



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



## The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Visits PCC



The College welcomed the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) Visiting Team earlier this week from March 13-17, 2023. As part of the accreditation process, the Team Visit took place following the College's submission of its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER).

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### 10 Community Members Awarded for Completing Mandarin Course



*Awardees with President Dr. Tellei, Dean H. Kual, Instructor Shu-Yun Susan Tsai*

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### Father Fran Hezel Visits Students Reading His Book for Class



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### HAPPENINGS

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**CHARTER DAY  
VOLLEYBALL!**

### OPPORTUNITIES

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### INTERESTING STUFF

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**Old photos of  
Palau**

*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.*

## 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.*

### Looking Ahead by Looking Back

In the last few days, I've been glued to my phone screen looking at old photos of Palau curated and shared by a Facebook Page called, *The Lost Tape's of Palau Legendary Storytellers*. The page takes us back in time, even if we weren't alive then, to a Palau that was so young in terms of United Nations nation-hood years through old black and white photography. It made me think about this year's Youth Day (Mar. 15, 2023) and whether Palauans back then had the same hopes, dreams, and feelings for the youth as we do today.

One of the things that I've learned in these short 37 years of life, is that in order to grow and to move forward successfully, we must look back. We must look at our history and glean from it the lessons for true progress — both personal and nation-wise. After all, Youth Day is a day set identified by our government where we get to celebrate the youth and remind them of the tremendous weight on their shoulders as they prepare to be the citizen-leaders of tomorrow.

To do this task, we must not only tell the youth what they need to hear, but rather model good citizenship. Our youth today are bombarded by information 24/7 and are a lot more connected to youth around the world than me and my friends back in the early 2000s. They are truly global and digital citizens with unprecedented challenges to navigate and new risks to mitigate.



*Micronesia Occupational College Dormitories (Source: The Lost Tape's of Palau Legendary storytellers Facebook Page)*



*Bank of Hawaii Koror Branch, 1976*

*(Source: The Lost Tape's of Palau Legendary storytellers Facebook Page)*

## HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS

**PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**30<sup>th</sup> Charter Day**

**STUDENTS & STAFF**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**TOURNAMENT**

**REGISTRATION FREE**

REGISTRATION: MARCH 13-20, 2023  
@ PCC DORM OFFICE

TECHNICAL MEETING: MARCH 20, 2023

TOURNAMENT BEGINS: MARCH 21, 2023

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



*Happy Youth Day Palau!*

PCC is honored to be part  
of preparing our future leaders



However, despite all of the obstacles, they have a wealth of opportunities that were not available before. Thus, our task is to not only show them and teach them how to access opportunities and navigate challenges, but also to model behaviors that show them that, yes, we are all human and flawed, and at times, many times, we fail here and there. But these failures and hardships serve as life's teachers, and to progress and succeed in life, we must look back as much as we look ahead.




# BITS & PIECES

Magazine

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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## **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.

### *ACCJC continued*

The College community was invited by the PCC leadership to attend the Open Forum and meet the visiting team members, which took place on Thursday, March 16th at the PCC Assembly Hall. Everyone were also encouraged to attend the Exit Meeting scheduled this Friday at noon. A special Accreditation Committee was set up and worked well in advance to prepare a full-week itinerary for the ACCJC Visiting Team while they're in Palau. In addition to conducting Core Inquiry Interviews with key members of the College's faculty and staff, the Visiting Team held daily meetings with PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, toured the campus, visited the PCC Research & Development Station as well as the Multi-Species Hatchery, both in Ngeremlengui.

### *Mandarin continued*

Ten locals were awarded certificates for completing a 7-week Basic Conversational Mandarin Course on Mon. March 13th at the Chibokill Training Room at PCC. They were: Caitlin D. Joshua, Carlo Olkeril, Dilyusech Polloi, Gloria Oiph, Jollidee Derrick, Kate Oiph, Mary G. Mulintapang, Michelle J. Lasanas, Rosania D. O. Olegeriil, and Shuri Chibana. The language course is offered at PCC through its Continuing Education Program headed by Dean Hedrick Kual. The 7-week course is a joint program of the Taiwan Embassy, Taiwan Technical Mission, and PCC in an effort to make Mandarin language classes accessible to the public.

### *Father Hezel continued*

Students from the Social Science & Humanities program were paid a special visit from the author of their course text book, Father Francis X. Hezel, SJ. on February 23, 2023. Father Hezel is a long time Director (retired) of the Micronesian Seminar, an educator, and former regional superior of the Jesuits of Micronesia. The class Instructor, Ms. Jeana D. Borja, was excited to present Father Hezel to her students on as they have been studying one of his books this semester. Thank you Fr. Hezel for gracing us with your presence.

### **The Palau 29th Basic Police Academy Concludes at PCC (Mar. 09, 2023)**



The Ministry of Justice held Commencement Exercises for its Palau 29th Basic Police Academy on Thursday March 09, 2023 at the PCC Cafeteria. The ceremony was attended by H.E. President Whipps, Jr., the Honorable Vice President &

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*29th Basic continued*

Minister of Justice Uduch S. Senior, and other community leaders and family members of the cadets. The cadets received their Oath of Affirmation which marks the beginning of their careers in public service and safety.



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## JOB VACANCIES

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HIRING**

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for a list of current  
job vacancies at PCC



### News/Stories Wanted

We're always on the lookout for news and stories from the students, faculty, staff, and the community. Email your story to [joleenngoriakl@palau.edu](mailto:joleenngoriakl@palau.edu).

## Tyula Temarsel

*Tyula is currently in her last semester at the University of Hawaii, Hilo where she will be graduating this May with a bachelors degree in Business Administration. She is now applying for an internship this summer with PNSB and plans to return to Hawaii afterwards to pursue a Masters degree.*



**Alumni Spotlight**

HAPPY

*Birthday*

EVAN ONGERUNG

nicanor or JALIZA, JR.

GIBSON TOWAI



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