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# MĚSEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC supports mangrove crab aquaculture project in Ngaraard



*PCC CRE Researcher, Ngaraard State Gov. Iskawa and Food Security Representative John Mengidab releasing mangrove crab juveniles in the new Ngaraard State hatchery*

To support the development of a sustainable mangrove crab aquaculture in Palau, the PCC-CRE aquaculture staff delivered 115 mangrove crab juveniles to Meriu Wachi's Mangrove Crab Farm in Ngaraard State on January 26, 2021. In addition to this, about 3 million newly hatched mangrove crab larvae were also released along the mangrove channel at the Urung Pier beside the state building. Present during these activities were the Ngaraard State Governor Benjamin Iskawa, Agriculture and Aquaculture project coordinator John Mengidab, crab farmer Meriu Wachi and some members of community. The governor expressed his support on these activities particularly on the establishment of mangrove crab aquaculture and stock enhancement projects in the state. He also encouraged other state leaders to do the same activities to promote food security in the country. The mangrove crab *Scylla serrata*, also known as "mud crab",

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### PCC President Dr. Tellei Attends First Day of the Senate Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau



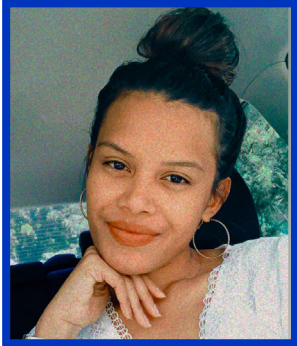
*PCC President Dr. Tellei observing the Senate session*

On January 26, 2021 PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei attended the first day of Senate's Regular Session. Senate President of the 11<sup>th</sup> Olbiil er Kelulau (OEK) Hokkons Baules recognized President Tellei for his presence and continued support to the leadership of the 11<sup>th</sup> OEK. The first day of the session considered important bills, including Tax Code Reform, Corporate Registry, National Building Standards, and Extension of Cross Act. Also discussed in the session were Senate Resolutions on confirmation of Charles I. Obichang as the minister of MPIIC and Kaleb Udui, Jr. as the minister of Finance. Other senate resolutions on appointees to the Palau Parole Board were Father Kinsak J.P. Ililau, Lakolani Olngellel, and Theodore D. Subris.

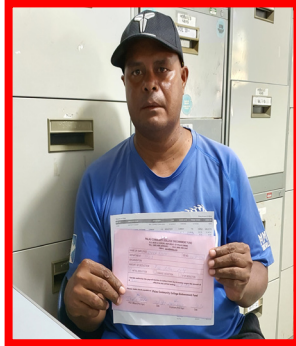
## Newest Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund

Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Dirremeang Ngiraingas from CHC-Ministry of Health, Mr. Carter Kodep from Ministry of Justice, Ms. Jersy Ongrung from Minsitry of Health, Ms. Ember R. Nakamura from PCC Financial Aid office, Mr. Lee Roth Wilhelm from PCC Automotive Mechanics Technology program, Ms. Lei U. Rengulbai from PCC Cooperative Research & Extension, Mr. Telbakes T. Yano from PCC AANAPISI, and Ms. Lakolani D Olngellel.

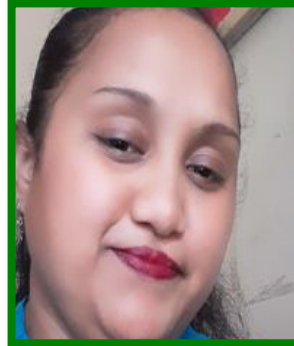
*Thank you all for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.*



Dirremeang Ngiraingas



Carter Kodep



Jersy Ongrung



Ember R. Nakamura



Lee Roth Wilhelm



Lei U. Rengulbai



Telbakes T. Yano



Lakolani D. Olngellel

### **PCC CRE Aquaculture Project** *Continued from page 1*

is a high-value and widely sought-after food species in Palau and other islands in Micronesia. Unfortunately, overharvesting, presumably due to increased market demand has led to substantial decline in mangrove crab population through out the Indo-Pacific region. In Palau, efforts have been made by the government and other concerned agencies to strictly regulate the fishing of mangrove crabs by allowing people to catch only those with a carapace length of more than 5 inches, establishing closed season, as well as banning exportation. The development of mangrove crab farming in Palau is essential to meet the demand of local consumers. In 2006, attempts were made to grow mangrove crabs to marketable size, however, continuous production was hampered due to limited supply of seed stocks. Over the decade, the Palau Community College (PCC) has successfully developed mangrove crab hatchery and nursery techniques at the Multi-Species Hatchery in Ngeremlegui State. PCC has been assisting the mangrove crab farmers who grow crabs by proving technical assistance and hatchery produced mangrove crab juveniles (2 to 3 inches in carapace width) for stocking their ponds and netted enclosures inside the mangrove areas. PCC has also been working with several community organizations and state leaders to help enhance the population of mangrove crabs by releasing newly hatched mangrove crab larvae along the mangrove channels and coastal waters. Out of the millions of larvae that were released, only 0.01 percent is expected to recruit in the mangroves due to various circumstances that may affect their survival rate in the wild.

# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Mondays to Fridays	7:30AM - 7PM
Saturday	7:30AM - 5PM
Sunday & Holidays	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### Journal of the International coral reef society



a leading global scientific, technical and medical portfolio journal providing researchers in academia, scientific institutions and corporate R&D departments with quality content through innovative information, products and services.

### Academic Calendar

#### February 08

Non Instructional Day - No Class

### 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 welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

## PCC Continuing Education Palauan Language Class for Non-Palauans

February 9, 2021

CE Training Room

For more information contact Dean Jefferson Thomas @ 488-2470/1

## ATTENTION STUDENTS

Available

### PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

*Debbie Ngiraibai Business Accounting*  
*Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC)*

## SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER 2021 (16 WEEKS)

### January 04 (M)

New Student Orientation

### April 01-02 (TH-F)

Student's Spring Break

### January 07-08 (TH-F)

Late Registration

### April 02 (F)

PCC Charter Day

### January 11 (M)

First Day of Instruction

### April 16 (F)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

### January 11-14 (M-TH)

Credit by Examination  
Period

### April 19 (M)

Registration for Summer 2021

### January 11-15 (M-F)

Drop & Add Period

### April 23 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

### January 15 (F)

Last Day to Change CR/NC

### April 26-30 (M-F)

Final Examination Period

&

Audit Grade Options

### April 30 (F)

Last Day to Remove  
Incomplete Grades for Fall  
2020

### February 08 (M)

Non Instructional Day-No  
Class

### May 05 (W)

Holiday: Senior Citizens Day

### March 1-5 (M-F)

Mid-Term Period (16  
Instructional Weeks)

### ATTENTION STUDENTS!!

#### 2021 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 17, 2021

TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PCC RECREATION OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 12, 2021.

TECHNICAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021. ALL TEAM CAPTAINS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

**Celebrating Birthday**  
**January 29 to February 06, 2020**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

- (1) Computer Technician  
(Computer Service Office)  
salary ranges from \$13,081 - \$23,230 per annum
- (2) Extension Agent EFNEP  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Program)  
salary ranges from \$11,010 - \$19,552.00 per annum
- (3) Director of Library Services  
(Administration)  
salary range: \$18,730 - 33,262 per annum
- (4) 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
- (5) Maintenance & Operations Supervisor  
Physical Plant - Administration Department  
depending on qualifications and work experience  
salary range: \$16,941.00 - 30,085 per annum
- (6) Math Instructor  
Learning Resource Center  
Student Services  
depending on qualifications and work experience  
salary range: \$14,802 - 22,000 per annum
- (7) Academic Advisor/Counselor  
PCC Talent Search Program  
salary range: \$17,000 - 20,000 per annum
- (8) Library Assistant  
PCC Library  
salary range: \$8,502 - \$15,098 per annum



Rennetta Meyar



Felix Sengebau



Vernice Yuzi



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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CONT'**

- (9) Director, Student Life  
(PCC Student Life Office) depending on  
qualifications and work experience  
salary ranges from \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum

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://www.palau.edu>.

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

**PCC Endowment**

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

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 96940

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!**

**FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION**



<http://www.palau.edu>



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**ALUMNI NOTES**

**RACHEL SUMANG**  
**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**



Rachel Sumang is a graduate of Palau Community College in 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Office Administration program. She is currently employed at the Public Defender's Office at Ministry of State.

**Palau Community College**

***Institutional Learning Outcome #3:***

**Quantitative and Technological Competence**

***Use mathematical skills appropriate to our technological society by analyzing and solving problems that are quantitative in nature and use technology for informational, academic, personal and professional needs.***



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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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