOTE: GRADES ARE DUE at the Academic Affairs Office and the Registrar's Office on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 11:00AM.

Taj Restaurant Donates to Fundraiser

The Taj Restaurant recently donated two (2) Discounted Lunch/Dinner Certificates to Palau Community College (PCC) in support of the institution's annual fundraising event. The donations were presented by Taj Restaurant Manager Raj Kumar Roa and received on behalf of the college by PCC Student Malsol Roberts. PCC thanks the Taj Restaurant for its continued support! 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 Malsol Roberts receiving the donation from Taj Restaurant Manager Raj Kumar Rao

Coffee Berry Donates Prizes for PCC

Coffee Berry recently donated three (3) \$10 Certificates to Palau Community College (PCC). The donations will be featured as prizes in the raffling drawing of the 2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser. PCC would like to recognize and thank Coffee Berry for supporting its fundraising efforts. If you would like to donate prizes or purchase raffle tickets for the 2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for information about the PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser.



(left to right): Coffee Berry Barista Ms. Rose presenting the donation to PCC Student Crane B. Moses

BITS AND PIECES...

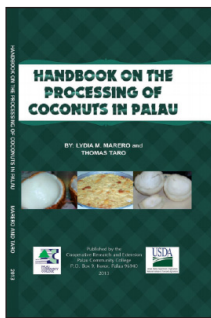
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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 MR. 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

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.

UVI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Founded in 1962, UVI is a public, co-ed, land-grant HBCU (Historically Black College and University) in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). Approximately 2,500 students are enrolled on the two (2) campuses: the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix and the St. Thomas Campus. The institution offers forty-seven (47) undergraduate & graduate degree programs across its five colleges and schools.

The UVI group that visited PCC had previously visited the University of Guam. They are planning to continue their visits to the College of Micronesia in the Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) and the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI).

Halloween Bash CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The event also provided the general public with print information regarding communicable diseases. Individuals who visited the tent participated in education & counseling sessions on communicable diseases. Also provided were free check-ups for communicable diseases as well as the overall physical fitness (weight, height, and blood pressure).

A communicable disease is one that is spread from one person to another through a variety of ways such as contact with blood or bodily fluids, breathing in an airborne virus, or by being bitten by an insect. The CDU encourages the public to participate in regular health check-ups and tests in order to prevent the spread of diseases.

For more information about communicable diseases or health-related topics, you may contact the PCC Health Resource Center at (tel): 488-8618. You may also contact the Health Information Resource Center at (tel): 488-1757/8618.

2016-2017 PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2016-2017 PCC-Based Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc. Scholarship is still open for applicants. Students who are interested in applying must be full-time students at Palau Community College, Citizens of Palau, and maintain a Commutative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.50. Please pick-up the scholarship application form from the PCC Development Office located across from the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc. is a dedicated sponsor of an annual scholarship that supports the educational pursuits of Palau's young people. Initiated in 2000, the Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc. Scholarship is awarded to TWO (2) FULL-TIME STUDENTS \$500 in support of their academic studies at Palau Community College (PCC). Each student receives \$250 per semester (fall and spring) if he or she continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.
ALSO, CONTACT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
(TEL): 488-2470/2471 EXT. 252 OR 253

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 two (2) administrative members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify the two 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

THOMAS BORJA

(Class of 2003)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS



Thomas graduated from PCC in 2003 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. He completed his BA in Interdisciplinary Studies, from the San Diego State University. He currently works as an Academic Advisor/Counselor for the Talent Search Program.



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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

Leona Tkel	November 11
Leilanie Rechelluul	November 13
Hulda Lukas	November 13
Deidre E. Yamanguchi	November 13
Vernice Rechebei	November 14
Samantha L. Rechelluul	November 14
Isumechraard K. Ngirairikl	November 15
Shelley R. Ueki	November 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Maintenance Technicians (4)
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (3) Library Assistant
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (4) Counselor
(Student Life & Housing Office)
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (5) 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>.

"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!**

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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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