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Palau Community College

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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONDUCTS SESSIONS AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS



PCC Financial Aid Office staff and PHS students during FAO Session at PHS Resource Center

Last week, Palau Community College Financial Aid Office staff have been busy conducting Financial Aid Sessions to high school seniors from Belau Modekngai School (BMS), Emmaus Bethania High School (EBHS), Mindszenty High School (MHS), and Palau High School (PHS). Currently, there are six seniors at BMS, twenty-one from MHS, and twelve from EBHS. According to Financial Aid Counselor Moses, he stated that “Financial Aid Sessions with PHS seniors is still ongoing throughout this week which will end on February 17, 2023”. These sessions are conducted to assist high school seniors completing 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and also parental information required by the FAFSA applicants. Moreover, students were introduced to latest U.S. Department of Education’s regulations for eligible students from Compact of Freely Associated States (COFA). In addition, parents were also assisted to fill out FAFSA information section to be submitted.

PCC HOSTS NOON TIME SEMINAR PRESENTED BY U.S. EMBASSY & OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR



Office of the Special Prosecutors, U.S. Embassy, and Members of Civic Action Team during a special presentation on DUI at PCC Assembly Hall

On February 10, 2023 Palau Community College hosted a special presentation from the Office of Special Prosecutor April D. Cripps, Civic Action Team 36-06 (Air Force), Mr. Semdiu Decherong, and Lt. Amanda Owens. The topic of the presentation was DUI which refers to driving under influence of alcohol and drug related substance.

Presentation highlights the testimony of a former Director of Financial Institution Commission Mr. Semdiu Decherong who was charged for DUI a misdemeanor offense and was tasked to serve community service and also educating students on the effects of alcohol and drugs including legal consequences when an individual is charged or convicted of such offense. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei was present to welcome presenters and guests from various government entities.

PCC 60th Graduation Committee Holds Meeting



PCC 60th Graduation Committee members during their first meeting at the college conference room

On February 9, 2023 PCC 2023 Graduation Committee held a meeting to organized and formed subcommittees to prepare and plan for the upcoming 60th Commencement Exercises to be held at Cafeteria on May 12, 2023. Expected to participated in the commencement exercises are PCC graduates, Adult High School students, and San Diego State University Master's program graduates. The committee is scheduled to meet again on February 23, 2023 to finalize subcommittee members and activities.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO PCC ENDOWMENT FUND

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Mr. Rox B. Gunayan-PCC Welding Instructor and Ms. Joleen Ngoriakl-Director of Development Office

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.

PCC MAINTENANCE REPLACING DORT BLDG. CEILING



On Wednesday, February 15, 2023 PCC Manintenance replaced damage ceiling around the upper campus. Dort building received such needed ceiling repairs due to weather conditions.

PCC WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE



Joleen Ngoriakl

Palau Community College welcomes new employee, Ms. Joleen Ngoriakl. Ms. Ngoriakl recently joined the PCC family as the Director of Development Office on February 13, 2023. She graduated with double Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Politics and Peace and Justice Studies from Regis University at Denver, Colorado and is currently pursuing her Masters in Developmental Practices also at Regis University. She previously worked as a Pacific Program Manager for the Grameen Foundation, was the Chief of Staff at Koror State Government, was a Human Rights Officer for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs. "I'm super excited to join the PCC family and serve alongside wonderful professionals dedicated to the youth and people of Palau." Says Director Ngoriakl.

CALVO'S SELECT CARE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES

Enrollment is now open from February 01, 2023 to February 28, 2023. any employee who is not a member and wish to enroll or to add/delete dependents for Calvo's Select Care is requested to stop by Human Resources Office and fill the necessary forms.

Calvo's Health Insurance Premium Rates

Monthly Rate (Single)	Class Type (Single)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly 24 PP
\$121.00	Employer (60%)	\$72.60	\$871.20	\$36.30
	Employee (40%)	\$48.40	\$580.80	\$24.20
Monthly Rate (Couple)	Class Type (Couple)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$242.00	Employer (60%)	\$145.20	\$1,742.40	\$72.60
	Employee (40%)	\$96.80	\$1,161.60	\$48.40
Monthly Rate (Family)	Class Type (Family)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$387.00	Employer (60%)	\$232.20	\$2,786.40	\$116.10
	Employee (40%)	\$154.80	\$1,857.60	\$77.40

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Mon to Thu 7:30AM - 7:00 PM

Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sun & National
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: MOTHER EARTH NEWS



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Academic Calendar

February 28 - March 3 (M-F)

Mid Term Period

March 15 (W)

Holiday: Youth 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 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's 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
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Sacramento, CA 95814
P: (415) 506-0234 | E: accjc@accjc.org



Rotarian Dave Williams Memorial Scholarship

The Rotarian Dave Williams Memorial Scholarship is an annual \$500.00 scholarship offered to one student currently enrolled at Palau Community College. This memorial scholarship has been created by the Rotary Club of Palau to honor Dave Williams, a charter member of the rotary Club of Palau who majored in business at what was then known as Micronesia Occupational College (MOC), which is PCC today.

Eligibility:

(1) A returning PCC student entering or in the second year of studies and considered to be a full-time student. (2) Pursuing a degree in business-related areas, tourism, or trade. (3) Currently carrying a grade point average of 2.5, in a 4.0 system, or higher at the time of application. (4) Available to read the Essay to the Rotary Club of Palau at the Rotary Club of Palau Membership Meeting on the noon of March 15th, 2023 at Penthouse Hotel Conference Room and make a presentation on the end of the spring semester of 2023 about his or her achievements at the same place on May 17th (12-1pm)

Checklist: (1) Application part 1 (2) Application part 2 (3) Essay Question 200-400 words typed and double spaced. (4) Official copy of your PCC transcript with your GPA expressed on a 4.0 scale. (Previous Semester) (5) Two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or people in your community (excluding relatives). one letter must be from a teacher.

Deadline: March 3rd by 5pm. Mail checklist to **Rotary Club of Palau, c/o The Penthouse Hotel P.O. Box 6013 Koror, Palau 96940**, or deliver to **Danka Ledgerwood via Academic Affairs office @ PCC**.

Applications part 1&2 available at Development Office

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: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.
Academic Affairs Division
salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (4) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (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
(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

Celebrating Birthdays

February 17-26, 2023



Nena George



Marvin Yarofaisug



Connie Madrengchar



Cecilia Andrew

PCC Endowment

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

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (9) Instructor, Automotive Technology
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (10) Math Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (11) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (12) Instructor, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (13) IT/Tracking Coordinator
Upward Bound Program
Salary ranges: \$18,500 to \$20,000
- (14) Executive Assistant to the President
Office of the President
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum
- (15) Assistant Director
Talent Search Office
Salary ranges: \$16,010-\$28,431

ALUMNI NOTES

DAYSHA ADELBAI ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



Ms. Daysha Adelbai is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2019 with an Associate of Science in Environmental Science. She is currently working at One Reef Worldwide Stewardship.



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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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