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PCC ENVIRONMENTAL & MARINE SCIENCE HOSTS 2023 VIRTUAL DRONE SUMMER CAMP



Students from left to right: Maya Moros, Adiva Udui, Melia Ozu, Caitlin Joshua, Anthea Escobido, Clarence Javillonar, Ruslan Eberdong, Coen Ruloked, & Derrick Alexander. (Photo taken by Mr. Alik Ulechong).

During the week of June 27-July 1, 2023, PCC's Environmental and Marine Science program hosted the "2023 Virtual Drone Summer Camp" for three high school and six PCC-college students. Students spent five hours a day for one week learning how to program drones to fly themselves and how to build 3D models using drone data. The students gained highly sought-after technical skills in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones, learned about drone careers and real-world applications, interacted with students from San Diego who were simultaneously participating in the summer camp, earned the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) certificates, and they even got to keep the drones they used during the summer camp. Two science faculties, Vernice Yuzi and Rilang Roberto organized the camp's logistics, including a virtual connection to the host's online site. Mr. Alik Ulechong (IT student at PCC) served as the camp's teaching assistant and provided the students from various institutions of higher learning,

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PCC ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE PERSONNEL ATTENDED MIP TRAINING AT BTACHES BLDG



front row: Ms. Elizabeth Holland, Grace Alexander, Jade Mariur, and Shaik Higa; back row: Director Debbie Ngiraibai, Merii Ngirakesau, Harline Haruo, Angie C. Fuentes, Johvanna Yaoch, Taulima Inosencio and Kristy Olkeril

On June 26 - 30, 2023 PCC Administration & Finance staff attended a one-week MIP Fund Accounting & Human Resource Management. Training instructor was Mrs. Elizabeth Holland from Holland Consulting International, LLC. Mrs. Holland is an MIP Alliance Partner and Microix Authorized Partner and Certified Trainer specializing in funding account, fundraising, human resources, and fixed assets.

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HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL OF INDIA VISITS PCC



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Honorary Consul General of Palau to India Neeraj A. Sharma

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.

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The training focused on two main tracks: fund accounting and human resource management including information technology functions which allows for creation of modules and defining fields, plans, and codes. In addition, the MIP training provided needed financial activities for new users and cross-training for adept ones on General Ledger, Bank Reconciliation, Accounts Payable modules, and generate filtered financial reports. For over a decade, PCC has been utilizing MIP Funding Accounting system for recording, processing, and keeping track of all financial activities of the college. With this system, the Human Resource Division's employee informations and contracts can be linked with Finance Division to facilitate and expedite administrative tasks quickly.

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 accommodate 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

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key technical and instructional support. The on-line modules were taught by instructors from various institutions of higher learning, including Dr. Wing Cheung (Professor of Geography and GIS, Palomar College) and Dr. Jochen Schubert (Research Specialist in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California-Irvine). The summer camp was made possible by a National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (NSF-ATE) grant (DUE #2201214) that was awarded to Southwestern College and Palomar College (located in San Diego County, California). Ms. Lauren Wetzell, a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, assisted the grant's PIs, Dr. Wing Cheung and Dr. Ken Yanow (Professor of Geographical Sciences, Southwestern College), in extending their virtual camp to include students in the Pacific Islands. This summer marks the first out of three times the drone camp will be held in Palau, as more colleges will be included each year from the U.S. affiliated Pacific Island region by 2025.



Inset right: Caitlin Joshua practiced maneuvering her drone to create 3D models (Photo taken by Ms. Lauren Wetzell); Nine Palau students joined 15 San Diego students for the virtual online sessions led by Dr. Cheung (onscreen) and Dr. Schubert. (Photo taken by Mr. Alik Ulechong).

NEWLY PAVED CONCRETE RAMP COMPLETED



On Friday, July 14, 2023 CTE Lab School Students and Mabuchi workers paved the ramp between Batches bldg. and Accreditation Office

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Mon to Thu 7:30AM - 7:00 PM

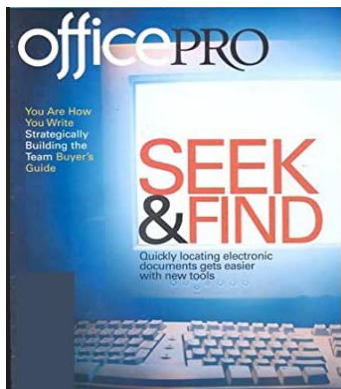
Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sun & National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: OFFICE PRO MAGAZINE



OfficePro features relevant, share-worthy content that discuss the issues you face in the office. The award-winning magazine is published seven times a year.

Academic Calendar

July 27
Grades due by 11 am

July 24 - August 04
New Student
Placement Testing

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

BYRCE KERRUOL BONICACIO ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Mr. Bryce Kerruol Bonicacio is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2023 with an Associate of Science in Environmental/Marine Science. He currently works as a Tutor for UBMS summer program. Mr. Bonicacio will be attending University of Hawaii at Hilo 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 21 - 31, 2023



Silas Kintaro



Ngirachermang Polloi



Grace Merong



Tanya Ngirkuteling



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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