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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC IT DEPARTMENT FACILITATING TECHNOLOGICAL SELF EFFICACY TRAININGS



*Training presenters: Computer Technician Shaik Higa and IT students O'Keef Kokichi & Dean Rudimch with PCC staff during trainings in Btaches bldg.*

The Information Technology (IT) Program, in collaboration with the Computer Services Office and the Center for Teaching Excellence, offered three professional development trainings for PCC staff and administrators. The trainings were conducted by Computer Technician Shaik Shinji Higa and IT students O'Keef Kokichi and Dean Junior Rudimch and supervised by Instructional Media Specialist Crystal Nacionales and Systems Analyst Johvanna Yaoch. The first training was held on February 24, 2023 and the topics covered were the perks of using a palau.edu account, useful designing tools (Canva and PosterMyWall), and basic computer troubleshooting.

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## PCC STUDENT SERVICE & CONTINUING EDUCATION CONDUCT RECRUITMENT IN YAP, FSM



*Yap High School students with PCC Financial Aid staff Nathaniel Moses and Student Life Counselor Nicole Gabriel*

The PCC Recruitment Team led by Dean Hedrick Kual went to Colonia, Yap, to meet with Yap High School and Yap Catholic High School seniors. The purpose of the trip was to meet the Yap seniors and share with them various PCC programs. The PCC Recruitment Team left Palau International Airport on April 11th and returned on April 20, 2023. Dean Hedrick, along with other PCC representatives, met the Director of Education, Dominic Fanasog. Director Fanasog facilitated all meetings with Yap High School and its students.

On April 13th, the PCC Recruitment team met with the 60 seniors from Yap High School. Ms. Nicole Gabriel, PCC Academic Counselor, met with the seniors and discussed the various PCC programs and the Admissions Application Process. Mr. Nathaniel Moses, PCC Financial Aid Counselor,

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**HAPPY  
SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY  
PALAU!**

From the Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff,  
and Students of Palau Community College  
Friday, May 05, 2023

*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.*

## ETS participants from EBHS Experience the Beautiful Underwater Paradise at Southern Lagoon

Participants from Emmaus Bethania High School's Educational Talent Search Program(ETS) went on a field trip to Milky Way, Jellyfish Lake, Rose Garden, Cemetery Reef, Soft Coral, and Clam City on April 22, 2023. Students studied the marine life of Palau's waters throughout the whole field trip. The white sediment mud bath at Milky Way, which is claimed to be a natural spa experience, was set to be taught and experienced for the first time by the students. Few students who visited there for the first time were astounded by the mud as it was; nevertheless, they were unaware that it smelled like swampy mangrove mud.

All of the students were fascinated by the various destinations and their distinctiveness during the entire trip, which had a variety of marine life, including diverse species and water temperatures. Students, particularly those who had never been to the majority of the locations, were astounded by the variety of species they saw while snorkeling at Rose Garden, Soft Coral, Cemetery Reef, Clam City, and Jellyfish Lake, including jellyfish, clams, and even various types of corals and fish.

The field trip is a component of the Educational Talent Search Program (ETS), which is made available to participants so they may learn about marine life in science class and have a chance to see it first-hand. The students will have the chance to write an essay or discuss what they learned after the field trip so that they can demonstrate their understanding of what they learned in class as well as their ability to have firsthand experience with what they are studying.



*Participants in the Educational Talent Search (ETS) at Emmaus-Bethania High School pose for a group photo with Principal Pamela Swei, ETS Tutor Happy Gay Torres, and other members of the faculty who helped supervise the kids and ensure their safety throughout the field trip.*

## UB Workshop Highlights Communicable Disease Safety and Prevention



*MOH-CDU staff educate students on various communicable diseases*

Last Friday, Ms. Bieb Olikong who is the Program Coordinator at the Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) with the Palau Ministry of Health & Human Services was on campus with her staff educators to speak at the Upward Bound Program's monthly workshop on the topic of Health Education. Olikong and staff shared with students the importance of educating themselves with the different kinds of deadly communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, Gonorrhea & Chlamydia, Tuberculosis, and Viral Hepatitis. They outlined the serious health risks of the diseases and how they can be easily transmitted among teens, especially those who are sexually dynamic and indiscriminate. Olikong during her talk said despite the prevalence of these diseases in Palau, anyone including students can easily protect themselves by following the ABCs of Communicable Diseases: A – Abstain, B – Be Faithful, C – Condomize. The workshop format which assembled students into smaller working groups made it easier for students to interact with the presenters and allowed them to openly ask questions and thereby learning more as a result. The Upward Bound students and staff extend appreciation to guest speaker Ms. Olikong and her health educators Aczena Fleetwood, Iolanny T. Dwight, Vanessa T. Abraham, Mouana A. West, and Dilmouais Ngiratrang of the Communicable Disease Unit-Ministry of Health & Human Services.



# 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

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### Academic Calendar

**May 5 (F)**

Holiday-Senior Citizens' Day

**May 12 (F)**

Last Day for Change of Grades/  
Commencement Exercises

### 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 [joleenngoriaki@palau.edu](mailto:joleenngoriaki@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

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also conducted sessions with the seniors regarding the Federal Student Aid and the FAFSA application process. The PCC Recruitment Team express their sincere gratitude to Director Fanasog and Yap High Administration for the opportunity to meet the students and discuss PCC programs. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the PCC Recruitment Team visited Yap Catholic High School and met with the seniors and juniors. The PCC Recruitment Team express their sincere gratitude to Fr. Rich McAuliff, S. J., Principal Michael Wiencek, and Director Brian Southwick for allowing PCC Recruitment Team to visit the campus and conduct sessions on admissions and Federal Student Aid.



*PCC staff with Yap Catholic School*

### 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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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Director of Library Services  
Education & Training  
salary ranges from \$18,730 - \$33,262 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) Math Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

## ALUMNI NOTES

### RHEA N. FRANCISCO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Rhea N. Francisco is a graduate of PCC in Summer 2020 with an Associate of Science in Business Administration. She is currently working at the college as College Workstudy Coordinator with the Office of Financial Aid



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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 *Mesekii's News* issues.

## Celebrating Birthdays

April 28 - May 7, 2023



**Taulima Inosencio**



**Jack Meltel**



**Likiaklik Thomson**

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (9) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (10) Instructor, Community & Public Health  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (11) Instructor, Liberal Arts program  
Academic Affairs Division  
Salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280
- (12) Executive Assistant to the President  
Office of the President  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum
- (13) Tutors & Instructors, Upward Bound Math & Science  
Depending on qualification and hours. Tutors \$150 to \$250 biweekly. Instructors: \$400 to \$600 bi-weekly  
Duration: June 05 - July 08, 2023
- (14) Instructor, Information Technology Program  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

## PCC Endowment

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Dort building to sign-up.**

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The second and third trainings were held on April 14, 2023 and April 26, 2023 respectively and the topics covered were Google Drive, Docs, Forms, Sheets, and Slides. These trainings are the first of a series of trainings that will be offered to faculty, staff, and administrators to "facilitate technological self-efficacy".

IT trainees are Kazue Melphy, Cecilia Andrew, Angie Fuentez, Taulima Inosencio, Kristy Olkeriil, Danielle Dachelbai, Maya Malchianged, Jack Meltel, Likiaklik Thomson, Harrison Umang, Olivia Katosang, Janyssa Ford, Chiana Chibana, Keith Ignacio, Merii Ngirakesau, Leo Eledui, Melody Sewralur, Courtney Joshua, Pauline Jerry, Carlo Olkeriil, Kate Oiph, Rosania Olegeriil, Jolene Joseph, Lakolani Olngellel, Angelio Anthonio, Akilina Maeche, Crane Moses, Nicole Gabriel, Maureen Renguul, and Harline Haruo.

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