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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, May 1, 2020

Weekly Newsletter

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### Classes Adjusted in Response to COVID-19

Like the rest of Palau, Palau Community College has been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. When the public and private schools closed to enforce social distancing practices, this left the college to make a decision too. To close or to remain open? Being an institution of higher education, the college was free to decide. For faculty, the answer was simple. Continue the semester for students to be able to earn their credits and stay on track for graduation. With that in mind, classes were discontinued for one week to allow faculty to prepare for a new way of teaching and helping students to learn.

Faculty spent that week not on break like the students but on preparing their classes to be delivered in a variety of modes. Some chose to use the correspondence method by emailing assignments, readings and lectures to their students, others chose to turn their classes into fully online ones using the Moodle LMS while a few remained teaching face-to face since their class size was very small. Some are using Google classroom or Zoom to still be able to lecture and answer questions posed by their students in live time.

After the one week closure, students came back the following Monday and Tuesday for a short orientation for students to understand the changes that were made to their classes and to make their Moodle accounts if necessary. Social distance was practiced with students meeting their instructors in small groups for instruction on how the remaining five weeks would proceed and meeting in the On-line Computer lab in small Moodle orientation groups.

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The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students wishes all of Palau a Happy Senior Citizens' Day!

### PCC CRE and Melekeok PAN Donate to Dormitory Students



PCC Dormitory Students participating in tree planting activity in observance of Earth Day 2020

On Friday, April 24, 2020, PCC-Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) and Melkeok Protected Areas Network (PAN) donated various types of plants and trees including lemon, breadfruit, soursop, avocado and terminalia catappa also known as miich to PCC dorm. With this, PCC dormitory students joined with the rest of the world in observance of Earth Day and engaged in a tree-planting activity to promote and demonstrate support in environmental protection and agricultural advancements for the insitution as well as Palau. Great job and thank you PCC Dorm students.

## Classes CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Since Charter Day and Spring Break were not observed, there was no need extend the semester additional days.

These changes have led students to adapt to the new course styles. With no set time for their courses, learning to prioritize and organize assignments and manage their time wisely has been a challenging learning process. Adjustments have been made along the way as needed by faculty, such as extending deadlines, removing smaller assignment requirements and allowing students to submit hard copies of assignments when lack of Internet or electronic devices became a problem. Tutoring centers, the Library, and the Online Computer Lab remain open for students to support student needs with all practicing MOH's guidelines for social distancing and cleaning. All in all, the spring 2020 semester is winding down not as a traditional semester does, but still with student success utmost in the minds of all.

### Taiwan Farm Association and TTM Donation

Palau Community College (PCC) extends its gratitude and a big thank you to Taiwan Farm Association and Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) for their donation to PCC dormitory students.

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, PCC received a donation of two (2) sacks of taro, six (6) dozen eggs, two (2) bags of cucumber, one (1) bag of chicken, one (1) bag of pork, one (1) basket of lettuce, and one (1) basket of kangkum. TTM provides assistance and support to numerous organizations and non-citizens including FSM and RMI PCC students living on campus, the Bangladesh Association, the Philippine Association, homebound senior citizens, and those that don't always have the resources and the access for planting or farming. Thank you Taiwan Farm and Technical Mission for your generosity.



*Donations to PCC*

## PCC & MNRET Donate Plants to Community



*Community receive plants from MNRET and PCC-CRE*

On Friday, May 1st, 2020, from 9am to 3pm at PCC Parking lot, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNRET) and the Palau Community College (PCC) – Cooperative Research & Extension Office offered countless amount of vegetables and fruit tree seedlings to promote household level gardens as part of an initiative to build community resilience in the area of food security.

Individuals who took home the vegetables and fruit plant seedlings provided their contact information to enable follow up on the progress of their home gardens as well as allow MNRET and PCC-CRE to provide technical support in their endeavors to develop their home gardens.



*PCC CTE Lab School students cementing the 2nd floor of Tekrar Building for additional PCC classrooms on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.*



## 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:

### Diabetes Self-Management Magazine



Established in 1983, Diabetes Self-Management is a publisher of authoritative, reliable health information for the growing number of people with diabetes who want to know more about managing their diabetes. We publish a bimonthly magazine, a weekly newsletter, a number of books, and a blog.

### Academic Calendar

**May 01, 2020**

Last Day of Instruction

**May 05, 2020**

Holiday: Seniors' Citizen Day

### 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 Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund



Shelley Kailang



Marina Remeliik

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Shelley Kailang and Ms. Marina Remeliik.

Ms. Kailang works at Aimeliik State Government.

Ms. Remeliik works for Peleliu State Government.

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



Republic of Palau

### Ministry of Health

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email: [administration@palauhealth.org](mailto:administration@palauhealth.org) website: [www.palauhealth.org](http://www.palauhealth.org)

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT:** Ministry of Health Public Information Officer  
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Email: [edolem.ikerdeu@palauhealth.org](mailto:edolem.ikerdeu@palauhealth.org)

#### COVID-19 TESTING OPEN FOR THE COMMUNITY

April 30, 2020

The Ministry of Health (MOH) continues to test essential services' workers in the community for COVID-19.

However, testing is now open to anyone in the community who has symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or any other COVID-19 or influenza-like symptoms. Testing is open until May 11, 2020. If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please call the following numbers for further instructions.

- 775-3742
- 775-0084

MOH continues to encourage the public to practice preventive measures including proper handwashing and coughing/sneezing etiquette, avoid touching your nose, mouth, or eyes, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, practicing physical distancing (6 feet apart), avoiding large crowds or social gatherings, and staying away from others when sick.

If anyone should develop fever, cough, and breathing difficulties, call your doctor or the **Belau National Hospital OPD (488-2555)**, or the **Emergency Room at 488-2558 (after working hours)** for further guidance. For general information about COVID-19, contact the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555**.

## Message of Appreciation

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the administrators, faculty, staff, and students of Palau Community College (PCC) who showed their support during my time of grieving. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and I will not forget your selfless gestures that helped me through a most difficult time. Thank you all for keeping me and my family in your prayers. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for being there for me. I will never forget your kindness.

Sincerely Yours,

Hilda N. Reklai  
Director of Student Life & Housing

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Vice President Cooperative Research & Extension  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$21,911 - \$38,911 per annum
- (2) Director of Research and Development  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$18,730 - \$33,262 per annum
- (3) Computer Technician  
(Computer Service Office)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$13,081 - \$23,230 per annum
- (4) Field Assistant (2)  
(PCC CRE Multi-species Hatchery)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum
- (5) Extension Agent  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Program)  
depending on qualifications & hrs,  
salary ranges from \$11,010 - \$800 biweekly
- (6) Admissions Counselor (2)  
(PCC Student Services Division-Registrar)  
salary range: \$15,542 - \$27,600 per annum
- (7) 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
- (8) Director of Library Services  
(Administration)  
salary range: \$18,730 - 33,262 per annum
- (9) Construction Technology Instructor  
(PCC Education and Training Department/  
Academic Affairs Division) depending on qualifications  
& work experience  
salary range: \$16,010 - 28,280 per annum
- (10) 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

## ALUMNI NOTES

### DEEANN HASINTO

BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Ms. DeeAnn Hasinto is an alumni of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2018 with an Associate of Science Degree (AS) in Business Accounting. Ms. Hasinto works for is currently enrolled in Eastern Oregon University (EOU).

## Celebrating Birthday

from May 01 - May 08, 2020



Akiko S. Udui



Debbie Ngiraibai



Gamberlyn Ngirmeriil



Lakolani Olingellel



Maurine Alexander

## FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://www.palau.edu>



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## PCC Endowment Fund

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

**To SUPPORT,  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CONT'

- (11) Instructional 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
- (12) Instructor Assistant - Math  
PCC Education and Training Department/  
Academic Affairs Division) depending on  
qualifications and work experience  
salary range: \$600 - 800 biweekly
- (13) Instructor Assistant - English  
PCC Education and Training Department/  
Academic Affairs Division) depending on  
qualifications and work experience  
\$600 - 800 biweekly
- (14) Instructor Assistant - Science  
PCC Education and Training Department/  
Academic Affairs Division) depending on  
qualifications and work experience  
\$600 - 800 biweekly
- (15) Instructor Assistant - Foreign Language  
PCC Education and Training Department/  
Academic Affairs Division) depending on  
qualifications and work experience  
\$600 - 800 biweekly

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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

**"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."**



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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.

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