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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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### PCC Environment/Marine Science Student Presents Research Project on Mangrove Crab



*PCC Vice President Jay Olgeriil presenting program stipend to Ms. Amber Skiwo during presentation at library conference room. Also present were CRE Aquaculturist Miguel Del Los Santos, CRE Extension Agent Leilanie Rechelluul, Associate Professors of Science Gamberlyn Ngirmeriil and Vernice Yuzi, and Ms. Skiwo's parent and sibling*

On July 24, 2020 Amber “Sky” Skiwo, an Environmental Marine Science (ES) student at Palau Community College (PCC) concluded her Internship Training at the Cooperative Research and Extension’s Multi-species Hatchery by presenting the results of her research project titled, “A Preliminary Study on the Effects of Stocking Density on the Growth and Survival Rate of Juvenile Mangrove Crab *Scylla serrata* Forskal” in PCC Library Conference Room. The presentation is part of her requirements to complete the Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Marine Science program at Palau Community College. The purpose of her research project was to investigate how different stocking densities affects the growth and survival rate of juvenile mud crabs reared in captivity. The knowledge and information that were learned through this study is intended to guide mangrove crab farmers on possible methods that would maximize the production of mangrove crab juveniles in nursery tanks until it reaches the ideal size for stocking in grow-out farms. Ms. Skiwo showed the results of her experiment and concluded

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### U.S. Ambassador Niland Meets President Tellei



*H.E. John Hennessey-Niland*

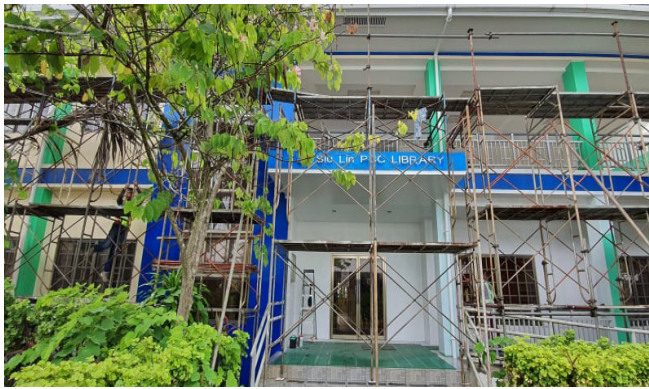
*Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary  
Embassy of the United States of America*

On Thursday, July 30, 2020 The U.S. Ambassador to Palau, His Excellency John Hennessey-Niland visited Palau Community College. Ambassador Niland was recently appointed ambassador to the Republic of Palau in March of this year. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with over thirty years of service.

Present to welcome Ambassador Niland were President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior. President Tellei gave a special presentation that provided comprehensive overview of the college mission, accreditation status, institutional learning outcomes, strategic directions, assessment process, personnel statistics, Republic of Palau Public Law establishing and initiating specific programs, enrollment and graduate summary, various federal programs, college endowment, pension plan program, and college future projects. Ambassador Niland extends his deep gratitude and thanked the college for information provided and look forward to partner with the college on future initiatives.

## PCC Campus Renovation Ongoing

The PCC campus library continues with major facelift and renovation. This is part of ongoing preparation for the Our Ocean Conference 2020 slated for December of this year.



*PCC Library*



*Library right side wall .*



*Library railings*

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that although the growth of mangrove crab juveniles was normal when they are stocked at density up to 500 crabs per m<sup>2</sup>, an increase in stocking density influenced the aggressive behavior of the crabs that resulted to cannibalism, therefore significantly decreased the survival rate. This research project is part of the Aquaculture Researcher's on-going research on mangrove crabs titled "Developing a Sustainable Aquaculture and Fishery for the Mangrove Crab *Scylla serrata* Forskal by Improving Aspects of Hatchery Production and Stock Enhancement" that is funded by the Center for Tropical and Sub-Tropical Aquaculture (CTSA). It is the first time that PCC EMS student attended an internship at PCC's very own aquaculture research facility. This activity provided the student an opportunity to work with the Aquaculture Researcher, Miguel Delos Santos to gain an actual experience in conducting a research that is relevant in the development of sustainable aquaculture and enhancement of marine resources. Within the 2 months period, the student learned and experienced how to write research proposal, design and conduct an experiment, collect and analyze data, and present the results in terms of oral presentation and research report. The PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE), being under the Land Grant Program of the US Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), considers training internship as part of the activities that address the critical issues on the development of sustainable aquaculture in Micronesia. Students who are interested to conduct their field work and internship are accommodated and were given mentoring and guidance in their proposed research projects.



# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

July 27 - August 21, 2020

Monday to Friday 8:00AM - 5PM

Saturday 9AM - 5PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED

#### READERS:

#### Education Week Magazine



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### Academic Calendar

July 27, 2020

Grades Due by 11:00 a.m.

August 03, 2020

Last Day for Change of Grades

### 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.



### Office of the President

CARES Act Report and Disclosure  
As of August 2, 2020  
45-Days Fund Report

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The Palau Community College (PCC) acknowledges that it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 30, 2020, and gives the assurance that PCC intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students.

The total amount of funds PCC, as a part of the CARES Act, received on May 21, 2020 from U.S. Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students is \$379,745.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of August 2, 2020, a total of \$179,513 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Starting August 6, 2020, a total of \$83,400 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Therefore, the overall amount distributed to students is \$262,913. The remaining funds will be awarded to eligible students enrolled in Fall semester 2020.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

The estimated total number of students at PCC who are eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 1000.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of August 2, 2020, a total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 339. Starting August 6, 2020, a total number of students who will receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be 240.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

PCC used the following methods to determine which students will be eligible to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES.

a. Based on guidance from the US Department of Education, PCC determined that all students who are eligible for Title IV aid and not enrolled in a fully online degree programs are eligible to receive a CARES Financial Aid Grants. Eligibility criteria to receive Title IV funds include but are not limited to the following:

- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate in an eligible program;
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have a valid Social Security number;
- Be registered for Selective Service (if male);
- Have a high school diploma, or its equivalent (such as GED/HiSET);
- Not in default on a federal student loan;
- Not owe money on a federal student grant;
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress

b. Distribution of the CARES ACT grant funds to students was based on the available funding and the number of eligible students enrolled in Summer 2020. Distribution of funds was also based on eligible students' enrollment status (the number of credit hours such as Full-time - 12 credits or more; ¾-time - 9 - 11 credits; ½-time - 6 - 8 credits; less than ½ - time - 1-5 credits).

c. Eligible students will receive the CARES Act financial aid grants ranging from \$315 to \$615 depending on their enrollment status (credit hours).

d. Checks that are not picked up by the students after 14 days will be mailed to students at the address listed on their student record.

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## 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

### SALUSTIA MIRA

GENERAL OFFICE CLERK (GOC)



Salustia Mira is a graduate of Palau Community College in 1985 with Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk. She is currently employed with Ministry of Health



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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 in August 1 - 7, 2020



Jolene Joseph



Johvanna Yaoch



Kesina K. Tadao

### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://www.palau.edu>

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### 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

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#### 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Students were informed that these funds are to be used for those additional costs of attendance which are related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

PCC students were notified of the availability of CARES Act concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants through the institutional primary website, college Facebook page and campus bulletin boards.

Eligible students were informed to pick up their CARES checks at the Business Office, Student Account section, starting on August 6, 2020. Checks that are not picked up after fourteen (14) days will be mailed to students at the address listed on their student record.

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## PCC Endowment

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CONT'

- (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>.

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