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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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### PCC CRE PARTICIPATES IN WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY



*l to r: Sasha Kyota, JICA Senior Volunteer Yoichi Kodama, Emengel Singich, and Elchung G. Hideyos*

On June 07, 2023 the MHHS Division of Environmental Health hosted a World Food Safety Day event at Ernguul Park featuring different government agencies and community organizations showcase healthy and sustainable eating habits, nutritious fruits and local taro plants. PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension was invited to participate by displaying information on life cycle of chickens in supporting and assisting Palau's initiative on food security and local food production. This was an opportunity for the community to see and learn about PCC-CRE's agricultural programs and how it can help support local community in raising chickens, planting various species of taro seedlings to augment the supply of tara plants.

There were different types of fruit trees (soursop, kiking, breadfruit, and avocado) and 2 types of taro plants (Dirrubong & Klei) given to local visitors to grow on their farms. CRE information booth also provided brochures and books to help better understand CRE's Research & Development station agricultural projects. PCC-CRE thanked the Division of Environmental Health for this opportunity to showcase the amazing work of CRE.

*(Contributed by Sasha Kyota)*

### OPC & PNOC REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH PCC PRESIDENT TELLEI



*front row l to r: PNOC Special Olympics National Director; Stephanie Ngirchoimei, Director of Games Engagement & Partnerships Dr. Caroline Riot, PNOC Executive Director Baklai Temngil; backrow l to r: PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Oceania Paralympic Committee President Paul Bird, Oceania Paralympic Committee Performance Consultant Chris Nunn, and PNOC President Frank Kyota*

Here to visit Palau National Olympic Committee from May 31-June 6, 2023 Paul Bird and Chris Nunn presented to the Palau Community College President on sporting opportunities for athletes with disabilities, and the process of classification. An indicative classification for identified athletes was provided and coaches and sport leaders were encouraged to consider the sport options suitable for the Palau community, potential for athletes to participate in Parasports, and ways to support the development of these athletes. Parasports are sports played by people with a disability, including physical and intellectual disabilities. Some parasports are forms of adapted physical activities from existing common sports, while others have been specifically created for persons with a disability.

*(Contributed by Dilsils Kanai)*

*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.*

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ACCJC

DR. MAC POWELL



ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR  
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Date: June 12, 2023

To: Chancellors, Superintendents, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers of ACCJC Member Institutions; Other Interested Parties

From: Mac Powell, President

Subject: ACCJC Adopts 2024 Accreditation Standards

On behalf of ACCJC, I am pleased to share that at its June 2023 meeting, the Commission approved the 2024 Accreditation Standards following their second reading. This historic moment is the culmination of a two-year planning, writing, and editing process involving significant engagement with stakeholders from member institutions and the public. ACCJC's 2024 Accreditation Standards reflect the diversity of ACCJC member institutions, are streamlined and clear, emphasize equity and inclusion, and are focused on student outcomes!

### Proposed Implementation

To implement the new Standards, ACCJC Staff and the Standards Review Leadership Team are recommending a two-year "pilot" period beginning immediately upon the adoption of the 2024 Accreditation Standards. During this two-year window, institutions may choose which Standards (2014 or 2024) they will use to conduct their self-evaluation. To date, 25 institutions have volunteered to serve as pilot colleges. ACCJC Staff and the Standards Review Leadership Team are also recommending the following improvements to be incorporated into the Standards implementation:

Extending the cycle of accreditation for institutions from seven years to eight years;

Revising the Midterm Report to allow for more meaningful mid-cycle reflection;

Altering the size and composition of a typical peer review team to focus the efforts of the evaluation;

Streamlining the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER);

Eliminating the Quality Focus Essay;

Redesigning training and engagement for college and peer reviewer preparation; and

Consolidating existing guides, manuals, and protocols into a single Accreditation Handbook.

As planning progresses, more details about the proposed implementation plans will be shared with members of the field through formal communications and redesigned resources. Additionally, we will be hosting two informational webinars this fall:

Introducing the 2024 Standards Session 1

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PDT

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Introducing the 2024 Standards Session 2

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PDT

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Once again, I want to thank everyone who has brought this initiative to its current state: ACCJC Vice President Catherine Webb, the Standards Review Leadership Team, ACCJC Staff, the 85 writers and readers who participated in drafts over the past two years, and all of the community members who provided input and support. And, on behalf of everyone on the ACCJC Staff, I want to thank you for your support of the peer review process.

## PCC OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WELCOMES

VERA DILSILS KANAI



*Vera Dilsils Kanai*

Palau Community College Office of the President recently hired a new Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Vera Dilsils Kanai. Ms. Kanai's will assume the roles and responsibilities of Executive Assistant to the President from a long time educator and retired college administrator Mr. Todd Ngiramengior. With over 10 years of Office Management skills and career related experience in the national government, Ms. Kanai will be of great asset to the college administration. PCC extends warmest welcome to Ms. Kanai as she takes on this important role.

## PCC CRE RESEARCHERS & EXTENSION AGENTS VISIT KAYANGEL STATE



PCC-CRE participated in various events. On May 31, 2023, some PCC-CRE Researchers and Extension Agents along with the recent PHS mentoring students as well as PCC agriculture students went to Kayangel State to do a follow-up assessment on fruit fly traps that were set earlier this year. In addition, CRE provided 25 chickens for the participants of agricultural food security program to locals taking part in the chicken project. PHS students and staff were able to collect samples of fruit flies to be brought back to Koror for data analysis and identification.



# 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.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: MARSHALL ISLANDS JOURNAL



The Marshall Islands Journal is a once a week publication of the Micronitor News & Printing Company. It has been the newspaper of record for the Marshall Islands since 1970 on local and national level.

### Academic Calendar

**June 21-23**  
Mid Term Period

**July 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.

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# Summer Kids Program

June 26 - July 07

**REGISTRATION**  
**June 12-23**

**\$20 per Course Scholarship and Sponsorship available**

**3rd- 8th grade Courses Offered:**

- Singapore Math ( 8:00am - 10:00am)
- English Reading and Writing (10:00am - 12:00pm)
- Palauan Orthography ( 1:00pm - 3:00pm)
- Marine Science (1:00pm - 3:00pm) *6th - 8th grade only*
- Basic Art ( 3:00pm- 5:00pm)
- Music (3:00pm - 5:00pm)

For more info contact us at 488-2471 ext.243 or 488-6223  
Register NOW at PCC Continuing Education Office

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### 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) Library Assistant  
(PCC Library)  
salary range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 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

### SAZE TEWID CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



Ms. Saze Tewid is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2023 with an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice. She is currently working as a Marshall for the Palau Supreme Court.



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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 16 -25 , 2023



**Dr. Christopher Kitalong**



**Crystal Nacionales**



**Cecilia Olikong**



**Margeline Valencia**

## 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
- (11) Director of Development  
Office of the President  
Salary ranges: \$18,730 to \$33,262

## Campus Clean-Up



This week, Maintenance workers are busy cleaning up campus walkways with pressure washer. A Big-Thank You to Maintenance!

## 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 Transferrable 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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