



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



## Former PCC Student Esilong Ngiraiwet Obtains a 4-Year Degree through the RISE Program



*Esilong Ngiraiwet at PCC Campus, March, 2023.*

Former PCC student, Esilong Ngiraiwet, received a 4-year college degree from Japan's University of the Ryukyus. The Palauan native entered the Ryukyus International Student Exchange Program while enrolled at PCC. The program puts out a call for application annually where students interested in an all-paid education arrangement to Okinawa, Japan, can apply.

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## JENESYS Students Deliver an Impressive Seminar

The PCC three students, Mr. Bryce Bonicacio, Ms. Adrianna Benhart, and Mr. Kato Remeliik who returned from the Japan East-Asia Exchange for Students and Youths Program (JENESYS) gave a Noon Time Seminar at PCC's Assembly Hall about their exchange experience in Japan. The seminar

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## Charter Day Festivities Begin

On Tuesday March 22nd, 2023, the first round of PCC Charter Day activities began. The 7-team double elimination volleyball tournament went underway at the newly renovated PCC Gymnasium. The team are a mix of

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### HAPPENINGS

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#### INTERSESSION PROGRAM

Charter Day Volleyball

### OPPORTUNITIES

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### INTERESTING STUFF

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## 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.*

TBH, Nobody Cared That Icarus Fell

How often do we lay awake at night reverberating self-defeating thoughts about how we failed something or someone? If you're like me, and apparently like the rest of humanity, you are most likely bothered, or worse, consumed, by what other people think about you, and especially, your failure. The failure could be something big like failing a whole semester because life was just too difficult, or even something small like not making good on your promise to start exercising with your friend at the track; whatever it is, we often think that other people will judge us because we have failed something. The reality is, your failures, my failures, everyone's failures, are quite insignificant in the bigger scheme of things.

This realization of obscurity – that at the end of the day, our personal failures are but a grain of sand in a long stretch of beach – has been one of the most liberating life lessons for me. Maybe this is terrifying for people who love being in the center of things, but for the rest of us, it should be a big relief.

Now, I'm not oblivious of the fact that people will talk about something you did or failed to do – whether they're your friends, family members, or in some extreme case, the media – however, in a day or a week or so, they will move on to the next issue and your little crisis will fade unnoticeably into the background.

There's a famous painting that I really like because it reminds me of how insignificant my failures are. The painting, called *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus* (circa 1560s), is said to be a remake of an original by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, a prominent Renaissance painter. In the painting, our eyes are drawn immediately to a man plowing a field in the foreground. On closer inspection, a shepherd is herding his sheep below him, ships are sailing in different directions, cities sit un-interrupted in the horizon, then when we look closer to the bottom right, we see a fisherman sitting waiting for a fish to bite (I assume), then somewhere in front of him, we see Icarus drowning. The drowning man is so small and set on near the margin of the painting that we can easily miss him. We only know it's Icarus because of the name of the painting.

Icarus in Greek mythology depicts one of the greatest failures of humankind; for young Icarus and his father invented artificial wings glued together by wax that allowed them to fly. His father, Daedalus, warned Icarus not to fly too

## HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS

Palau Community College Presents

# INTERSESSION KIDS PROGRAM

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- (10am - 12pm) English Reading and Writing
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- (1pm - 3pm) Marine Science
- (3pm - 5pm) Basic Art

**New Dates:**  
Registration ends on March 24  
Classes begin on March 27

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close to the sun for its heat might melt off the wax, but Icarus didn't listen and flew too high and the wax melted, causing him to fall and drown in the sea below. The story itself is said by some scholars to be a lesson on excessive pride and confidence. However, for the sake of our exploration of the obscurity of failure, the painting *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus* gives us a sense of relief—for the plowman, the shepherd, the fishermen, the shipmen, and even entire cities really didn't care about Icarus' monumental fall. - *Written by J. Ngoriaki, Editor*



*Landscape with the Fall of Icarus (Wikipedia)*



**Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

Hours of Operation:  
 Mon-Thur from 7:30AM-7:00PM  
 Friday from 7:30AM-5:00PM  
 Saturday from 9:00AM-6:00PM  
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**Peoples**

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King Charles  
Evicts Meghan  
& Harry  
What's Next?

New Details

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FAMILY DRAMA**

**The Fight Over  
Graceland**

After Lisa Marie Presley's shocking death, her mother, Priscilla, and daughter Riley clash over control of Elvis's fortune. Inside the fractured dynasty

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This Magazine is Available Now at the Library

## ATTENTION COLLEGE COMMUNITY

### 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.

### PCC Students continued

"The program really took care of me the whole time," says Esilong. He explained that the program paid for his room and board as well as tuition and fees which allowed him to concentrate on his studies.

Esilong's interest in Japan came about when he was a first-year student at PCC a few years ago. He participated in a short-term exchange trip to Japan where he fell in love with the place. Upon his return, he enrolled in a Conversational Japanese language class with PCC instructor Reiko Kawamura. Reiko introduced Esilong to the RISE program. The program has an official pathway with PCC where a student enrolled in any PCC courses is able to apply and gain a full-ride education in Japan. "We used to get a lot of applicants until COVID-19 hit, afterwards, not many students know about the program," says Reiko. To learn more about RISE, contact [inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:inbound@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp) or call PCC at 488-2470 and ask for Academic Affairs.

### Charter Day continued

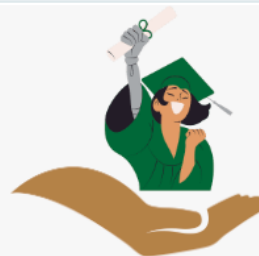
PCC staff, faculty, and students set to face off in a friendly game in commemoration of the college's 30th Charter Day. PCC celebrates its Charter Day every year with a number of organized activities within campus and with the larger community in honor of the day Palau officially had its very own college. Check the inside pages of the Mesekiu's News or follow us on Facebook for information about upcoming Charter Day events.

### Three continued

was delivered quite efficiently and in an impressive manner. The JENESYS alumni each went up to the podium and presented off minimalist slide decks with confidence and professionalism. They presented post-trip Action Plans with clear goals that they each have and accompanying activities. Overall, we can see from the delivery of the JENESYS three that the exchange program not only exposed them to a new culture and country, but also honed their professional presentation skills.

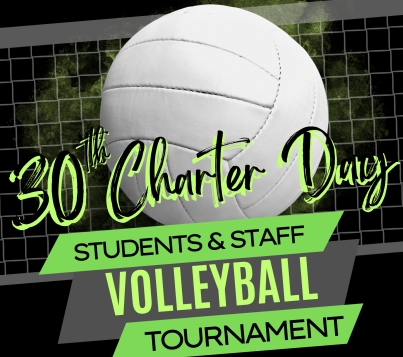
## Academic Calendar

**March 31**  
 Charter Day Celebration  
**April 2**  
 PCC Charter Day



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## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## GAME SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - MARCH 21, 2023

- 1) UPWARD BOUND VS. PCC STRONG @ 5:30 PM
- 2) SEL MIICH VS. NET WALKER @ 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 22, 2023

- 3) CTE LAB SCHOOL VS. COMPUTER SERVERS @ 5:30 PM
- 4) KISS MY ACE VS. WINNER OF GAME 1 @ 6:45 PM

THURSDAY - MARCH 23, 2023

- 5) WINNER OF GAME 2 VS. WINNER OF GAME 3 @ 5:30 PM
- 6) LOSER OF GAME 2 VS. LOSER OF GAME 3 @ 6:45 PM

FRIDAY - MARCH 24, 2023

- 7) LOSER OF GAME 1 VS. LOSER OF GAME 5 @ 5:30 PM
- 8) LOSER OF GAME 4 VS. WINNER OF GAME 6 @ 6:45 PM

MONDAY - MARCH 27, 2023

- 9) WINNER OF GAME 4 VS. WINNER GAME 5 @ 5:30 PM
- 10) WINNER OF GAME 7 VS. WINNER OF GAME 8 @ 6:45 PM

TUESDAY - MARCH 28, 2023

- 11) LOSER OF GAME 9 VS. WINNER OF GAME 10 @ 5:30 PM
- 12) WINNER OF GAME 9 VS. WINNER OF GAME 11 @ 6:45 PM
- 13) REMATCH OF GAME 12 IF WINNER OF GAME 9 LOSES GAME 12 @ 8:00 PM

For more information, please call the PCC Dorm Office at 488-3074.



## News/Stories Wanted

We're always on the lookout for news and stories from the students, faculty, staff, and the community. Email

## Photographers Wanted

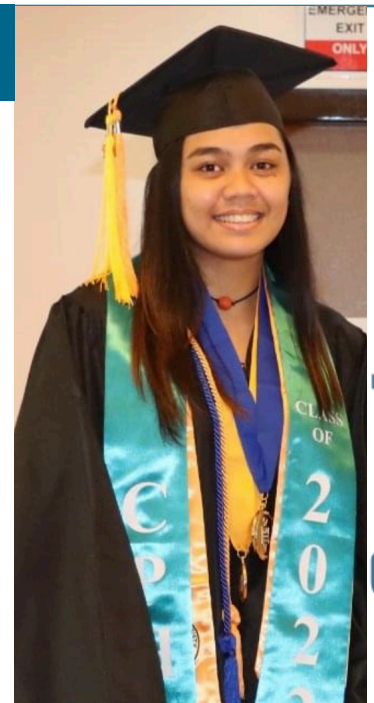
Volunteer an hour or two a week for Mesekiu's News as a photographer and get your work published and noticed. Email [joleenngoriakl@palau.edu](mailto:joleenngoriakl@palau.edu) for more info.

## Jenna Kyota

*Jenna Kyota graduated PCC in 2022 with an Associate of Science in Community and Public Health.*

*She now works under the Ministry of Health and Public Services.*

*We are proud of you Jenna!*



Alumni Spotlight

## PCC JOB VACANCIES

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