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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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### PCC CRE-EFNEP Conducts Food Security & Agricultural Conservation Workshop



*PCC CRE staff and training participants during taro harvesting of plots*

In February 2020 Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension - Expanded Food Nutrition & Education Program conducted Food Security and Agricultural Conservation workshop. The program taught community participants on sustainable taro production based on conservation to reduce soil erosion and increased yield in dry land taro production (Sers). The program also include harvesting of taro plots. There were 6 demonstration plots of 20x20 feet square and a total of 20 farmers attended harvesting. Each demonstration plot consists of 4 sub plots; 2 for conventional and 2 for conservation agriculture. Six demonstration plots planted last year in September were also harvested together with the assistance from PCC-CRE staff. With this agricultural conservation method, the community will have the ability to gain knowledge in sustainable agriculture production and food security.

### PCC-CRE Aquaculture Researcher Presents at Aquaculture America Conference 2020 in Hawaii



PCC Aquaculture Researcher Miguel Delos Santos gave an oral presentation in the recently concluded World Aquaculture Society (WAS) sponsored Aquaculture America 2020 Conference that was held in Honolulu, Hawaii from February 9 to 12, 2020. Researcher Santos's presentation showcased one of the results in his ongoing research project on the improvement of seed production techniques for mangrove crabs in Palau. The title of his study was "Establishing a Better Combination of Algal Diets to Improve the Survival Rate of Megalopae in the Larval Rearing of Mangrove Crab *Scylla serrata* Forskal, 1755" (Fig 1). Based on the results of his experiment, he concluded that larval rearing of mangrove crabs is possible with or without adding background algae. However, by adding the background algae, the nutritional quality of the organisms (rotifers and artemia) that are primarily used as live feed

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## PALAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & BELAU TOURISM ASSOCIATION VISIT PCC



*l to r: President of Palau Chamber of Commerce Ken Uehara, President of Belau Tourism Association Sam Scott, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*

On February 03, 2020 Palau Community College President of Belau Tourism Association Sam Scott, President of Palau Chamber of Commerce Kenneth Uehara met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei on the specifics of RPPL 10-43 and possible future collaboration with the two non government agencies (NGO).

## PCC CRE Aquaculture Research Presentation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for the larvae was enhanced resulting to a significantly higher survival rate in megalopa production. Molting duration of the larvae from zoea to megalopa stages was also shortened by adding the diatoms (*Chaetoceros muelleri*) in the larval rearing tanks. He also highlighted that the timing for the termination of larval rearing need to be considered to achieve maximum megalopa production. For example, when the larval rearing is done at 29°C water temperature and 30 ppt salinity of seawater, the larval rearing should be terminated 17 days after stocking the newly hatched larvae. Extending the culture period after Day 17 would result to the reduction of survival rate due to the occurrence of cannibalism when the larvae reached the megalopa stage. This experiment is also part of his PhD research dissertation at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, UK and is funded by the Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) that is based in Hawaii.

## PCC to Host 2020 Presidential Forum



March 10, 2020 from 6 to 8pm at PCC Assembly Hall, PCC students, faculties, staff and community members will have a chance to hear the 4 presidential candidates through Q&A in a forum setting. Candidates will be asked a question and each will have two minutes to respond to the question. All candidates will be given an opportunity to answer the same question in the allotted time. All four candidates have confirmed their participation.

Presidential candidates to participate and their campaign slogan are Alan R. Seid, "Seid for Prosperity", Johnson Toribiong, "Mo Mesiou e ng di a Kot e ng mo er a Rengesool", Raynold Oilouch, "Building Opportunities Together" and Surange IWhipps Jr., "A Kot a Rechad er a Belau". Topics to be addressed are among some of the most pressing issues faced by Palauans today ranging from economy, education, environment, health and others. The forum will be broadcasted live by TMC TV, PWFM and T8AA Ego Paradise FM. General public, students, staff and faculty are all welcome.

**PCC Faculty Senate Association 11th Annual**

# Gentlemen's Gourmet

**FOOD TASTING EVENT**

**DATE: Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**TIME: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**PLACE: Ngarachamayong Cultural Center**

Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen & chefs.

Buy a ticket for only \$20.00 each and you will be entered for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Not only that, you will get 1 complimentary drink of your choice and the opportunity to taste some of the most delicious dishes from around the world.

Money raised will help secure scholarships for future PCC Students.

If you would like to be a chef, buy a ticket, or make a donation, please call 488-2471 ext. 240 and ask for Margie Buban, Emngel Meteolechol, Danka Ledgerwood, Derbei Meyar or any FSA member.

Palau Community College  
Faculty Senate Association  
Registered Non-Profit Organization

## 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:

#### Sport Fishing Magazine



Sport Fishing Magazine editorial coverage includes new saltwater-fishing techniques and destinations and insight about buying and using fishing tackle and boats[2]. Its editors are outspoken in defense of sound fisheries conservation, sensible management and safeguarding angler access to fishing

#### Academic Calendar

**March 16, 2020**

Holiday: Youth Day

**March 25, 2020**

Last Day for all Withdrawals

#### 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



Omar Faustino

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributor Mr. Omar Faustino.

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

#### Attention PCC Students



Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
*President*

**Republic of Palau**  
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February 19, 2020  
Serial No. 20-1612

The Honorable Sabino Anastacio  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
10<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau  
Ngerulmud, Palau National Capitol  
Republic of Palau 96939

**Re: Signing Statement for HB No. 10-61-4, HD2, SD1**

Dear Speaker Anastacio:


I am very proud to be able to sign into law HB 10-61-4, HD2, SD1, a bill that will ensure that all Palauans, regardless of financial status, have the ability to pursue higher education at Palau Community College. You rightly note in this bill that Palau's success tomorrow depends on our investment today in the educational development of younger Palauans. I want to thank you for your focus on this very important issue and spending the time necessary to bring this bill to this stage.

This bill works by amending the powers of PCC's Board of Trustees, prohibiting the Board from denying any Palauan citizen the ability to enroll on the basis of a lack of funding in four specific situations: first, where a student is denied funding from all outside sources and has insufficient family contributions; second, where a student is placed on academic probation and is no longer eligible for funding while he or she attempts to improve his or her grades pursuant to a PCC-approved plan; third, where a student has reached the maximum limit of funding but has not completed his or her degree in a reasonable time frame; and fourth, where a high school student is dual-enrolled at PCC. I have been told that this bill should help between 65 and 75 students a year who otherwise would not be able to continue their studies.

In order to ensure that this new requirement does not negatively impact PCC's finances, you had the foresight to include in this bill \$60,000 to help offset the bill's cost. Thank you for including this provision, ensuring that PCC will not need to adjust any of its other programs in order to provide for this new policy. Although this amount should be sufficient to ensure the bill is able to accomplish its intent, it may be necessary to adjust the amount in the future if PCC finds that it requires additional funding.

I thank you again for your work in crafting this bill. I am pleased to be able to sign it into law today.

Sincerely,

  
Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau

CC: Speaker of the House of Delegates Sabino Anastacio



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Director of Research and Development Station  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$18,730 - \$33,262 per annum
- (2) Computer Technician  
(Computer Service Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$13,081 - \$23,230 per annum
- (3) Field Assistant (2)  
(PCC CRE Multi-species Hatchery)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum
- (4) Extension Agent  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Program)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$11,010 - \$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

## ALUMNI NOTES

### DILISA BRIKUL

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH



Ms. Dilisa Brikul is an alumna of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2018 with an Associate Degree in Community and Public Health. Ms. Brikul is currently employed with the Ministry of Health (MOH).



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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 March 06 - March 13, 2020



Deikola Olikong



Gibson Towai



Thomas Taro



William Mitchell

## Bulletin

TO ALL FACULTY & STAFF  
CALVO'S SELECT CARE &  
MOYLAN'S LIFE INSUR-  
ANCE REPRESENTATIVES  
WILL BE ON CAMPUS TO  
PROVIDE INSURANCE IN-  
FORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

**CALVO'S SELECT CARE**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 @**  
**1:30 PM**

**MOYLAN'S LIFE INSURANCE**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**  
**@ 1:30 PM**

**BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE**  
**HELD AT CE Training Room**

## PCC Endowment Fund

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**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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## SPRING 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNI-  
TIES FOR CONSTRUCTION  
TECHNOLOGY AND TOUR-  
ISM & HOSPITALITY  
STUDENTS  
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE AT PCC DEVEL-  
OPMENT  
OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
VISIT DEVELOPMENT OF-  
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