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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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High Schools Seniors Attending Financial Aid Night



Students and Parents during Financial Aid Night at PCC Assembly Hall

Palau Community College Office of Financial Aid conducted financial aid sessions to all high school seniors and their parents at PCC Assembly Hall. The financial aid workshop began Saturday 2/8/20 and continue until Tuesday, 2/18/20. Over 170 high school seniors attended the sessions and filled out Federal Student Aid application forms for the upcoming school year 2020-2021.

The financial aid workshops covered information regarding the federal student aid programs and eligibility requirements. Financial aid forms were also distributed and completed by high school seniors. Parents were also in attendance to learn about required financial aid supplemental forms.

| High School | # Seniors |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Belau Modekngei School</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Mindszenty High School</i> | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Palau High School</i> | <i>125</i> |
| <i>Palau Mission Academy</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>Emmaus-Bethania High School</i> | <i>14</i> |

Educational Talent Search High School Seniors and Parents Workshop



In February of this month, Educational Talent Search (ETS) program held its annual student and parents workshop for high school seniors participating in ETS program at PCC Assembly Hall. Over fifty students and parents were present to learn valuable information regarding U.S. Federal Financial Student Aid, college admissions requirements and application supplemental forms.

A special presentation was given by the former ETS participants graduating from PCC and U.S. mainland colleges.

Information provided also included budgeting and finance given by PCC Business Office Supervisor Ms. Debbie Ngiraibai.

Dean of Continuing Education Jefferson Thomas gave a welcoming remarks followed by Assistant Director of Talent Search Jolene Joseph. This two-hour workshop is part of the ETS program services required by the U.S. Department of Education to serve first generation and low income students in the Pacific Islands.

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OFFICIALS FROM JAPAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERY VISIT PCC



l to r: Takayoshi Kondo, Daisuke Enomoto, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Hide Omae, Dr. Christopher Kitalong, and Dr. Nwe Yin Yin

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Cooperative Research Extension Researcher Dr. Christopher Kitalong, CRE Agronomist Dr. Nwe Yin Yin met with Japan Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery for the possibility of future collaboration in research and extension services.

ETS WORKSHOP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



ETS alumni special presentation during ETS seniors & parents workshop at Assembly Hall



PCC Business Office Supervisor Debbie O. Ngiraibai providing information on budget and finance to ETS participants

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATES



Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Situation Report

Palau Ministry of Health - External Situation Report

3 February 2020 - 10:00 PWT

GLOBAL SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December of 2019, which has now been exported to several other countries. Person-to-person transmission has occurred among close contacts, including family members in the same household, of confirmed cases and healthcare workers caring for infected patients. **WHO Director General declared this outbreak of novel coronavirus as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.**

As of February 3, 2020:

- At least **16,789** confirmed cases have been reported for novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) globally; 16,618 cases within mainland China.
- 180** confirmed cases reported outside of mainland China in 26 countries and areas: **Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Macau, South Korea, United States, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Nepal, Canada, Germany, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Russia, Italy, India, Sweden, Philippines, and Spain.**
- 362** deaths have been reported – 361 in mainland China; 1 death in the **Philippines**.
- Person-to-person transmission reported in several countries outside of China including the US and Japan.

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of February 3, 2020:

- There are **NO SUSPECTED CASES** of 2019 nCoV in Palau.
- MOH Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated on Jan. 22, 2020 to implement preparedness and response measures to minimize the risk of importation and potential local transmission of 2019 n-CoV to Palau.
- Health screening initiated on Jan. 23, 2020 at Palau International Airport and Malakal seaport to screen all visitors to Palau. Over 2,000 visitors screened at points of entries (PoE) to date. All arriving passengers and crew must declare a health declaration form.
- Preparations being undertaken at the Belau National Hospital (BNH) to receive and care for critically ill suspect cases.
- Risk communication efforts initiated by MOH to relay credible and timely information to stakeholders and relevant information to the public and will continue to provide updates as they become available.
- Executive Order 433 signed by President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. on Jan. 30, 2020 temporarily suspending flights from People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Macau to Palau for the month of February.
- Health Alert for travellers issued by MOH on Jan. 30, 2020 recommending avoidance of non-essential travel to mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau.
- MOH continues to urge the public to practice basic public health measures to prevent respiratory infections:
 - Respiratory etiquette:** cover your cough and sneeze with a clean tissue or your sleeve.
 - Hand hygiene:** Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water.

SPRING 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM & HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OR CALL 488-2470/1 ext.

251/252/253

or email tchuziet@palau.edu

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:

**Community College
Journal Magazine**



Community College Journal Magazine is a quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal covering research and commentary on community colleges.

Academic Calendar

February 21, 2020

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
for Fall 2019

March 2 - 6, 2020

Mid-Term Period

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.

Newest Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund



Christie Chiokai



Alex Ngiraingas

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Christie Chiokai and Mr. Alex Ngiraingas.

Ms. Chiokai works for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism (MNRET).

Mr. Alex Ngiraingas is a PCC instructor for Community & Public Health Program (CPH).

Thank you Ms. Chiokai and Mr. Ngiraingas for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.

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Office of Financial Aid

United States Department of Education Federal Updates

The Department of Education (ED) released the 2020-2021 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules, which included a \$150 increase to the maximum Pell Grant award of \$6,345.00

Although \$6,345 is the maximum Pell Grant for the 2020-2021 award year, a student may be eligible to receive Pell funds for up to 150 percent of the student's Pell Grant scheduled award for the award year. To be eligible for additional Pell Grant funds, the student must be eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period and enrolled at least as a half-time student in the payment period.

Any Pell Grant received will be included in determining the student's Pell Grant duration of eligibility and Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU). A student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant is limited to 600% or 12 semesters based on full-time enrollment status or its equivalent.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Part Time Math Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (2) Part Time English Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (3) Part Time Science Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (4) Part Time Computer Science Instructors/Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (5) Admissions Counselor (2)
(PCC Student Services Division-Registrar)
salary range: \$15,542 - \$27,600 per annum
- (6) Social Science/Humanities-Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - 28,280 per annum
- (7) Director of Library Services
(Administration)
salary range: \$18,730 - 33,262 per annum
- (8) Construction Technology Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on qualifications
& work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Instructor Assistant - Construction Technology
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum
- (10) Instructor Assistant - Small Engine
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum

ALUMNI NOTES

CLARICE KLOULCHAD

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Clarice Kloulchad is an alumna of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2019 with her AS Degree in Business Administration (BU). She Currently employed with Palau Public Utilities Corp. (PPUC) as a Accounts Payable Clerk.



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ALUMNI

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.

Celebrating Birthday from February 13 - 17, 2020



Nena H. George



O'Hara Skebong



Connie Madrangchar



Grace S. Salvador

January 31, 2020

BULLETIN

Health Insurance Enrollment

Enrollment is now open from February 3, 2020 to February 29, 2020. Any employees who is not a member and wish to enroll or to add/delete dependents for Calvo's Select Care is requested to stop by Human Resources Office and fill the necessary forms.

Following are the rates.

Calvo's Select Care Health Insurance Premium Rates Effective March 01, 2020

| Monthly Rate (Single) | Class Type (Single) | Percentage Split | 12 Months | Bi-Weekly 24 PP |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| \$118.00 | Employer (60%) | \$70.80 | \$849.60 | \$35.40 |
| | Employee (40%) | \$47.20 | \$566.40 | \$23.60 |
| Monthly Rate (Couple) | Class Type (Couple) | Percentage Split | 12 Months | Bi-Weekly |
| \$236.00 | Employer (60%) | \$141.61 | \$1,699.32 | \$70.80 |
| | Employee (40%) | \$94.40 | \$1,132.80 | \$47.20 |
| Monthly Rate (Family) | Class Type (Family) | Percentage Split | 12 Months | Bi-Weekly |
| \$378.00 | Employer (60%) | \$226.80 | \$2,721.60 | \$113.40 |
| | Employee (40%) | \$151.20 | \$1,814.40 | \$75.60 |

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please call Human Resource Office.

Thank you,

Marie A. Anderson
Director, Human Resources Division

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**To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://www.palau.edu>



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PCC Library Reward Program Monthly Winner

**For the month of January 2020,
Manuel Urtilyang utilized library
resources for coursework includ-
ing research and assignments.**

**Mr. Urtilyang's hourly visits
exceeded all library patrons and
therefore he was selected for the
monthly reward program. Con-
gratulations Mr. Urtilyang!**



Manuel Urtilyang

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