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PCC President Meets the Team from Ocean **EXPLORATION TRUST**



Mr. Daniel Wagner, Chief Scientist, Ms. Allison Fundis, Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Megan Cook, Education and Outreach Officer, Mr. King M. Sam, Program Manager of Palau International Coral Reef Center, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, and PCC students and staff

On October 27, 2023, the team from the Ocean Exploration Trust along with Mr. King M. Sam, Program Manager of Palau International Coral Reef Center, visited PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei. The team consists of Allison Fundis, Chief Operating Officer, Megan Cook, Education and Outreach Officer and Daniel Wagner, Chief Scientist. Their presentation and discussion with the president and students was about their 2024 Nautilus Expedition to Palau. Their purpose is to explore the ocean, seek out new discoveries while pushing the boundaries of technological innovation, education and outreach. Nautilus continued on page 2



Independence day

The PCC family wishes the Federated States of Micronesia a very Happy 37th Independence Day!

AWARDING CEREMONY OF BASIC KOREAN LANGUAGE



The ceremony consists of the students, PCC President Dr. Tellei, Instructor Mr. Sang Jin Yeong, his wife, and Dean of Continuing Education (CE), Pastor Hedrick Kual

On October 19, 2023, the students who took Basic Korean Language received their certificates as their course came to an end. The ceremony took place at the Chibokill training room. It began with opening remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, followed by the awarding of certificates by their instructor Mr. Sang Jin Yeong and the President himself. After the awarding, the ceremony ended with closing remarks by the Dean of Continuing Education (CE), Pastor Hedrick Kual. The participants of the course included Korean continued on page 4

PCC Mourns the Unexpected Loss of a Beloved Employee



Dean of Academic Affairs, Ms. Deikola Olikong

The PCC family extends its dearest condolences to Dean Deikola Olikong's family and friends for her untimely passing on November 1, 2023. She brought so much love and joy during her tenure here.

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.

CRE RESEARCH PROGRESS ON BREEDING ACTINOPYNGA SPP (CHEREMRUM)





Actinopynga Spp (cheremrum)

In an experiment, which started in June and August 29th, and continuing through September, Richard Page and Enrique Hseih from the Taiwan Technical Mission aquaculture division have achieved the first successful breeding of actinopynga spp, cherumrum, in Palau this research funded by NIFA and the TTM aims to develop the highly valuable sea cucumber species for Palau. It is notable because breeding has never been induced in captivity before and highlights the extraordinary benefits of developing partnerships in research.

With both researchers testing methods and systems to induce breeding at any time among broodstock of the species at the national hatchery and at the pcc hatchery. This collaboration sets a successful precedent for the rearing of marine species between two hatcheries in Palau with both sharing credit for the research and discovery. The development of this species was highlighted by TNC at the last Aimelik women's group meeting to a very enthusiastic audience, "the partnership represents a fundamental step forward in sharing methods and technologies that can benefit communities interested in sea cucumber farming across Palau."



PCC would like to thank Palau Royal Resort (PRR) for their kind donation of Sunday Brunch to help with PCC on the 2023 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event. Thank you, again for supporting!

Ms. Jean Jonellas of PRR presenting the donation to Harriette Herman of PCC

NOONTIME SEMINAR: CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TIPS



Ar. Hefflin Bai, PNCC Public Relations Officer, presenting Cybersecurity Awareness Tips to PCC President and PCC students and staff

On October 27, 2023, Mr. Hefflin Bai, Palau National Communications Corporation's Public Relations Officer, visited PCC for a noontime seminar regarding Cyber Security. Because October is National Cyber Security Awareness month, Mr. Bai touched topics on password cracking, phishing, physical security, ransomware, email security, mobile device security, as well as simple steps for being safe while online. He reiterated that as technology evolves, so does cybercrime and that is why it is important to identify the main methods of attack to help keep ourselves and our identity safe online. PCC thanks Mr. Bai for taking the time to visit PCC and share knowledge on this important issue.

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In their program, they have priorities such as map and explore unsurveyed areas, science needs of areas they operate in, publicly-accesible data, engage in broad audiences, as well as sponsor priorites. The Nautilus is equipped with technology that is capable to survey the ocean floor, which helps them gather data. In 2024, they plan to visit American Samoa, Hawai'i, Jarvis, and Howland and Baker, asides from Palau. PCC wishes you well in your journey as we wait for you in November of 2024.

New COFA Liaison Officer for Palau, Lieutenant Anna Maria Vaccaro (Navigator on US Coast Guard ship in Florida) and LCDR Christine Torres Igisomar- Maritime Advisor Coast Guard Forces Micronesia visited PCC President to pay their repects. Thank you for your time!



Lieutenant Anna Maria Vaccaro, COFA Liaison Officer, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, LCDR Christine Torres Igisomar

BITSAND 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

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Academic Calendar

November 23 (Thu) Holiday - Thanksgiving Day

> **November 24 (F)** Holiday - Family Day

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiw'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 hherman@

palau.edu.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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



Ms. Jenna Mersai of PICRC presenting the donations to Harriette Herman of PCC Development Office

PCC would like to thank Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) for their generous donation to support PCC on the 2023 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event. Their donation of Palau Aquarium Activity Books, Palau Aquarium Notebooks, PICRC Folders, Palau Aquarium Keychains, and Palau Aquarium tickets will surely help with a lot!

PCC would like to thank Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) for their kind donations of PPR all day passes to support the 2023 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event. Thank you, PPR, for your continuous support!



Mulan Mechaet of PPR presenting the donations to Harriette Herman of PCC Development Office

Show your support for the 2023 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event by purchasing a \$10 Raffle Ticket! Your support will help Palau's only institution of higher learning continue to provide the much needed academic programs & trainings for generations to come.

2023 PCC Thanksgiving
Endowment Fundraising
Eventwill take place on
Wednesday,
November 22, 2023
from 12PM - 5PM at the
PCC Mesekiu Bai

For more information about the fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252

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 Affaris 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) Instructor, Community & Public Health Academic Affairs Division salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00 per annum

For application forms and information, contact Harline Haruo at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471 extension 227, or e-mail: hr@palau.edu, or download forms at http://pcc.palau.edu.

ALUMNI NOTES

Ms. Jaelynn Kalisa Tevid LIBERAL ARTS



Ms. Jaelynn Kalista Tevid graduated with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts this Spring 2023. She recently moved to Hawai'i to further her studies. All the



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 November 1-November 10, 2023



Tchuzie Tadao



Patrick Tellei



Vobby Enano



Maureen Renguul



Emengel Singich



Debra Ngiraingas

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (8) Instructor, Information Technology Program Academic Affairs Division salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Math Coordinator Acadmic Affairs Division salary ranges: \$19,000-\$23,000 per annum





View of the Team from the Ocean Exploration Trust's Nautilus

PCC Endowment

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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.

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Froline Ann Bultedaob, Frolly Ann Bultedaob, Jollidee Derrick, Kiora Rafael, Marrigold De Castro, Mary Gielle Mulintapang, Mary Grace Panum, Maya Malchiyanged, Michelle Jane Lasanas, and Ukong Anastacio. Also present at the ceremony is the instructor, Mr. Sang Jin Jeoung's wife who attended several classes to help and support the students. PCC is happy and proud to be able to witness the success of the course and hopes for more people to sign up next time and take the class to expand their knowledge on languages.

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