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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC'S TANYA NGIRKUTELING IS LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR!

### PCC ES STUDENTS ACCEPTED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



*Inset: ROP President Surangel Whipps, Jr., PAL President Lorraine Tellei, and PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil; Above: ROP First Lady Valerie R. Whipps, LOY Ms. Tanya Ngirkuteling, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Ms. Gerda Setts and President Whipps*



*Environmental/Marine Science students: Yuji Shane Chibana and Delmel Francisco*

On May 26, 2023 PCC Tan Siu Lin Library hosted the 2023 Librarian of the Year (LOY) Awarding Ceremony. This event, sponsored by the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL), was a well-deserved recognition of the diligent work and dedication put forth by esteemed librarians. Distinguished guests who attended the ceremony included ROP President Surangel Whipps, Jr., First Lady Valerie E. Whipps, PAL President Lorraine Tellei, Ambassador to the United States Hersey Kyota, PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, and MOE Chief of Division of Curriculum and Instructional Materials Development Ms. Magaria Tellei. The awarding ceremony commenced with welcoming remarks by PAL President Lorraine Tellei, followed by the President of the Republic of Palau Surangel Whipps, Jr. with a special remarks. The much-awaited moment arrived when the ROP First Lady Whipps awarded this year's Librarian of the Year, Ms. Tanya Ngirkuteling, and the runner-up, Ms. Gerda Setts.

LOY AWARDING CEREMONY CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Two PCC Environmental/Marine Science students have been accepted to attend Summer Internship program at University of Guam and University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mr. Yuji S. Chibana has been selected to do his summer internship at UH Manoa under the Research Engineering Undergraduate (REU). The purpose is to expose Mr. Chibana on research related to STEM fields and to conduct his own research according to methods and protocol by his Mentor/Instructor. Mr. Delmel Francisco will be attending Bridge to Bachelor's Program (B2B) at

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### *Happy President's Day!*

FROM THE PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PRESIDENT,  
FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS.

*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.*

## LOY AWARDING CEREMONY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Ms. Ngirkuteling is one of our very own, and she has served the College library for seventeen long years and still continues. The runner-up, Ms. Setts is a librarian from the Palau Public Library. The audience applauded their deserving colleagues as they made their way to receive their awards. After the awarding, PCC Vice President Olegeriil delivered his closing remarks that highlighted the efforts of the librarians before the ceremony came to an end.

The event served as a reminder of the critical role that librarians play in ensuring that knowledge and growth are accessible to everyone, and their commitment is inspiring and gives us hope for a brighter tomorrow. Congratulations to Tanya Ngirkuteling and Gerda Setts for their well-deserved awards, and a heartfelt appreciation to all the librarians for their dedication to their profession.



2023 Librarian of the Year Awarding Ceremony

## STUDENT LIFE OFFICE UNDERGO FACELIFT



Mabuchi workers replacing Student Life Office door jambs and interior walls before summer session begins next week

## Newest Contributors To PCC Endowment Fund



Vera Dilsils Kanai



Elchung G. Hideyos



Emengel I. Singich

Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest contributors to the College Endowment Fund. Executive Assistant to the President, Ms. Vera Dilsils Kanai from the Office of the President, CRE Senior Extension Assistant, Ms. Elchung G. Hideyos, and CRE Senior Research Assistant, Ms. Emengel I. Singich.

***Thank you Ms. Kanai, Ms. Hideyos, and Ms. Singich for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.***

## PCC -CRE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONGOING



From May 22-26, 2023, PCC-CRE had three 11th grade students from Palau High School do their Career Mentoring for one week. Tamrad Ngrirakesau, Iara Ngiruos, and Limei Orukei were able to observe and learn from the CRE team in different projects. They toured the CRE facilities around PCC. They were able to go to Research and Development office at Ngermeskang to learn how to do tissue culture on taro and orchids with Dr. Nwe. They also had a full day at the hatchery where they learned about aquaculture. They worked with our JICA volunteer in the small garden next to PCC cafeteria. They had a tour at the Koror Solid Waste Management facilities.

*Pictures & article contributed by Lei Recheluul & Elchung Hideyos*



## 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

Sun & National  
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

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### Academic Calendar

**June 05**  
First Day of Instruction

**June 5 & 6**  
Drop & Add Period

**June 7**  
Last Day for All Withdrawals

### 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 [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu). Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

## PCC WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



Jennifer I. Jonas



Lieslie M. Taksiau



Rhea Francisco



Vera Dilsils Kanai



Ngirachermang J. Polloi



Sarah Ngiraked

Palau Community College welcomes Ms. Jennifer Jonas to Physical Plant-Maintenance, Mr. Lieslie M. Taksiau to Upward Bound Program, Ms. Rhea Francisco to Office of Financial Aids-CWP, Ms. Vera Dilsils Kanai to the Office of the President, Mr. Ngirachermang Polloi to Food Service-Cafeteria, and Ms. Sarah Ngiraked to PCC Library.

On the behalf of the College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students, we welcome you to the college family!

### 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  
428 J Street, Suite 400  
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

### EMENGEL IDA SINGICH AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE



Ms. Emengel Ida Singich is a graduate of PCC in Fall 2021 with an Associate of Science in Agricultural Science. She is currently working at PCC Cooperative Research & Extension as Senior Research Assistant.



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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 *Mesekiu's News* issues.

## Celebrating Birthdays

June 02 - 11, 2023



Carol Masao



Bradley Augustine



Violette Polloi



Keriik Kitalong



Sasha Kyota



Frederick Mascardo



Rechucher Towai

## 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

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the University of Guam with a research focus on Marine Diatoms. Prior to his departure, he collected samples from Palau to be submitted to UOG as part of his research investigation on Diatoms.

## PCC Endowment

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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.



Scholarship for  
International  
Students In Japan

2023-2024

English

### Available Japan Scholarship for PCC Students:

Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students has been provided by JASSO. JASSO also offers "Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Study in Japan under Agreement)" for those accepted by Japanese schools under student exchange agreement.

Japan Government Scholarship website: [https://www.palau.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/education.html](https://www.palau.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education.html)

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