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Palau Community College

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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC CE SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM CONCLUDES WITH AWARDING OF CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with CE summer program students during an awarding of certificate ceremony at PCC Assembly Hall

On Friday, July 07, 2023 PCC Continuing Education held ceremony to award thirty-six elementary students participating in two-week intersession classes on Singapore Math, English Reading & Writing, Basic Art, and Palauan Orthography. Each class is designed to help the students enhance their abilities and improve their skills in the subject area. Students are also given the opportunity to foster and develop new skills and interests. This year's participants were Amanda R. Eledui, Ray-Lynnda Tadao, Hoku-lani C. B. Yoshida, Leanna M. Imetengel, Maileia Wetzell, Utmei Weers-Erungal, Xu Wen Hui, Ashley K. Tmetuchl, Dirrahur E. Katosang, Jared Salii, Jenny Zhu, Jewel I. Ngirarsaol, Mariestella L. Kengin, Rachel Shuyun, Cassidy Adelbai, Haleya I. Yoshida, Tim Ethan R. Patris, Vyck Macarius I. Sikyang, Zeanette Silas, Aya Wilkie, Carolina Polloi, Chin Yun Lin-Caroline, Jeremiah Salii, Kataleah Edward, Knox Yamanguchi, Wright Ngirairikl Joshua, Abigail Urimch Masang, Gabriella Omlei Masang, Jason Brel Keizo B. Kikuo, Kemangel Bintorio, Tyrah-Mei Belelai-Anastacio, Jonathan Ongrung, Albert-Geronimo Pedro, Changeina Shreya Masang, and Isis Kent.

DR. JOEL E. MILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR PCC AG STUDENTS



l to r: Director of Finance Debbie O. Ngiraibai, Ms. Laura Miles, and Asst. to the President Vera D. Kanai

The family of late Dr. Joel E. Miles donated funds to establish Dr. Joel E. Miles memorial scholarship for PCC Agricultural Science program students. On hand to receive 2023-2024 scholarship funds from Ms. Laura Miles were Director Ngiraibai and Assistant to the President Vera D. Kanai. PCC thanked the family of Dr. Miles for the scholarship in supporting our student learning.

MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES DATO' COSTELINO VISITS PCC



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei & Malaysian Ambassador to the Philippines Dato Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino

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.

CONCRETE POURING OF THE NEW RESTROOM AT WCCC OFFICE



On Friday, July 4th PCC Maintenance, CTE Lab School students, and Mabuchi workers were busy pouring ready-mix concrete cement on the newly constructed restroom facility to accomodate both Accreditation Office and WCCC Office. The restroom will be connected to the existing stairway of the building and will also include easy-access wheelchair ramp with railings.

PCC ADMISSIONS & RECORD FALL 2023 SCHEDULE

The Admissions & Records Office would like to inform the public about the Fall Semester 2023 registration activities. The following schedule dates of each activity have been set to accomodate both continuing, returning, and new students. In order for all students to maximize and receive all the services that are available for them, we are requesting that you follow the following schedule:

Schedule for Continuing Students from Spring & Summer 2023:

July 11th – August 9th Monday – Wednesday Registration begins for Fall 2023

Schedule for Returning & Readmitting Students:

***Must process Readmission form before you are allowed to register**

Schedule for New Students:

July 24th -Aug. 4th Tuesday – Wednesday Placement Testing

August 3rd Tuesday New Student Orientation & Registration

August 10th – Aug. 11th Thursday-Friday Late Registration

August 14th Monday First Day of Instruction

UPWARD BOUND CLASSIC HOSTS ROCK IS- LAND TRIP TO PARTICIPANTS



On Friday, June 30,2023, Upward Bound Program participant went on a Science Field Trip to Omekang Rock Island. Accompanying the students was their science instructor Rilang Roberto who was assisted by Lauren M. Wetzel, a post-graduate marine science scholar from U.S. Both Roberto and Wetzel shared with students about how the initial coral formations came about as a result of volcanic activity which pushed the coral limestones above the surface of the water. Then over time through the process of erosion from the ebb and flow of tide and saltwater waves, the coral limestone formations were formed and shaped into what are now famously known as the Rock Islands of Palau. Roberto and Wetzel also explained to students about the importance of Palau's marine ecosystem and the surrounding ocean and how it is significant to the well-being and livelihood of the people of Palau.

UBMS Cultural Trip to Kayangel State



On Friday, July 7th PCC Upward Bound Math & Science students participated in a field trip to Kayangel State. Students and staff took a whole day tour of the northern state to learn about its unique landscape, flora & fauna, and endemic plants. Endemic tree plants are used for consumption, building materials, and local medicine. Students also had the opportunity to visit Grid connected Solar System which provides electric power to the entire island.

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: NATURAL HISTORY MAGAZINE



Natural History's mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of the world around us. It offers provocative new explanations of why we act the way we do, explaining our relationships with the rest of the living world, from the tiniest micro-organisms to the largest creatures that ever walked the land or swam the seas

Academic Calendar

July 14

Last Day of Instruction

July 17 - 19

Final Exam Period

July 27

Grades due by 11 am

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. Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

June 15, 2023

Dr. Patrick Tellei
President
Palau Community College
P. O. Box 009
Koror, Republic of Palau 96940

Dear Dr. Tellei:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 7-8, 2023, reviewed the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Palau Community College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the peer review team that conducted its site visit to the College March 15-17, 2023.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College continues to meet ACCJC's Eligibility Requirements, Commission Policies, and Accreditation Standards (hereinafter, the Standards). Upon consideration of the written information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for seven years.**

Commendations

Commendations signify institutional practices for which the Commission believes exceed Standards. The Commission recognizes the exemplary performance of Palau Community College in the following areas.

Standard I.A.2, I.B.9, IV.B.6 (Commendation 1): The Commission commends the College and its leadership for its ongoing commitment to institutional effectiveness. Palau Community College's 15-Year Institutional Master Plan (YIMP) sustains not only the college, but the entire state of Palau in areas of conservation and workforce innovation opportunities congruent to its mission.

Compliance Requirements

None.

Recommendations for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

None.

Next Steps

The Peer Review Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings, including areas of noteworthy practice. The guidance and recommendations contained in the Peer Review Team Report represent the best advice of the team at the time of the visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to improve. A final copy of the Peer Review Team Report is attached.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the ISER, the Peer Review Team Report, and this letter to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website within seven business days of your receipt. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page. In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within 30 days of the date of the Commission's action.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on March 15, 2027. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the fall term of 2029 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the spring term of 2030.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Palau Community College undertook to prepare for this review. These efforts confirm that peer review can serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact Dr. Mac Powell or the vice president assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,

Mac Powell, MBA, Ph.D.
President

Lori Gaskin, Ph.D.
Chair

cc: Ms. Deikola Olikong, Accreditation Liaison Officer

Attachment

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, Special Reports, or Teach-out Plans/Agreements to the Commission should review *Guidelines for Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/>.

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) English Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Math Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Director of Development
Office of the President
Salary ranges: \$18,730 to \$33,262
- (8) Instructor, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00

ALUMNI NOTES

O'KEEF KOKICHI INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Mr. O'Keef Kokichi, PCC's Student Trustee, is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2023 with an Associate of Science in Information Technology. He currently works as a Tutor for UBMS summer program. Mr. Kokichi will be attending Eastern Oregon University this Fall Semester 2023.



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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

July 14 - 23, 2023



Lesley Adachi



Ngirachermang Polloi



Grace Merong



Hilda Reklai



Lavulavu Kahue



Frederick Ikertang

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

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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

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