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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC CRE, STEP-UP & PAIR Introduces Coconut Beetle Study



Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle

Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension, Pacific Academic Institute for Research (PAIR) and STEP UP program have been working on two entomological study. The first of these projects was the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle also known as “Chermel a Lius” which is an invasive species of beetles that attack coconut trees. Research began in 2015 on the damage caused by Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles (CRB) to coconut trees throughout the islands of Palau. Assessed over 1,500 trees at almost 50 sites from Kayangel to Merir, using an assessment system developed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. The study found that approximately 90% of trees assessed showed some damage, but that in most cases the damage was light, and would not affect the yield of the coconuts. There were two known biotypes of CRB in the Pacific Islands: the so-called Pacific type (CRB-P), which has been in the Pacific since the early 1900's, and the Guam type (CRB-G), which was first discovered in Guam in 2007, and is now found in Guam, Hawaii, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, the Solomon Islands, Palau and other sites in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Palau and the Philippines are the only places in the Pacific known to have both CRB biotypes. The *Oryctes nuditarsis* (OrNV) was detected in beetles from all locations except Sonsorol. Interestingly, the nudivirus was found in several specimens of CRB-G, which is supposedly not susceptible to this virus.

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2020 Presidential Forum Held at PCC Assembly Hall



l to r: PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Alan R. Seid, Surangel Whipps Jr., Vice President Arnold Oilouch, and Johnson Toribiong during Presidential Forum at PCC Assembly Hall

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Palau Community College hosted 2020 Presidential Forum at the college assembly hall. The event drew community members, staff, and students to hear what the four presidential candidates for 2020 had to say on different issues related to Palau's education, health, budget, infrastructure, and economy. The 2020 Presidential candidates were former senator Alan R. Seid, former senator and business entrepreneur Surangel Whipps Jr., Attorney and Vice President of the Republic of Palau Raynold Arnold Oilouch, and former President of the Republic of Palau and attorney Johnson Toribiong. This event not only promotes understanding of candidates platform and political aspirations but also support the college's institutional learning outcome in civic responsibility and one of the unifying principles which is promoting leadership.

The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students wish Palau a HAPPY YOUTH DAY!

Career & Technical Education Awareness Week!
from March 18-19, 2020

This may be an indication that the two biotypes are interbreeding in Palau and/or evolution of the virus. This two part article was contributed by student researchers at PCC-CRE, STEP-UP laboratory and PAIR as well as Nelson Masang Jr. former PCC student and now graduate student at UH-Manoa Campus.

Upcoming article on Fruit fly Management by PCC-CRE, STEP-UP laboratory and PAIR

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Representative Held a Meeting with PCC staff

On March 4, 2020 Moylan's Insurance representative met with PCC staff regarding Netcare Life Insurance for individual coverage. As such, information discussed in the meeting provided with individual were lifetime protection and monthly income, flexible and affordable protection with definitive price.



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

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Admissions & Records Office completed its high school recruitment on February 28, 2020. There are 188 seniors from all five high schools in Palau expected to graduate in May of this year.

For those seniors who were not able to fill out an application for admissions, our application process is not complicated. Each student's application is reviewed on its own merits. Just as important as your grade point average are the type of classes your taking. We are looking for students with the ability and motivation to do college-level work. We do not require the SAT, ACT or TOEFL but if you do take these test, please have your scores sent to us. These tests are used for placement purposes and are not used as a criteria for acceptance. Since we accept students on what is called a rolling basis, there is no set deadline for application. But it is recommended that you apply as early as possible during the year prior to the semester you wish to attend. We will notify you of your admissions status within two weeks of receiving a complete application.

If you have any questions or would like more information, Please do not hesitate to call Lesley @ PCC telephone number, 488-2471 extension 265 or, email registrar@palau.edu

Calvo's Select Care Presentation @ CE Trainign Room



On Friday, March 6, 2020 Calvo's Select Care conducted an informational session on its insurance policies, medical coverage and benefits including insurance plans and premiums with PCC staff. Present to introduce and welcome Calvo's Select Care representative was Vice President Jay Olegeriil.

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.

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Farmer's Union, Letter: Approved + 10
First a Look on Used Machinery on

Successful Farming magazine serves the diverse business, production, and family information needs of families who make farming and ranching their business. True to its name, Successful Farming magazine is all about success. Every issue is packed with ideas readers can take right to the field, barn, shop, and office to increase their profit and to position their farming business for growth and success in the competitive and global industry of agriculture.

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 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



Amanda Ebas



Alura Dee Ngirengkoi

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Amanda Ebas and Ms. Alura Dee Ngirengkoi.

Ms. Ebas works for the Ministry of Education (MOE).

Ms. Ngirengkoi works for the Palau Supreme Court.

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



*Palau Community College will host
the Annual
Career & Technical Education
Awareness
Week
from*

March 18 - 19, 2020

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

BIANCA TEMOL

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH



Ms. Bianca Temol is an alumnae of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2019 with an Associate Degree (AS) in Community and Public Health. Ms. Temol is currently employed with Palau Red Cross.



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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 13 - 20, 2020



Bruce Rimirch



Elicita Morei



Gibson Towai



Keith Ignacio



Thomas Borja



Thomas Taro



Nicanor Jr. Orjaliza

Message of Appreciation

PCC Library would like to extend a big thank you to Dean Sherman Daniel for donating much needed prizes for the upcoming Library Orientation Program.

PCC Endowment Fund

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

To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940

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://www.palau.edu>



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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

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