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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS

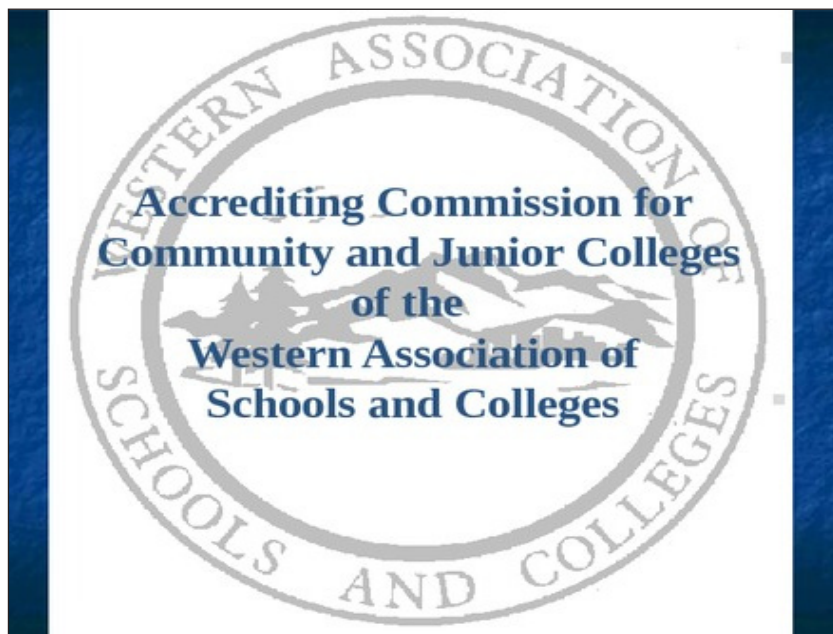


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## PCC Accreditation Reaffirmed by ACCJC-WASC



The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2018, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Palau Community College (PCC). The purpose of this review was to determine whether the PCC has appropriately responded to the issues as identified by the peer review team at the time of the last visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of July 8, 2016 and whether the college has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards. Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to find compliance and Reaffirm Accreditation for the remainder of the cycle. The Commission finds that Palau Community College has addressed the compliance recommendations 2, 4, 5, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards. The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report due on March 15, 2020. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the spring term of 2023.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report and this letter within the institution, including by

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### MHS Career Day at PCC



*Inset: Tennyson Cason speaking to the Midzenty High School Students at PCC Cafeteria about teaching journey and experiences*

Catholics Schools Week: MHS Career Day was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, from 8 am to 1:30 pm. The program began with welcoming remarks from Mr. Santy Asanuma followed by chosen speakers to share their experiences in life that have led them to where there are today. Speakers at the Career Day were Father Rusk Saburo and Sister Brenda Mwarike, Dr. Nihla Reddin, Ms. Heather Ketebengang and many others including PCC staff Mr. Tennyson Cason. Mr. Tennyson Cason talks about his journey to becoming a teacher, what it takes to be a teacher, and he encouraged the students to become teachers if they have the passion and the drive for it. We need more capable Palauan teachers to help teach the future generations.

*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.*

## McRel Meeting



*PCC and MOE staff participating REL Pacific 2<sup>nd</sup> Collaboration Meeting*

On January 29-30, 2018, Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Pacific 2nd Collaboration Meeting took place at Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. This is a follow-up meeting on College and Career Readiness and Success (CCRS). Participants from Ministry of Education and Palau Community College were updated with information to support College and Career Readiness and Success. In order to assist high school students to graduate and enroll in college-level courses, Quantway was introduced as an avenue for participants to utilize as a base model to assist underserved students to complete and excel in their developmental mathematics requirements. Another model course introduced was Statway. Statway is a year-long introductory college-level statistics course that provides students and college institutions with a more successful alternative to traditional developmental mathematics. This collaborative meeting provided by REL Pacific to engage in student success after high school is both PCC's and MOE's mission and prerogative.



*PCC and MOE staff participating in round table discussion*

## FSA 2<sup>nd</sup> term Scholarship Awarding



*Left to Right: FSA President Frutoso Tellei, Minelli Olkeriil, FSA Secretary Evangeline Andrew, Esilong Ngiraiwet, Monique Hideo, FSA Vice President Suzzette Hinojales, FSA Treasurer Cecil Meteolechol*

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Association (FSA) Scholarship for their hard work and their efforts to receive the second half of their scholarship award. Scholarship recipients Minelli Olkeriil, Esilong Ngiraiwet, and Monique Hideo have continued to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and satisfactory attendance while attending the college. On January 25, 2018, the recipients received their award at the Academic Affairs Conference Room with all the members of the Faculty Senate Association present to witness their accomplishments.

## Judy Dean donates to PCC Library



On January 25, 2018, the Palau Community College Library received boxes of books from Ms. Judy Dean who is currently a Grant Coordinator for the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau. The Palau Community College Library Acting Director Pioria Asito and staff would like to thank Ms. Dean for her donation and support to the college.



## 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: SOLAR TODAY MAGAZINE



HAWAII Magazine is an award winning bi-monthly publication that takes you "off the beaten path" to experience the Islands' culture, people, places, beauty, food and history. Written and produced in Hawai'i, this multi-platform brand inspires & guides those who travel to Hawai'i. The culture. The people. The islands we call home. Their stories are our stories. And we enjoy delivering them to your mailbox six times a year.

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2018

#### February 05 (M)

Non Instructional Day-No Classes

#### February 23 (F)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete  
Grades for Fall 2017

### 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.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



GOV. FLORENCIO ADELBAI



HARUYO BLESAM

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributors, Governor Florencio Adelbai and Ms. Haruyo Blesam. Mr. Adelbai is a current governor of Ngchesar State and Ms. Blesam is currently taking classes at PCC.

Thank you, Governor Adelbai and Ms. Blesam for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

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posting them on the College's website.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Palau Community College undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or any accreditation matters, please feel free to contact Ms. Deikola Olikong, PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer.

## Palau Community College Welcomes New Employee



Babeldaob Rengiil

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome its newest employee, Babeldaob Rengiil. Mr. Rengiil was recently hired as the new Instructor for Tourism and Hospitality. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in International Tourism and Hospitality Management. PCC extends its warmest welcome to Mr. Babeldaob Rengiil.



Nomination and Application Forms for International Students interested in the United States Coast Guard Academy is **NOW** available at PCC Development Office. Telephone: 488-2470 ext. 251, 252, and 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 three (3) administrative members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify all three 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

### JEDIDAH E. MASAHIRO

(Class of 2017)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS-SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS (STEM)



Ms. Jedidah E. Masahiro graduated from PCC in May 2017 with an AA Degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Ms. Masahiro is currently furthering her education in Biology/Biomedical Sciences at Grand Valley State University.



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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.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Math Instructor/ Tutor (2)  
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$100 - \$200 biweekly
- (2) English Instructor/ Tutor (2)  
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$100 - \$200 biweekly
- (3) Air Condition & Refrigeration Instructor  
depending on qualifications & work experience  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (4) Construction Technology Instructor  
depending on qualifications & work experience  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (5) Social Studies/Humanities Instructor  
depending on qualifications & work experience  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Community and Public Health Instructor  
depending on qualifications & work experience  
salary range: \$18,009 - \$31,810 per annum
- (7) Maintenance Technicians (4)  
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (8) Library Assistant  
(PCC Education & Training Department)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (9) Counselor  
(PCC Student Services Division)  
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (10) Admissions Counselor  
(PCC Student Services Division)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (11) Cook  
(Administration Department)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (12) Accounting Technician (Purchase Order Technician)  
(Administration Department - Business Office)  
salary range: \$9,913 - \$16,954 per annum
- (13) Researcher/ Aquaculture  
(Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
salary range: \$30,000 per annum
- (14) Researcher/ Agronomist  
(Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
salary range: \$30,000 per annum
- (15) Researcher/ Food Technologist  
(Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
salary range: \$30,000 per annum
- (16) Director Human Resources  
(Administration)  
salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 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."**

## Celebrating Birthday

Danielle Dachelbai  
Pioria W. Asito  
Jay Olfereril



February 7  
February 9  
February 10

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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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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