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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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# 60<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Today marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC)! A total of eighty-seven (87) students are receiving their degrees from Palau Community College and seven (7) graduates will be completing their studies at PCC Adult High School Program.

PCC Board of Trustees Vice Chairwoman Romana Wong, Secretary/Treasurer Kione Isechal, Trustee Alvina Timarong, Trustee Gov. Emais Roberts, MD, Student Trustee O'Keef Kokichi, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and President of Faculty Senate Association Johvanna Yaoch will be officiating the ceremony along with the President of the Republic of Palau, H.E. Surangel S. Whipps Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education Senator Andrew Tabelual, Chairman of the House Committee on Education Hon. Yutaka Gibbons, Jr., Father Arthur J. Leger, Minister Dr. Dale Jenkins, Ministry of Education, Director Elway S. Ikeda, Director of SDSU Interwork Institute Dr. Caren L. Sax, and SDSU Adjunct Professor Dr. Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete. The Valedictorians for the Palau Community College Class of 2023 are Ms. Camille Rigosante Parines Ililau and Ms. Caren Reyes Castillo. Ms. Ililau is Business Accounting major while Ms. Reyes is a Nursing Program. This year, Outstanding Citizenship Award is presented to three (3) students: Ms. Arianne Ungiil Benhart, a graduate of Information Technology program, Mr. Bryce Kerruul Bonicacio, a graduate of Environmental/Marine Science program, and Student Trustee Mr. O'Keef Rengiil Kokichi who is also a graduate of Information Technology program. Mr. Kokichi is also one of the graduating member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society

### **PCC Valedictorians of 2023**

**Camille Rigosante Parines Ililau**

Associate of Science in Business Accounting

**Caren Reyes Castillo**

Associate of Science in Nursing

### **OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**Arianne Ungiil Benhart**

Associate of Science in Information Technology

**Bryce Kerruul Bonicacio**

Associate of Science in Environmental/Marine Science

**O'Keef Rengiil Kokichi**

Associate of Science in Information Technology

### **OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD**

**Berchman Kian Ruluked**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

**Bre-Anna Iroru Uchel**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

**Britney Desik Leif**

Associate of Science in Nursing

**Camille Rigosante Parinas Ililau**

Associate of Science in Business Accounting

**Caren Reyes Castillo**

Associate of Science in Nursing

**Deanna Donato**

Associate of Science in Agricultural Science

**Dee Raya Antonio**

Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology

**Emerson Rabotman**

Associate of Science in Agricultural Science

**Jason Lee Brobesong**

Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

**Jaelynn Kalista Tevid**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

**Kendall W. Titiml**

Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD****Kimberly Magura**

Associate of Science in Tourism &amp; Hospitality (Tour Services)

**Kristen Sayoko G. Sugiyama**

Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

**Kyleen Kikumai Maito**

Associate of Science in Community &amp; Public Health

**Livia Terei Orville**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

**O'Keef Rengiil Kokichi**

Associate of Science in Information Technology

**Sierra Udui Klikm Kazuyuki**

Associate of Science in Nursing

**Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society -  
Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter****Graduating Members****Jaelynn Kalista Tevid    Kimberly Magura****Caren Reyes Castillo    Chriiktoi Sade Taima****Bre-Anna Iroru Uchel    O'Keef Rengiil Kokichi****Alik Kazuma Ulechong    Kaeb Kam Chin****Camille Rigosante Parinas Ililau****Aloisa Julian Surriga En Markub****Alvina Usengchelel Ongrung****PCC GRADUATE AWARDED APIA SCHOLARSHIP***Mc Gee M. Mereb*

Mr. McGee Mereb is a class of 2023. He is graduating this spring semester with a degree in Electrical Technology. Mr. Mereb is planning on attending a 4-year college, in which his sights are set on attending the University of Guam. In the beginning of the year, Mr. Mereb applied for the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarships also known as the APIA Scholarship. This is a multi-year scholarship award of \$5,000 which will be distributed evenly over two academic years.

**SCHOLASTIC HONORS****Spring Semester 2023**

PCC recognizes student academic achievement at the end of each semester through Scholastic Honors. Students receiving a semester grade point average of 4.0 are recognized via President's List while students earning grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 are recognized through the college Dean's List.

Published at the end of each semester, the lists include the names of full-time students completing at least 12 credits from courses under the A-F grading scheme.

**President's List**

Jason Lee Brobesong	CPH-AS	Morenlee Ringang	SE-AAS
Shamira R. Cruz	LA-AA	Mechuached T. Sebalt	CJ-AS
Casey Daniel	LA-AA	Jenny Rose R. Skebong	CT-AAS
Ileana M. Fejeran	BA-AS	Junior J. Sumor	CJ-AS
Jelica Shae Garcia	GE-AS	Danny N. Tadao	IT-AS
Ikela M. Jamila	THHM-AS	Kendall W. Titiml	CPH-AS
Kishia K. Ketebengang	IT-AS	Zechariah T. Tutii	LA-AA
Karly E. Madrangchar	BU-AS	Adiva K. Udui	ES-AS
Leo James B. Masters	CJ-AS		

**Dean's List**

HIGH HONORS			
Austin Jr. Masters	AT-AAS	Sonrisa Blailes	CPH-AS
Kayla Rebluud	CJ-AS	Stanislaus F. Tellei	CPH-AS
Keng-Ichi N. Techur	CJ-AS	Tumakreng B. Johaness	CJ-AS
Dean's List			
HONORS			
Alik Kazuma Ulechong	IT-AS	Kaye A. Orosco	LA-AA
Alonzo K. Sumor	BU-AS	Kerngel J. Jerome	LA-AA
Alyrah Shiro	LA-AS	Kyleen K. Maito	CPH-AS
Bellory N. Cleophas	IT-AS	Mesikd T. Elbuchel	LA-AA
Chad Z. Nakamura	LA-AA	Norma T. Norman	IT-AS
Christopher J. B. Moses	SD-AA	Owen U. Kilcullen	SE-AAS
DeKarma R. Haruo	NU-AS	Quirah D. Elechuus	LA-AA
Franzlee D. Albert	UND-NA	Raj Minor R. Gibson	UND-NA
Fritz JR., R. Fritz	BA-AS	Sabino J. Kyota	CJ-AS
Faith M. Ngiraingas	ES-AS	Shayla S. Sebalt	CJ-AS
Isemei Fritz	LA-AA	Shemmua S.C Masang	IT-AS
Jollidee D. Derrick	BU-AS	Westin Andrew	CT-AAS
Justin I. Orville	CJ-AS		

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

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

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National  
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

##### FOOD SERVICE & HOSPITALITY



Foodservice and Hospitality magazine is the authoritative voice of Canada's foodservice and hospitality industry. Established in 1968, Foodservice and Hospitality has a long history of engaging foodservice and hospitality decision makers and those with the authority to choose or recommend products and services.

#### Academic Calendar

**May 22-31**

Placement Testing for Summer 2023

**May 30**

Last Day to Remove Continuing  
Progress  
Grades for Fall 2022

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

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

#### APIA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

APIA scholarship awards distinguished students in the Pacific region in partnership with Asian American and Native American and Pacific Islander Serving Institute also known as the AANA-PISI program in which PCC is one of its main partners. With the help of AANIPISI-LRC, Mr. Mereb applied for the scholarship, met all scholastic criteria, and was selected from the pool of many outstanding candidates to receive such monetary award to fund his education at the University of Guam. PCC extends warm congratulations to Mr. Mereb on his achievement and future endeavors.

Article contributed by M. Masao, LRC/AANAPISI

#### Newest Contributor To PCC Endowment Fund



Rolmii Aderkeri

Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest endowment fund contributor from the college family, Ms. Rolmii Aderkeri from PCC Library.

*Thank you Ms. Aderkeri for your contribution to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability of our college.*

#### 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)



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructor, Construction Technology  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (3) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (4) Instructor Assistant - General Mechanics  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$12,653 - \$22,349 per annum
- (5) Extension Agent  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (6) Math Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (8) Instructor, Community & Public Health  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SARAH NGIRAKED TOURISM & HOSPITALITY - TOUR SERVICES



Ms. Sarah Ngiraked is a graduate of PCC in Fall 2011 with an Associate of Applied Science in Tourism & Hospitality-Tour Services. She is currently working at the college as Library Assistant with Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.



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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

May 12 - 21, 2023



*Harrison Umang*



*Dizzette Dolmers*



*Kate Oiph*



*Lakolani Olengellel*



*Demira Kumangai*



*Crisarjo Mel J. Ulap*



*Rosania O. Olegeriil*



*Akiko Udui*

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (9) Instructor, Liberal Arts program  
Academic Affairs Division  
Salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280
- (10) Instructor, Information Technology Program  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

## PCC Endowment

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE  
To SUPPORT,  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

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

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

Interested in Learning Transferable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

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Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter (BOZ). Seventeen (17) graduates will receive the Outstanding Students Award in recognition of their academic achievements in their respective programs. The Outstanding Students Award is presented to the following graduates: Berchman Kian Ruloked, Bre-Anna Iruru Uchel, Britney Desik Leif, Camille Rigosante Parinas Ililau, Caren Reyes Castillo, Deanna Donato, Dee Raya Antonio, Emerson Rabotman, Jason Lee Brobesong, Jaelynn Kalista Tevid, Kendall W. Titiml, Kimberly Magura, Kristen Sayoko G. Sugiyama, Kyleen Kikumai Maito, Livia Terei Orville, O'Keef Rengiil Kokichi and Sierra Udui Klikm Kazuyuki.

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