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PCC CELEBRATES U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY



Inset: Guest Speaker Toribiong, Student Trustee Kokichi, faculty, staff, and 1st place Essay Contest winner ASPCC President Weber Santiago



U.S. Constitution Day celebration with guest speaker former ROP President Johnson Toribiong and students at PCC Library compound

On Friday, September 16, 2022 Palau Community College (PCC) Academic Affairs hosted the 253th Constitution Celebration held at the college library compound. The committee on U.S. Constitution Day celebration who work tirelessly to plan and implement the event were Alins Nobuo, Howard Charles, Margeline Valencia, Ligaya Sara, Cecil Meteolechol, Jeana Borja, Mary Banphis, and Sonia Elab. Guest speaker for the event was the former ROP President Johnson Toribiong to highlighted the long standing history of the U.S. Constitution and what it has contributed to the government of United States and its people.

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U.S. DOI Assistant Secretary Carmen G. Cantor Visits PCC



front l to r: PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, ASPCC President Weber Santiago, USDOJ Assistant Secretary for Insular & International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor, DOI-IOS Katherine "Grace" Magruder; back row: Dean of Academic Affairs Deikola Olikong, Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai, Dean of CE Hedrick Kual, Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, and Vice President of CRE Dr. Christopher Kitalong

On September 19, 2022 U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary for Insular & International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor visited Palau Community College and met with President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, Vice President of CRE Dr. Christopher Kitalong, Dean of Academic Affairs Deikola Olikong, Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai, Dean of Continuing Education Hedrick Kual, and ASPCC President Weber Santiago. President Dr. Tellei welcomed Assistant Secretary Cantor and gave a brief presentation on the college accreditation status, U.S. federal programs, federal student aid, higher education programs, and future academic program initiative such as bachelor of science which is expected to begin next school year.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY, PALAU!

from the PCC Board of Trustees, President,
Administration, Faculty, Staff & Students

Palau Community College is an accessible comprehensive public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

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Students also participated in scavenger hunt to enhance their understanding of the college units, offices, and divisions. Some students participated in the essay contest to showcase their understanding and knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. First place winner of the essay contest was ASPCC President Weber Santiago and the first place winner for the scavenger hunt were team J under the leadership of Weber Santiago. Congratulations winners and see you next year.

U.S. Constitution Celebration Winning Essay by Weber Santiago

A Palauan's Reflection on Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Years of the American Constitution

The relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Palau is unique. These two nations are different in culture and ethnicity yet value many of the same things, and these shared values are enshrined in their respective Constitutions. Though the Constitution of the United States is nearing its two hundred and thirty-fifth year, the Palauan Constitution has recently surpassed its forty-second year; the two documents share many similarities indicative of their nations' close ties. Both documents share similar origins and are inspired by the history of common law shared by the world. The two also protect similar rights that are at times expressed in uniform language, and both are dedicated to the progress towards equality.

The American Constitution was drafted with the guidance of philosophies of old and new. Though the document was new and revolutionary in 1787, the ideas behind it already existed and were already enshrined in similar documents in the Old World. The stark difference between those documents, like the English Bill of Rights and the Magna Carta, and the American Constitution was that the latter not only took inspiration from the former, it expanded and refined their content. Law, like a house, is as strong as its foundation. Brick upon brick, the common law that we know today is the basis of many of Palau's laws, and its Constitution took form over centuries. Like its American counterpart, the Palauan Constitution takes inspiration from the old and the new. Etched into it are the words and ideas of the English barons that fought for the Magna Carta, French philosophers like John Locke, and the founding fathers who authored the American Constitution. The Constitutions of both nations are derived from a line of common law that has existed for centuries, and both are related to each other in this sense.

This relation is most prevalent in the shared protections and language of both texts. Even in the first lines of both Constitutions, we see these similarities. Both documents in their preamble state the underlying principle of governance by consensus by stating, "We the People." The rights expressed in Article IV (Fundamental Rights) of the Palau Constitution are almost similar to what is stated in the Bill of Rights, specifically the first ten amendments to the American Constitution that set forth the fundamental rights of all Americans. This similarity goes beyond the written protections, Article XV Section 5 of the Palauan Constitution and the 9th amendment of the American Constitution both, in writing, express the existence of unwritten rights and serve as disclaimers. Equality has always meant different things to different people. With the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment of the American Constitution in 1868, equal protection under the law was afforded to all. In Article IV Section 5 of the Palauan Constitution, equal rights were afforded to all with respect to social status, clan affiliation, race, religion, and amongst others. Though both countries may not be perfect in ensuring equality for all, the essence of equality exists in both documents and because of this, it has allowed for the progression toward actual equality for all in both nations.

The Constitution of the United States, its creation, and its subsequent amendments (specifically those after the Bill of Rights) are the results of trial and error. The American Constitution itself was created to supplant the already existing, and failing, Articles of Confederation (the written government charter that preceded the Constitution). Two hundred and thirty-five years after the Constitution's inception and after countless changes, the ink that was put on paper on September 16, 1787, is still prevalent in the lives of many in the world today. This prevalence is most apparent by looking at Palau's Constitution. In its origins, protections, language, and dedication to equality, we see hints of red, white, and blue.

U.S. CONSTITUTION CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN

PCC EPTF MEETS TO PLAN FOR UPCOMING CAMPUS FIRE DRILL



Emergency Preparedness Task Force (EPTF) members meet to discuss upcoming campus fire drill slated for this month. Members are Special Assistant to the President Todd Ngramengior, Director Lyndon Masami, Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai, Dean of CE Hedrick Kual, Director Clement Kazuma, and Evan Ongrung

PCC Welcomes New Employees



Anthea U. Ngirchokebai



Renee Renguul

PCC Welcomes two new member of the college team, Ms. Anthea U. Ngirchokebai and Ms. Renee Renguul. Ms. Ngirchokebai recently hired by the Division of Student Services as Secretary to the Student Life Office and Ms. Renguul joined the Academic Affairs as an Administrative Assistant. Congratulations and welcome to the team!

1st Place Winner of Scavenger Hunt



l to r: Mary Banphis, Margeline Valencia, Team J, and Cecil

PCC Continuing Education
Intersession Program for Grades 3 to 8 on
English Reading & Writing, Palauan, Math, Marine
Science and Art
Registration: September 19 - 23, 2022
Contact CE Office @ 4886223

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday 7:30AM - 7:00PM

Friday 7:30 - 5:00 PM

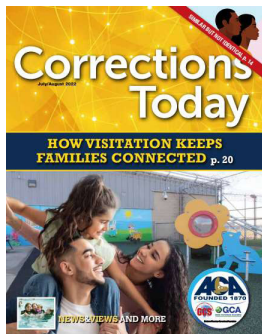
Saturday, Sunday & National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED

READERS:

CORRECTIONS TODAY



Corrections Today is the professional membership publication of the American Correctional Association (ACA). Its international readership includes individuals involved in every sector of the corrections and criminal justice fields.

Academic Calendar

September 30 (F)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades

September 30 (F)

Holiday: Independence Day (Observed)

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.

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the Commission Third-Party Comment

A third-party comment assists the Commission as it considers applications for candidacy, accreditation, or reaffirmation of accreditation. When an institution is undergoing a review, the Commission requires the institution's chief executive officer to notify the campus community and public of the opportunity for submission of third-party comments and the process for doing so. Any member of the college community or public may submit a third-party comment by completing the Commission's online third-party comment form, available via the institution's website or ACCJC's website. In order to ensure evaluation of applicable third-party comments by the peer review team, third-party comments should be received by the Commission staff no later than five weeks before the peer review team visit.

Palau Community College will submit its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) to the Commission no later than August 1, 2022; Teams ISER is October 4, 2022; and the College Focus Site Visit is scheduled during the week of March 13, 2023. Should any member of the College community or the public who may wish to submit a third-party comment must complete the Commission's online third-party comment form available at <https://accjc.org/forms/third-party-comments/>.

The third-party comment should be received by the Commission five weeks prior to March 13, 2023.

Commission's Address: Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
331 J Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
P: (415) 506-0234 | E: accjc@accjc.org

2022-2023 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING
SCHOLARSHIP

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY
INC. SCHOLARSHIP

MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP

PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP

TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

WILHELM R. RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructor, Liberal Arts program
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges from \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Construction Technology
Academic Affairs Division
salary range: \$18,730 - \$33,262 per annum
- (3) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.
Academic Affairs Division
salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (4) Accounting Technician
Administration Dept. Business Office
salary ranges: \$13,081 to \$21,312.00
- (5) Instructor Assistant - General Mechanics
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$12,653 - \$22,349 per annum
- (6) Instructor-Air Condition & Refrigeration
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (8) Nursing Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280
- (9) System Analyst
Administration & Finance - Computer Room
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum

ALUMNI NOTES

ANTHEA U. NGIRCHOKEBAI LIBERAL ARTS



Anthea U. Ngirchokebai graduated from PCC in Fall 2021 with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts program. Ms. Ngirchokebai recently hired as secretary for Student Life Office.



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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 Birthdays September 23 - 30, 2022



Hedrick Kual



Courtney Joshua



Jeana Borja

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CONT

- (10) Library Assistant
PCC Library
salary ranges: \$7,800 to \$13,852.00
- (11) Instructor, Automotive Technology
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (12) Math Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (13) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (14) Extension Agent X2
PCC-CRE
salary ranges: \$11,010 to \$19,552.00
- (15) Instructor, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (16) Academic Counselor/Advisor
Upward Bound Program
salary ranges: \$19,000 - \$21,500
- (17) Part-Time Tutors
Educational Talent Search Program
salary ranges: \$400 to 1,200 (Annually)
School Year 2022-2023

PCC Endowment

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
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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Facebook Page

Show your support for the 2022 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event by purchasing a \$10 Raffle Ticket! Your support will help Palau's only institution of higher learning continue to provide the much needed academic programs & trainings for generations to come.

**2022 PCC Thanksgiving
Endowment Fundraising Event
will take place on Wednesday,
November 23, 2022
from 12AM - 5PM at the
PCC Mesekiu Bai**

For more information about the fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252

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