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PCC AWARDED NEW GRANT FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



l to r: Associate Professor of Science Vernice Yuji, UH Manoa KML Dr. Bob Richmond, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Science Instructor Dr. Rilang Roberto

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a new \$5 million dollar grant to a consortium of Pacific Island institutions of higher education, to provide scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the marine and environmental sciences. The grant entitled "Scholarships to Support Students at Hawaiian and Pacific Island Institutions of Higher Education in STEM Degree Programs" will include students attending Palau Community College, American Samoa Community College, the College of Micronesia - FSM, the College of the Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas College, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. This new grant is being led by Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College, Vernice Yuji, the Chair of PCC's Science Department, Dr. Bob Richmond, the director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Kewalo Marine Laboratory (KML), who also serves on the PICRC board of directors, and Lauren Wetzell, an education specialist and doctoral candidate also at KML.

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PCC Hosts COM-LG BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING



COM Land Grant Board of Regents and administrators, researchers, and extension agents

On August 20-22, Palau Community College hosted College of Micronesia (COM) Land Grant Board of Regents (BOR) and three national colleges Presidents meeting at PCC Assembly Hall. Also present were researchers and extension agents from COM-FSM states, College of the Marshall Islands, and Palau Community College.

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Memorandum

August 23, 2023

To : All Members, Board of Trustees
: Faculty, Staff and Students

From : President *Patrick U. Tellei*

Subject: Sad News (Passing of a Staff Member – Ms. Merii Ngirakesau)

Good morning everyone. I write to bring sad news about a passing away of one of our very own. This morning, August 23, 2023 at around 8:30 am, we received word that Merii Ngirakesau who works at our Human Resource Department has passed away. She went to the hospital a few days ago and her condition deteriorated until her passing this morning.

Let us take a moment to offer a prayer to members of her family and friends and also for all of us. We will await the planning of the funeral rites from the family and will participate as appropriate.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone as we start a new semester where we strive to ensure quality and excellence in the fulfillment of our mission.

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.

MARINE/ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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This project will contribute to the regional need for well-educated scientists, by supporting low-income, eligible students enrolled in the Pacific Islands institutions of higher education, that serve populations of a highly under-represented group in the STEM disciplines: Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs). The project addresses a primary cause of low enrollment by island-based students in STEM: financial limitations. The majority (over 65%) of this group of students are the first generation to attend college. The project will provide support for critical activities like navigating financial aid applications, choosing STEM career paths, developing key skills supporting academic success, and addressing those that create barriers to achievement. Elements of this project, specifically scholarships, cohort activities in professional skill development, and a network of academic support can help students succeed in earning degrees in STEM, and lessons learned from this project will be applied to help increase opportunities for more underrepresented and first-generation college students to enter the STEM workforce. This project is expected to impact approximately 250 students over the five-year grant period, and will support culturally connected island-based students, allowing them to serve their communities, national and regional needs in critical STEM areas including ocean health, natural resource assessment, protection, restoration, and resilience in the face of climate change and other challenges to environmental and natural resource sustainability. This project builds on an existing and successful partnership between the University of Hawaii at Manoa KML and the five U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Island community colleges that has enhanced their marine and environmental science programs. This project will further contribute new knowledge on the effectiveness of approaches and activities (i.e. cohort-based professional enrichment training, tailored mentorship experiences, and support for transferring from 2-year to 4-year degree programs) that strengthen students' self-efficacy, science identity, and sense of belonging in entering the STEM workforce.

article contributed by Associate Professor Vernice Yuzi

September is Amnesty Month at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library! If you have once checked out library books or DVDs but had forgotten to return them on their due dates, then you are in luck as you have a chance to turn them in without paying overdue fines. Gather those overdue books or DVDs and return them to the library within the month of September. Do not worry about accrued overdue fines because they will be forgiven once we have the materials evaluated, checked in, and back on our shelves. Even more, your library account with us will be reactivated. For more information about the Amnesty Month call us at 488-3540 or email us at peclib@palau.edu.

CAREGIVER TRAINING AWARDING OF CERTIFICATE AT PCC ASSEMBLY HALL



2023 Caregiver Training Cohort 1 awarding ceremony at PCC Assembly Hall

On Monday, August 14, 2023 Palau Community College Continuing Education (CE) in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) and Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC) began a one-week training for local caregivers at PCC Continuing Education. The focus of the training is to provide information on the concept of aging and general principles of caring for the aged adult.

During its awarding ceremony on Friday, August 18th, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei encouraged participants to utilize the skills learned to assist family members and loved ones in need of care especially aging and disabled persons. Dr. Gregory Dever emphasized the need of the program and assured the continuity of the training with the next two cohorts to commence in the following weeks. Cohort Lead Instructor Dr. Sylvia Osarch introduced training facilitators: Dr. Louisa Santos, Ms. Kathy Kinto, Ms. Vanessa Espangel, and Mr. Jason Nolan and gave an overview of the week's training and what are expected including brief discussion on training topics covered such as medical problem-anemia, dermatomyositis or muscle inflammation that accompanies skin rash, blood pressure or hypertension, urinary tract infection, bodily pain and symptoms, difficult behavior, stress management by both caregiver and family member, oral health, daily physical activities and prevention of bedsores, and movement or gait prevention and transfer.

Training participants are Elizabeth C. Takamine, Jesusa Belardo, Mary Jean Masters, Jeffrey Malbog, Genita P. Aring, Rina Villareal, Revelen A. Sta-Anna, Mary Grace Ragudo, Jayson Sayson, Rowel Guelan, Mary Claire Gordola, Arturo C. Gabriel, Allen Jediah R. Ferrer, Mary Grace Mapoy, MA. Judith B. Masters, Sheila N. Castaneda, and Louie D. Rivera.

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:

PARENTS MAGAZINE



The magazine provides trustworthy advice and a supportive community for parents to raise the next generation of confident and compassionate kids. Supporting caregivers through every step of the parenting journey—from those big life decisions to the memory-making moments.

Academic Calendar

September 4
Holiday: UN Day

September 11
9-11 Memorial Service

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED? APPLY NOW

Ministry of Health and Human Services

We're Accepting Applications for the Second Community Health Worker Training Program

APPLY
NOW

Qualifications:

- At least have a High School Diploma
- Age Range: 21-45 years
- Palauans residing in ALL States (prioritizing Airai, Koror, Peleliu and Angaur States)

For more
information
please contact
Project Director
OJ Tumechub @
488-4573/4495

GENEROUS
STIPEND

Trainings and Certification:

Public Health Policies, Procedures, Screening, Surveillance, Infection Control, Quarantine, COVID-19 Monitoring, Basic Life Support, First-Aid, NCD Management, Elderly Caregiving, Behavioral Health and Wellness Interventions. Applications can be picked up at the Ministry of Health and Human Services HR Office located at the Belau National Hospital or the Division of Behavioral Health Youth Center located at Palau High School

Application Deadline is September 8, 2023

Training Program starts September 18, 2023 on PCC Campus

This project is funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Grant #: 6 NU58DP007021-01-01

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The meeting covered highlights various programs and review and plan for future initiatives and directives deem crucial for programs improvement and accomplishments. MLG Board of Regents are Chairman Dr. Emais Roberts-Palau, Vice Chairperson Suzanne L. Gallen-Pohnpei, and Secretary/Treasurer Wilbur Heine. Also present from each college in Micronesia were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, COM-FSM President Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono, and CMI President Irene Tafaaki along with Land Grant administrators: Steven Young-Uhk-COM-FSM, Stanley Lorennij-CMI, and Dr. Christopher Kitalong-PCC.

2023-2024 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING
SCHOLARSHIP

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY
INC. SCHOLARSHIP

MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP

PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP

TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

WILHELM R. RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

NGISELACHEOS RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. FOR
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTACT: DEVELOPMENT OFFICE @
488-2470/2471 EXT. 252 OR 253

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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

TYULA TMARSEL LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM



Ms. Tyula Tmar-sel is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2021. She recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of Hawaii at Hilo. She also was a former student worker at PCC Office of the President. Congratulations Tyula!



Mesekiu's News
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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

August 25 - September 05, 2023



Chelsea Pedro



Didiich Albert



Deluise Ngirusong



Kaylence Igeral

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

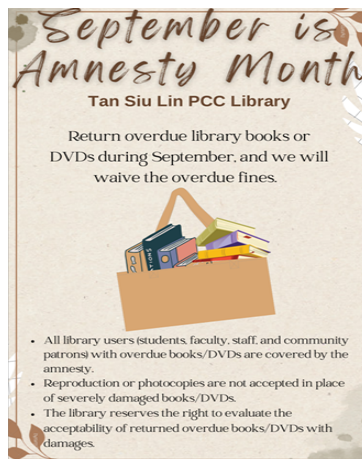
- (9) Instructor, Liberal Arts program
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280
- (10) Instructor, Information Technology Program
Academic Affairs Division
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The college bids farewell to Grace Alexander



PCC bids farewell to one of its very own Grace Alexander after serving 33 years as System Analyst at Computer Services. Thank you Grace for your loyalty and commitment to support our students and staff



PCC Endowment

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To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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

Interested in Learning Trans-ferrable 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

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