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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PPS CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING ONGOING



Inset: Instructor Victoria Maui and Postal Service staff during the first session of Customer Service Training at Philatelic Corner

On August 19, 2021 Palau Community College Continuing Education conducted a Customer Service training to the Republic of Palau Postal Service employees. The training engages participants on business concepts such as customers' needs, expectation, and most importantly how to solve customers' problem. Topics covered in the training are enhancing relationship between service quality, customer experience and business objectives; tailoring service to meet and exceed customer expectations in real time; improving communication etiquette and service recovery techniques; cultivating positive customer experience and service quality; importance of front-line employees in business; and understanding the basic needs of the customers. This four-hour training will be administered to all postal service workers via a group of seven people at a time. Training instructor is Ms. Victoria Maui, a retired PCC Associate Professor of Tourism & Hospitality program. Trainings are ongoing and will have the awarding ceremony later this week.

PCC CLASSIFIED STAFF ORGANIZATION ELECTED NEW OFFICERS 2021-2023



l to r: CSO President Debbie Ngiraibai, Treasurer Kimiko Tadao, Secretary Dilubch Samil, and Vice President Keith Ignacio

On Wednesday, August 25, 2021 Palau Community College Classified Staff Organization (CSO) held an election for its officers. Based on the result of the election and overwhelming support from the members, Debbie Ngiraibai was elected President followed by Keith Ignacio-Vice President, Dilubch Samil-Secretary, and Kimiko Tadao-Treasurer. CSO is a non-profit organization charter under Title 12 of Palau National Code in 2012. The organization's by-laws mandate election of officers to serve two years and may be re-elected to serve another two-year term as specified in Article 3. section 2. CSO is known for supporting the college through its community outreach activities such as community and campus clean up, monetary donations to summer kids programs and the college endowment. Palau Community College extends its congratulations to all elected CSO officers.



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August 23, 2021

SPECIAL BULLETIN #13

TO : ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF
FROM : PCC PRESIDENT
SUBJECT : UPDATE ON COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

On Friday, August 20th, the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) announced the confirmation of two imported positive cases of COVID-19. The two infected individuals arrived on Palau on the August 15th flight from Guam and were identified by the fifth-day mandatory testing. They were immediately isolated (quarantined) and contact tracing is ongoing.

At this point, based on guidance from the MMHS Public Service Announcement on Sunday August 22nd, the College continues its normal operation, including instructional programs and services. However, as advised by MHHS, all students, faculty and staff are urged to remain calm and to continue to practice preventive measures including getting vaccinated, proper and frequent hand-washing, physical distancing, wearing masks when appropriate, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects, limiting large indoor gatherings, covering coughs and sneezes, and calling the hospital for advice if you feel sick or exhibit any or combination of the following symptoms of flu:

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| *Fever or feeling feverish/having chills | *Cough |
| *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | *Sore throat |
| *Fatigue (tiredness) | *Headache |
| *Muscle pain or body aches | *Runny or stuffy nose |

Effective today August 23rd until rescinded in writing, all PCC students, employees and customers are required to wear masks inside all buildings including classrooms, shops, offices, Library, etc. Mask wearing is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED if you are on campus grounds. Any College vehicle carrying two (including the driver) or more people will require wearing of masks as well.

Director Anderson-Nabeyama of HR (488-2470/2471/1658, Extension 228, cell phone 775-5021) is available to provide any assistance to faculty and staff. For students, Dear Reklai is available at 488-2470/2471/1658, Extension 234 or cell phone #775-2236.

Again, everyone is urged to remain calm as we continue our normal operations and await further guidance from the MHHS. Thank you for your understanding and participation in our response to this new virus and the College will provide updates when additional information is received.

Patrick U. Tellei, EdD

Xc: Chairman & Members, Board of Trustees
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YOUR OPPORTUNITY

PNCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2021

4 AWARDS of \$1,000 EACH + PAID Internship at PNCC

Open to all 2nd year Palauan students enrolled full-time at Palau Community College

DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 30, 2021

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

- PNCC will award \$1,000 each to four qualified applicants (\$500 each per semester during the same academic year as the award)
- Three-month paid internship at PNCC immediately after graduation
- May be offered a 2-year paid contract after the internship program with full benefits.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Palauan citizen
- Second-year student at PCC
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must have completed 32 or more credit hours
- Full-time student with 12 credits per semester
- Must complete their program in spring or summer of the same academic year as the scholarship award.

FIELDS OF STUDY

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Automotive Technology
- Business Accounting
- Construction Technology
- Electrical Technology
- General Electronics Technology
- Information Technology
- Office Administration
- Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology
- Tourism and Hospitality

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Deadline for submission of PNCC Scholarship Application is September 30.
- Review and approval of applications will take place 1st week of October
- Scholarship awards will be announced 2nd week of October
- Download application form at pnccpalau.com or pcc.palau.edu

pnccpalau.com

☎ 775-3965 or 775-9125

pcc.palau.edu

PCC WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE AND NEW-EST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT



Nicole Gabriel

Palau Community College would like to welcome its newest Student Life Office counselor Ms. Nicole Gabriel. Ms. Gabriel is a PCC Upward Bound Alumni (2014) and a graduate of Bob Jones University in South Carolina in 2018. Ms. Gabriel is also a newest contributor to PCC endowment fund through a bi-weekly allotment. Thank you Nicole Gabriel for your contribution to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.

20TH CAREGIVER TRAINING CONCLUDES



20th Caregiver Training at PCC Assembly Hall

On Friday, August 20, 2021 Palau Community College witnessed another awarding ceremony for caregiver training at PCC Assembly Hall. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei gave a special remarks on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire community college. Also present to encourage trainees to keep practicing the skills learned was Dr. Sylvia Osarch, lead instructor of the training. Assistant instructors who were present to give support and words of encouragement were Dr. Louisa Santos, Amos Solomon, and Philip Gerty. There were a total of 18 caregiver participants including our very own PCC staff: Alex Ngiraingas, Amy K. Andres, Cecilia Andrew, and Cecilia Olikong.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	8:00AM - 5PM
Friday	8:00AM - 5PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 6PM
Sunday & Holiday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

Education Week Magazine



Education Week has been America's most trusted resource for K-12 education news and information. 1.6+ million readers. National coverage. From teachers to principals to district leaders across the country. Education Week's diverse audience turns to us for the most up-to-date information on K-12 education in the U.S., as well as innovative, high-value tools and solutions.

Academic Calendar

September 6 (M)
Holiday: No Class

September 30 (Th)
Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2021

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 welcome.

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

Palau Community College Adult High School Program

• PCC Adult High School program wishes to announce that 2021 Fall Semester will begin classes on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The schedule for the semester is as follows:

• Registration: August 10 to 23, 2021

• Orientation for all students will held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at Continuing Education Training Room starting @ 10:00 am.

• Classes for 2021 Fall Semester will begin on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

• Anyone interested in the program may call the PCC Adult High School Office at 288-2471 ext. 267 for more information.



Palau COVID-19 Situation Report

Ministry of Health & Human Services
Weekly Report as of 24 August 2021 - 4 PM PWT

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active cases; 2 travel related cases; 0 community cases; 0 recovered cases; 2 historical cases; 26 in self-quarantine

8,221

COVID-19 tests conducted (since April 2020)

3,088

inbound travelers placed under quarantine or restriction of movement (since April 2020)

14,938

adults (18+ yrs old) with at least 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine

14,447

adults (18+ yrs old) fully vaccinated against COVID-19

1,146

adolescents (12 to 17 yrs old) with at least 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine

835

adolescents (12 to 17 yrs old) fully vaccinated against COVID-19

MHHS COVID-19 Hotline remains open to serve the public:

+680-488-0555

Visit www.palauhealth.org for latest MHHS COVID-19 guidance and directives.

Follow MHHS social media channels for regular updates:

@MHHSPalau

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 24, 2021

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UPDATE – TWENTY-FOUR (24) INITIAL CLOSE CONTACTS TEST NEGATIVE ON DAYS 1 AND 3, ADDITIONAL CLOSE CONTACTS TEST NEGATIVE ON DAY 1

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to update the public that further investigation revealed two more close contacts of the individuals who tested positive¹ of COVID-19 on August 20, 2021, which brings the total of close contacts² to twenty-six (26).

- The initial twenty-four (24) close contacts had tested negative on Binax antigen and PCR GeneXpert on day 1. They have been tested again on day 3, and their results are negative.
- The other two close contacts were also tested using Binax antigen and PCR GeneXpert on their day 1 testing, and their results were also negative. They will be tested again on day 3.
- All close contacts remain in quarantine for a total of ten (10) days from last exposure.

MHHS continues to monitor the situation and will update the public as new information becomes available.

Again, the public is advised to remain calm and to continue the following preventive measures:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask as appropriate
- Consider limiting large indoor gatherings and practice physical distancing, 3-6 feet apart
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and spaces
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Stay home, away from others and call the Hospital for advice if you are sick

We continue to thank the community for its support and understanding.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS Incident Commander, Ms. Ritter Udai (775-0084) or the Deputy Incident Commander/Liaison Officer, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.

¹ Per protocol, all identified positive cases of COVID-19 are isolated for 10 days, and tested on day 1 and 10.
² Per protocol, all close contacts of positive cases of COVID-19, are quarantined for 10 days, and tested on day 1, 3, and 10.

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: \$24,000 - 26,000 per annum
Federally funded program
- (8) Director, Student Life
(PCC Student Life Office) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary ranges from \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum

ALUMNI NOTES

BENJAMIN BULICHE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE



Benjamin Buliche is a graduate of Palau Community College (PCC) in 2020 with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Agricultural Science. Mr. Buliche currently works as a Custodian at Palau Community College.



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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 August 27 - September 05, 2021



Didlich Albert



Dahlia Katosang

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CONT

- (9) Instructor Assistant - Auto Mechanics
(Academic Affairs)
salary ranges from \$12,653 - \$22,349 per annum
- (10) Academic Advisor/Counselor
Upward Bound Program
salary: \$19,000 annually
- (11) Tracking and Data Coordinator
PCC Talent Search Program
salary range: \$17,000 - 19,000 per annum
Federally funded program
- (12) Part-time Tutors
PCC Talent Search Program
salary range: \$500 - 1,200 per annum
School Year 2021-2022
Federally funded program

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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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!

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://www.palau.edu>



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Ministry of Health & Human Services

COVID-19 Vaccination

SCHEDULE

Friday (walk-ins)

August 27, 2021

National Gymnasium

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Available Vaccine: Pfizer & Moderna

Open to Students, Staff, &
12 to 17 years old.

Any questions/concerns?

Call COVID-19 Hot Line @ 488-0555

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