

54th Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College

Today marks the 54nd Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC)! A total of one hundred thirty-nine (139) students are receiving their degrees from Palau Community College and one (1) graduate will be completing his studies under the PCC Adult High School Program. Twenty-four (24) will be receiving their Masters in Arts in Educational Leadership with specialized courses in Public Administration and Human Resources Development from San Diego State University.

The Honorable Senator Stevenson J. Kuartei Chairman of Health and Education Committee of the 10th Olbiil er Kelulau is this year's commencement speaker. He is an avid supporter of health and education for palauan. This is his second time as the commencement speaker for PCC.

The officiators for the ceremony include Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Raphael Bao Ngirmang, Reverend Hedrick Kual, Minister of State and also Vice Chairman of PCC Board of Trustees, Billy G. Kuartei, Delegate Dilmai Saiske, Minister of Education, Sinton Soalablai, Governor of Ngardmau, Johnston B. Aderkeroi, PCC Student Trustee Jedidah Masahiro, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean of Academic Affairs, Robert Ramarui, SDSU Dean of Graduate Affairs, Dr. Steven Welter, SDSU Chair of Dept. of Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education, Dr. Caren L. Sax. The officials of the San Diego State University are attending the ceremony to commemorate the master's cohort who have completed the Masters in Arts (MA) program. The Valedictorians for the Palau Community College Class of 2017 are Jed M. Gibson and Rdiall L. Tellei. Mr. Jed M. Gibson is receiving an Associate of Science degree in Education, and Mr. Rdiall L. Tellei is receiving an Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology. The Outstanding Citizenship Award is presented to Rdiall L. Tellei, a graduate of the Construction Technology.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Tellei are two of the sixteen (16) graduating members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter. Eighteen (18) graduates will receive the Outstanding Student Award in recognition of their academic achievements in their respective programs.

PCC ValedictorianS of 2017

Jed M. Gibson Associate of Science in Education

Rdiall L. Tellei Associate of Applied Science in Construction

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD Rdiall L. Tellei Associate of Applied Science in Construction

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD Rdiall L. Tellei

Associate of Applied Science in Construction

Jed M. Gibson Associate of Science in Education

Wade E. Kitalong Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Irish Tutii Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

Romeo G. Reddin Associate of Science in Criminal Justice Natasha M. Dudley

Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

Jairus Merep Associate of Applied Science in Construction

> **Qwend-lynn I. Paul** Associate of Science in Nursing

Neil M. Ringang Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Iola Blaluk Associate of Science in Education

Erikson L. Moses Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Dolores A. Kuguywew Associate of Science in Nursing

Regner U. Techitong Associate of Science in Information Technology

Harris M. Ubedei Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Stafford Odaol Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

Spencer S. O'Dell Associate of Applied Science in Small Engine Outboard & Technology

Rozella Tochi Associate of Science in Education

Pasquana Tirso Associate of Science in Library Information Services

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.



Best Cumulative GPA

The Best Cumulative GPA Award is sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association. It is awarded to the student who has achieved the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in his/her respective program, not including general education

Program	RECIPI
Agricultural Science	Havalei Re
Business Administration	Shiphrah Odelor
Community & Public Health	Irish T
Construction Technology	Rdiall L.
Criminal Justice	Romeo G.
Education	Jed M. G
Environmental/Marine Science	Rubie J. C
General Electronics Technology	Ricky Ig
Information Technology	Regner U. T
Library Information Services	Pasquana
Liberal Arts	Wade Kit
Nursing	Qwend-lyn
Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	Spencer S.
Tourism & Hospitality	Luigi R.N

RECIPIENT

Havalei Recheked iphrah Odelomel Tellames Irish Tutii Rdiall L. Tellei Romeo G. Reddin Jed M. Gibson Rubie J. Gabriel Ricky Igelmai Regner U. Techitong Pasquana Tirso Wade Kitalong Qwend-lynn I. Paul Spencer S. O'Dell Luigi R.N. Ueki

Best Effort

The Best Effort Award is also sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association. It recognizes students who have demonstrated the best effort in practical skills applications.

Program	RECIPIENT
Agricultural Science	Anster Dewey
Community & Public Health	Faith K. Ngirchomlei
Construction Technology	Ian C. Otei
Criminal Justice	Jr-Young G. Sikyang
Education	Nerlina S. Merep
Environmental/Marine Science	Rubie J. Gabriel
Library Information Services	Pasquana Tirso
Liberal Arts	Wade Kitalong
Nursing	Dolores A. Kuguywew
Office Administration	Marciana Kermong Renguul
Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	Spencer S. O'Dell



Phi Theta Kappa Society - Beta Omicron Zeta "Project Graduation: Relief Effort"

The Phi Theta Kappa Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter is asking for donations as a part of their 4th Project Graduation.

The group is asking for donations such as perishable food items, bed linens, pillows cases, pillows, clothes (any size), shoes (any size), towels, hats, or hygiene products (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitizer, etc.). We do not accept any cash donations.

If you would like to donate or need someone to pick-up your donations, please contact Student Life Director Hilda N. Reklai at 488-3036 and provide your name, contact, and location.

"Help the students of Phi Theta Kappa Society with the relief efforts for our neighboring islands! Any supplies donated will be greatly appreciated."

WHEN: May 19, 2017

TIME: 10AM - 1PM

LOCATION: PCC CAFETERIA

For more information, contact Director Reklai at 488-2690.

BITSAND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation Starting from May 15-June 9, 2017

Monday to Friday	8:00ам - 5рм
Saturday	9:00ам - 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 bimonthly issue, HAWAI'I 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 history culture and landscape.

Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

May 19 (F) 54th Commencement Exercises

May 22 (M) Last Day for Change of Grades

May 22-26 (M-F) Placement Testing for Summer 2017

> May 25 (TH) New Student Orientation

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 dilubch@gmail.com 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.

PCC CRE CONDUCTED SMM TRAINING



Oldiais Women's Association (OWA) members take part in the recent Seed Management and Maintenance Training/Workshop at the Hydroponics Green House Facility in Ngchesar

On April 17, a Seed Maintenance and Management Training was conducted by Professor Aurora Del Rosario and Mr. Felix Sengebau of PCC-CRE for members of the Oldiais Women's Association (OWA). PCC-CRE and the Bureau of Agriculture (BOA) have partnered with OWA to implement a hydroponics pilot project in Ngchesar State. Dr. Rosario is with the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Program at the Palau Community College.

This pilot project is funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) – Small Grants Program (SGP).

The training consisted of hands-on training and lectures on propagating seeds, seed maintenance and management. Professor Del Rosario lectured on proper maintenance of seeds to ensure that maximum number of seeds germinate in order to increase production and minimize costs.

Sengebau spoke on the proper construction of the plant tables. Also included in his lecture was hands-on training on how to correctly space plants on the tables.

These plants will be used in the second phase of the project, which involves the proper placement of the plants on the tables and the addition of water and nutrients to grow tomato and various vegetables. Literature found in internet shows that hydroponics farming produces more per an acre compared to land farming. Additionally, hydroponics farming utilizes less water compared to other traditional farming methods.

The next training is scheduled for April 27-28, 2017 at the Hydroponics Green House Facility in Ngchesar State. Interested individuals may inquire through the Ngchesar State Government office in Koror at phone number 488-2636 or 488-5881.

OWA and Ngchesar State Government wish to thank Professor Del Rosario and Mr. Sengebau for their continuing support during this phase of the pilot project. Thank you also to Vice President Thomas Taro of PCC CRE for your support. Good job OWA members and thank you GEF-SGP!

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

GUESS WHO!

RULES: GUESS THE PEOPLE FEATURED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE COURTESY OF PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Palau Community College has continued to strive because of the dedication and commitment of its employees. The photograph above features eight (4) staff members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify all as well as their positions, the PCC Development Office will reward you. Only PCC students (except the students who are working for the Development Office and PCC employees) are eligible to attempt the challenge. Please visit the PCC Development Office to submit your answer or call tel: 488-2470/1 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for more information. An answer will be featured in the upcoming newsletter!

ALUMNI NOTES

CECILIA OLIKONG (Class of 2015)

Associate of Arts - Liberal Arts

"Study hard, return to your home islands, and use your skills to help better your community."



Cecilia Olikong graduated from PCC in 2015 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. Ms. Olikong currently works at Palau Community College (PCC) Academic Affairs as a Secretary.

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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.

Faculty Senate Association (FSA) Award

Jed M. Gibson Associate of Science in Education

Rdiall L. Tellei Associate of Applied Science in Construction

> Wade E. Kitalong Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Irish Tutii Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

30th Pacific Educational Conference from July 17 to July 21, 2017 at Koror, Palau

Bedochel e Motekau el Kedul a Omesuub el Kirel aKlungiolir a Rengalek" "Quality and Sustainability in Education for Student Success"

<u>Celebrating Birthday</u>

Dr. Aurora Del Rosario May 20 Debbie Ngiraibai May 25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 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) Counselor (Student Life & Housing Office) salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) Counselor (PCC Adult High School) salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (5) Secretary (Academic Affairs Office) salary range: \$9,892 - \$17,567 per annum
- (6) Admissions Counselor (PCC Student Services Division) salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (7) Security Service Officer (Administration Department) salary range: \$6,709 - \$11,475 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Purchase Order Technician) (Administration Department - Business Office) salary range: \$9,913 - \$16,954 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 <u>http://pcc.palau.edu</u>.

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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