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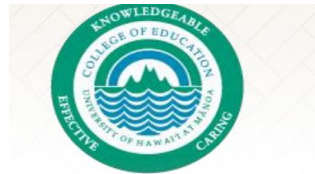


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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC SUPPORTS A NEW MASTERS PROGRAM BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, MANOA FOR A PALAU-BASED EDUCATORS



A Sense of Purpose. A Sense of Place.
Preparing educators to contribute to a just,
diverse and democratic society

Zoom meeting with PCC Continuing Education staff and University of Hawaii, Manoa for the New PACMED Masters Program

PCC supporting the University of Hawaii, Manoa launched the University of Hawaii Pacific Leadership (PACMED) Master Degree Program with an introductory Zoom meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. Leading this work from the PCC side is Dean of Continuing Education, Hedrick Kual who is working closely with the University of Hawaii (U.H.), Manoa team to recruit and onboard students for the new graduate program.

The program is a 5 semester masters degree that targets local teachers and other educators. PACMED focuses on curriculum development with a STEM specialization. The Nationally accredited U.S. program is tailor-made for the Pacific Islands with its “culturally-responsive cohort support” that has an impressive retention rate of 100%. The program already exists in 5 other Pacific Countries and is set to begin its Palau cohort soon.

“PACMED will train our teachers and educators with a solid curriculum development-STEM program that will ultimately benefit our schools,” says Dean Kual. For more information about PACMED, call the office of Continuing Education at 488-6223.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ASPCC) MEET TO PLAN “MESEKIU NIGHT”



ASPCC Officers (left to right) Arianne Benhart, Kato Remeliik, Paula Sadang, Alden Choi, Karly Madrengchar, Kliu Mad, Humiko Kebekol, Jaelynn Tevid

On February 21st, 2023 the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) President Arianne Benhart, President-elect Kato Remeliik, Secretary, Karly Madrengchar, Freshmen Representatives, Kliu Mad and Humiko Kebekol, Sophomore Representative, Jaelynn Tevid, ROP Student Organization President, Paula Sadang and Yap Student Organization President, Alden Choi held a meeting to organize a plan for “Mesekiu Night”.

ASPCC is the official student body association of the college. You can learn more about them by following their Facebook page:

*Facebook search “Associated Students of Palau Community College.”



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.



Stencil Art with AD HOC Art Center



Anyone age 10 and over can join the AD HOC Art Center by messaging their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ADHOC.art-center. They also sell cool merch!



YOUR DONATION TO THE PCC ENDOWMENT FUND GOES A LONG WAY



In addition to supporting the students and college operations, your donation also helps a number of local nonprofit organizations by housing them on campus. Chip in for a cause (and a good tax refund at the end of the year!) by enrolling in the PCC Endowment Program.

BRAIN MUNCHIES

"It's like little snacks for your brain."

Each week we'll explore, unpack, or poke around a topic that may be of interest to our students and readers.

Let's Talk About AI

"What's all the buzz around AI?" you ask. Okay, you probably didn't ask but I did. Talks about AI have been popping up left and right in the social hemisphere and it made me curious. For the past few weeks I've dived into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and let me tell you, it's quite a trip.

"But isn't AI like a robot computer that comes to life and wage a war with humans?!" Luckily, no. Hollywood portrayals of ultra-smart killer AIs is nowhere near reality. At least for now. Today, AI is being used to automate manual and time consuming tasks so that work becomes efficient. Basically, it's adding to human intelligence, not replacing it. The field of AI is all about teaching computers to "think" using massive loads of data. They train the machine by giving it a set of rules and feed it data so that it can make a logical and probable guess. Think about how Netflix suggests shows and movies you may like or Facebook suggesting people you may know. They make those guesses by learning from your data and identifying patterns. In other words, AI uses algorithms to study your data and try to identify your preferences.

Different developers and companies use different sets of data and collect their data through internet users. "Ha! So this is why Facebook is free forever?!" Yes. Forget that spammy post your aunt shared about Mark Zuckerberg charging us to use FB because guess what, Mark is getting rich off of our data. Not only is AI used to harvest data for companies like Meta and Amazon, it's also used to advance technology in areas like medicine, banking, infrastructure planning, etc. In fact, AI is used in the search and rescue efforts after the devastating earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria.

"Okay fine so what does it have to do with me?" you ask again? Well it actually has a lot to do with you, with me, with all of us. Chances are, you're already using AI either personally with your phone (Siri, Alexa, and omg who named it? but yes, Cortana) or through routine services like banking, online shopping, bill pay, health insurance, wellness apps, Spotify, etc. The ubiquity of AI means one thing: AI is here to stay and we have to know how it affects our lives.

Written By J. Ngoriakl, Editor

BITS AND PIECES...

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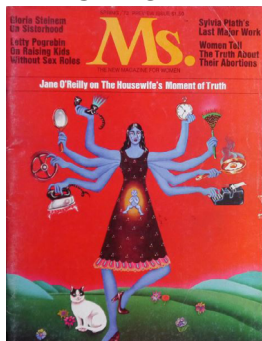
Hours of Operation

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:

Ms MAGAZINE



Ms. magazine has been at the forefront of feminist journalism for half a century. Our forthcoming book, 50 Years of Ms.: The Best of the Pathfinding Magazine That Ignited a Revolution (Alfred A. Knopf, Fall 2023), is a celebration of that achievement.

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 joleennngoriakl@palau.edu.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

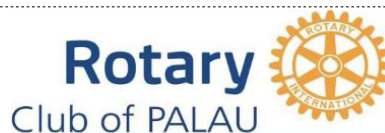
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the Commission Third-Party Comment

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
331 J Street, Suite 200
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 Micronesian 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

ALUMNI NOTES

NYGMA MOSES

LIBERAL ARTS



Mr. Moses is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2022 with an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts. He is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Communications at Eastern Oregon University.



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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

February 24-March 5, 2023



Connie Madrengchar

Wanna Learn Transferrable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

Mesekiu News Team:

-Director, Joleen Ngoriakl - *Editor*
-Janyssa Ford-Sikyung - *Development Staff*
-Baron Ucharm - *Student Assistant Editor*

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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

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