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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC HOLDS NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2024



*Dean of Students Mrs. Hilda Reklai and her assistant Mr. Harrison Umang giving the students an orientation of the college as well as the campus tour*

On Monday, January 8, 2024, the Dean of Students, Mrs. Hilda Reklai, along with her assistant, Mr. Harrison Umang, gave the incoming new students of Spring 2024 an orientation of the college and tour of the campus. The students seem very excited to start fresh with a new semester as the staff are excited to welcome them to the college. During the orientation, students met with their counselors/advisors Ms. Nicole Gabriel, Ms. Evigan Sengebau and Mr. Crane Moses to select program courses for the spring semester. Students were also introduced to various offices of the college by a campus tour led by Mr. Harrison Umang. The New Student Orientation Program serves as an informative session for new students regarding programs and services available. Before the orientation, new students who applied for Spring 2024 had to come in the campus to take what is known as a placement test. This test helps the staff determine which classes the students will start off taking, depending on their score and knowledge on certain subjects. Once the staff determine their score, they are able to provide the new students with their respective schedules aligned with their knowledge and the program they chose. Spring 2024 will start instructions on January 15. As we begin a new year, PCC wishes the best for all students and staff for a successful and fruitful semester.

**SPRING 2024 FIRST  
DAY OF INSTRUCTION:  
JANUARY 15**

## BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL GAMES AWARDING CEREMONY



*Student Activities Supervisor, Mr. Jack Meltel, awarding students and their teams*

The PCC Students Activities Supervisor and the the Associated Students of PCC (ASPCC) create sport tournaments for students and staff to get together, exercise, as well as team building exercises. This year began with the awarding of the Basketball Intramural Games Awarding Ceremony of the tournament that finished last year. However, due to the renovation of the Mesekiu Gym, it had to be pushed to January 5, 2024. As the basketball tournament comes to an end, we await the start of the upcoming volleyball tournament for the students and staff. Teams are getting together and are excited to play. This year is all about becoming healthier and exercising more.

*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.*

## MR. HARUO WILTER VISITS PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI



*PCC President Dr. Tellei with Mr. Haruo Wilter*

What a great way to start the year with a special guest coming to visit the college and the college's President Dr. Patrick Tellei. Mr. Wilter is one of the original framers of the Palau Constitution. He stopped by to visit PCC President and share his views on Palau government and the direction it is taking. Mr. Wilter also served with Dr. Tellei in the 2005 Palau's 2<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Convention.

## PCC PRESIDENT ATTENDS FIRST SESSION OF 2024



*PCC President Dr. Tellei at the chambers' gallery*

PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei had the opportunity to attend this year's first session on January 9, 2024, Tuesday. He traditionally attends every year's first session as a way to show he supports the congress and all it has done and continues to accomplish for the duration of the administration. The first session consisted of second and third readings of amending Palau National Codes (PNCs) among other important matters. Unfortunately, the senators had an important meeting right after the session so they did not have time to talk and take a picture. However, they recognized President Dr. Tellei's presence. As we welcome the new year, PCC family would like to thank Olbiil Er a Kelulau and all the members for all your hard work to serve Palau's people and wishes you all a successful, fruitful last year of administration!

## INTERNSHIPS ON AN OCEAN EXPEDITION IN PALAU NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

**Deadline Extended!**

**Apply by January 21st to join an exploration expedition into Palau National Marine Sanctuary**

Two ocean exploration expeditions are being planned for fall 2024 with Ocean Exploration Trust, Palau International Coral Reef Center, NOAA Ocean Exploration, and other Palauan and U.S. agencies working closely together to map and explore Palau National Marine Sanctuary!

The team seeks educators and students to sail aboard E/V Nautilus, gaining paid hands-on experience in ocean exploration and serving as STEM role models for the next generation.

**For educators**

Sail for ~2 weeks in Palau National Marine Sanctuary as onboard educators to bring the excitement of ocean exploration to students. Host live broadcast connections with classrooms and get hands-on experience with the science, technology, engineering, and biological parts of exploring the deep ocean!

Attend a science communication training workshop in April in Hawaii! (expenses paid) and work together with a community of educators across the Pacific to share stories of ocean exploration and inspire learners in Palau and beyond.

Educators of all kinds — classroom teachers, community educators, and artists — are eligible to sail on the ship as expedition storytellers through the Science Communication Fellowship.

**For community college or undergraduate students**

Learn about the ocean hands-on with paid ocean science, underwater technology (remotely operated vehicle engineering), or broadcast media (video systems engineering) themed internships.

Advance your skills and apply learning from the classroom as a key part of the team at sea for ~2 weeks on a deep ocean exploring expedition in Palau National Marine Sanctuary working alongside mentors and experts in the field.

Internships pay \$900/week and all travel costs are paid.

<https://bit.ly/PalauTeachers>

<https://bit.ly/PalauInterns>

**Join a voyage to explore Palau National Marine Sanctuary!**

Exploration Vessel Nautilus will visit Palau in fall 2024 to explore the deep ocean and share data to support Palau National Marine Sanctuary. Local students and educators are invited to join the expedition for 2-3 weeks at-sea to build professional skills and experiences in science, technology, engineering, and storytelling.

**FOR TEACHERS: SCIENCE COMMUNICATION FELLOWSHIPS**

Bring the ocean, new technology, and the excitement of discovery to your students as a paid expedition science storyteller! Collaborate with others across the Pacific and the world in this paid program open to classroom or community educators.

**FOR STUDENTS: SCIENCE & ENGINEERING INTERNSHIPS**

Paid internships for community college and undergraduate students in ocean science, underwater technology (remotely operated vehicle engineering) or broadcast media (video systems engineering).

**Deadline Extended to January 21! Apply Now!**

Due to no applications received on the original deadline, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the expedition internship, they have extended the deadline to January 21<sup>st</sup> in an effort to get more Palauan students engaged.

Coming in the fall of 2024, PICRC and other Palauan agencies are collaborating with the US non-profit organization Ocean Exploration Trust to conduct two deep ocean exploration expeditions to map and better understand Palau National Marine Sanctuary. There are opportunities for students or educators to join the expedition as part of a paid internship experience, in key expedition roles and working closely with mentors. The internships in underwater technology (Remotely Operated Vehicle) engineering and video systems engineering, seem like an especially great fit for your students or alumni.

PCC and the Ocean Exploration Trust urge the students in the General Electronics, Electrical Technology, Environmental Science, Marine Technology or Mechanics Technology programs at PCC to apply for this internship opportunity. Not only students, but educators that are interested.

Although both students and educators apply, they will be experiencing different things, because of the difference in their responsibilities during the expedition. Grab the opportunity to learn more about our environment, the technology they use, and enjoy all that comes with the internship. Refer to the website for more information. Educators and students, **APPLY NOW.**



## 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: BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK



*Bloomberg Businessweek, previously known as BusinessWeek (and before that Business Week and The Business Week), is an American weekly business magazine published fifty times a year. Since 2009, the magazine is owned by New York City-based Bloomberg L.P. The magazine debuted in New York City in September 1929.*

#### Academic Calendar

**January 15 (M)**  
First Day of Instruction

**January 15-19 (M-F)**  
Drop/Add Period

#### News/Stories Wanted

*Mesekeu'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](mailto:hherman@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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



Sergeant Edwards Brodie along with his team visited the PCC dorm with PCC President Dr. Tellei to see where they will be renovating. Sergeant Brodie is assisting with labor jobs with his team and PCC is so happy and grateful to him and his team for helping the college! Thank you, Sergeant and your team!

So far, the construction on the new Academic and Health Science Building is going great. Everyday there is new progress and PCC is excited to see the foundation and soon, how the building will look like! Special thanks to the construction workers for working rain or shine.



### Earn Your High School Diploma

through PCC Adult High School

#### To apply you must:

- be a Palauan Citizen.
- be 18 yrs. old or older.
- have not earned a high school, GED or HiSet diploma.

#### Registration

Registration is ongoing until January 15, 2024.

#### Orientation

January 12, 2024

#### Classes for 2024 Fall Semester

Classes will begin on Monday, January 15, 2024. Adult High School classes meet from Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM during the day and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

You have the choice to either take classes during the day or attend night classes in the evening.

Application forms are available at the AHS office located on the PCC campus. You may call 488-2471 ext. 267 for more information.



"We Strive to Guarantee Quality and Excellence"



LET THIS  
YEAR 2024  
BE FILLED WITH  
HIGH HOPES AND  
DREAMS!  
GOOD LUCK TO  
EVERYONE AND  
THEIR  
ENDEAVORS AS  
WE AIM FOR  
SUCCESS!



## 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) 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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### KENDALL W. TITIML COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH



Mr. Kendall Titiml graduated with an AS in Community and Public Health in Spring 2023. He is currently working at MHHS under Public Health. Congratulations on all your achievements since graduating!



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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 or 252).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.

## Celebrating Birthdays January 15-21, 2024



*Harline Haruo*



*Rilang Roberto*

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## PCC Endowment

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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 Transferable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

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BLOOD  
DONOR  
MONTH**



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