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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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### END OF THE YEAR GET TOGETHER OF ALL BI-WEEKLY CONTRIBUTORS



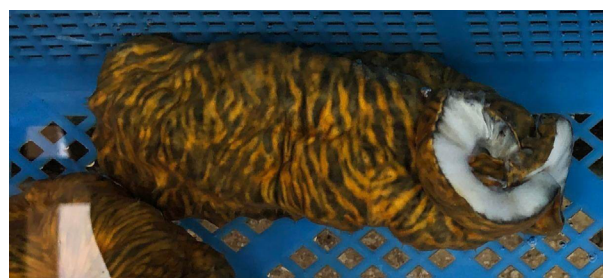
*l to r: PCC BOT Chairman Billy G. Kuarteri with Rollyne Toyiu Mesubed Grand Prize Winner and PCC Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with First Prize Winner Beatrix Remoket*

On Friday, December 30, 2022 Palau Community College hosted End-of-the-Year-Get-Together luncheon with all bi-weekly contributors to the college endowment fund. The event began with Dean of Continuing Education followed by PCC President Dr. Tellei's update on the college endowment fund which has been invested with the investment return to be used in supporting the college programs and services when it reach \$10 million.

PCC Board of Trustees Chairman Billy G. Kuarter was also present to thanked all contributors for supporting the college foundations over the years and to wish all a safe and prosperous new year 2023. The event also held a raffle drawing to all contributors for a chance to win over 40 fabulous household items and cash prizes. PCC staff were also present to assist bi-weekly contributors filed their tax refund forms and signed up new bi-weekly contributors. Also present to assist and support the occasion were BOT Student Trustee O'Keef Kokichi, ASPCC President Arianne U. Benhart, and the members of the ASPCC Senate. PCC thanked all contributors from the National Government, local businesses, agencies, and PCC for supporting the college endowment fund over the years. Happy New Year!

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### PCC CRE MULTI-SPECIES HATCHERY SEA CUCUMBER PROJECT ONGOING



*PCC CRE Multi-Species Hatchery sea cucumber project at Ngeremlengui State*

The PCC CRE hatchery team are working on sea cucumber (ngimes), a humble sea cucumber with not so humble properties. What Palauans call ngimes are an entire family of sea cucumbers called stichopidae. These sea cucumber have very special properties and exhibit the ability to regenerate their bodies every 90 days after being cut into segments. And can be asexually reproduced in the hatchery. Their amino acid profile is also unique making them useful in the cosmetics industry. Their ability to regenerate also has implications for bioscience and medicine. Imagine if you synthesized the genetic code that causes regeneration, insert that into human skin cells and theoretically it should cause human skin and cartilage to regrow in areas where injuries have taken place. That could help burn victims all over the world. In addition, there is a substance called fucan sulfates found in Palau's stichopus population at high concentrations. This has hemolytic

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properties and is a natural blood thinner, it is as strong as medicines given to people with heart disease today. In the future, instead of your normal heart medicine and blood thinner, you may be taking medication derived from the humble sea cucumbers of Palau. The stichopus is one of the hidden treasures of Palau and should be conserved, reproduced in hatcheries and its genetic data tagged and trials should begin in Palau for its use in cosmetics, medicines and for genetic medicines. It's also very good to eat as its amino acids and micronutrients make up for many of the nutrients deficient in modern diets. This important animal plays another and perhaps more significant role, in mass stichopidae act like giant water filters lowering acid levels in water and reprocessing the sea floor into sand. They may be humble in the eyes of many in Palau but the stichopus is a giant of medical, cosmetic and environmental properties. The PCC Aquaculture team are working on an experiment to see how to successfully reproduce them through asexual methods in the hatchery, validating a traditional Palauan practice with science, and we hope they become a new contribution to the development of PCC's science programs.

## UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM WORKSHOP



PCC Upward Bound conducted monthly workshop for high school students participating in the program. Program Director Larry Wakakoro briefed students on services offered during the academic year. The program serves 115 students in all high schools in Palau by assisting individual students to complete secondary coursework and apply to and enroll in college. For over 40 years, the program has served many students from low income families and first generation students graduated with college degree.

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*BOT Chairman Kuartei with prize winner Ms. Quilva Isims*



*BOT Chairman Kuartei & MHHS John Mark Olkeriil*



*Joey Mad from GBH Elementary School with President Dr. Tellei*



*BOT Chairman Kuartei with prize winner Robert Ramarui*



*MHHS O'Brien Cleofas with President Dr. Tellei*



*End-of-the-Year-Get-Together Lunch at PCC hut*



# BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

## Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday, Sunday & National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

## AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN



The International Educator magazine is committed to matching highly qualified educators with international schools around the world. For more than 30 years, it has been the most comprehensive service magazine for securing a job in an international school. Dedicated to advancing the highest professional teaching standards and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the international school community.

## Academic Calendar

**January 9 (M)**  
First Day of Instruction

**January 9-13 (M-F)**  
Drop/Add Period

## 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](mailto:tchuziet@palau.edu) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto: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  
331 J Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
P: (415) 506-0234 | E: [accjc@accjc.org](mailto:accjc@accjc.org)

## PCC HOLDS NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2023



On January 03, 2023, Palau Community College Student Services Division held a new student orientation for Spring Semester 2023 students. The New Student Orientation Program serves as an informative session for new students regarding programs and services available. Welcoming remarks were given by President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei followed by Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai. During the orientation, students met with their counselors/advisors Ms. Nicole Gabriel, Ms. Demira Kumangai, and Mr. Crane Moses to select program courses for the spring semester. Students were also introduced to various offices of the college by a campus tour led by ASPCC officers and representatives.

## 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

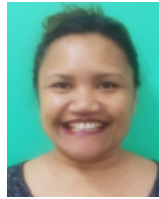
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## PCC Endowment

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e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (9) Director of Development  
Office of the President  
Salary ranges: \$18,730 to \$33,262
- (10) Instructor, Automotive Technology  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (11) Math Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (12) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (13) Instructor, Community & Public Health  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (14) IT/Tracking Coordinator  
Upward Bound Program  
Salary ranges: \$18,500 to \$20,000
- (15) Math Coordinator  
Upward Bound Math & Science  
salary ranges: \$19,000 to \$23,000
- (16) Executive Assistant to the President  
Office of the President  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum
- (17) Assistant Director  
Talent Search Office  
Salary ranges: \$16,010-\$28,431

## ALUMNI NOTES

### LAKOBONG JENNER MELUS AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Lakobong J. Melus is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2022 with an Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology. He is currently working at the Division of Fire and Rescue.



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**SPRING  
2023  
REGISTRATION  
IS STILL ONGOING  
FOR  
CONTINUING  
&  
RETURNING  
STUDENTS**

## 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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