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COMPUTER TRAINING FOR PCC STAFF



PCC Staff with their instructor

On February 12, 2024, the Center for Teaching Excellence, in collaboration with the Computer Services Division, conducted trainings for full time faculty, instructors, and instructional assistants. The topics of the training were: Google Drive, Google Docs, Basic Computer Troubleshooting Tips and other useful information, which are very essential work place tools. The training was in room 61 of Btaches Building. It was held in two sessions, from 9am-12pm and from 1pm-4pm. Employees from all over PCC were able to attend this training to expand their knowledge regarding the tech world. As technology perpetually evolves, so should we and that's why the training was provided to employees of the only college in Palau. The training is one of many "Facilitating Technological Self-Efficacy Trainings" geared towards empowering staff with the confidence to use technological tools to increase productivity and accomplish workplace goals. Most importantly, the training helps the staff of the college in providing better and easier learning habits to the students. PCC staff extends its gratitude to the Center for Teaching Excellence and PCC's Computer Service Division for the training. As a result, the participants were eager to put their knowledge to use for better work outcomes and enjoy the convenience of working smarter.

PCC PRESIDENT MEETS WITH DR. DUPONT, DR. SCHULZE-BRIZE AND DR. KÜHLEM



Dr. Constanze Dupont, Katharina Sahn, Prof. Dr. Thekla Schulze-Brize, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Annette Kuehlem, Doris Schaeffler

On February 2, 2024, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei met with Dr. Constanze Dupont, Katharina Sahn, Prof. Dr. Thekla Schulze-Brize, Dr. Annette Kuehlem, and Doris Schaeffler to discuss a project proposal: The Bai in Palau/Micronesia - Collaborations and Workshops on Cultural Heritage Management.

Palau faces significant challenges due to climate change, threatening its unique cultural heritage and historical sites. The Technical University Berlin and the German Archaeological Institute are therefore developing workshops and trainings for cultural heritage management. Two aspects are in focus – the preservation of Bai construction techniques and the establishment of archaeology as a career choice.

The traditional construction techniques employed in building Bai hold profound cultural significance for Palau. State-of-the-art digitization techniques represent a valuable tool for precisely and efficiently documenting the intricate details of constructions, including traditional Bai structures in Palau. Methods such as Lidar scans and 3D photogrammetry in combination with manual building documentation-

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enable comprehensive, detailed, and high-resolution capture of architectural elements, ensuring a faithful representation of the original structures. By leveraging such methods, researchers and preservationists can create detailed digital records that not only aid in conservation efforts but also facilitate scholarly analysis and public engagement with Palau's rich cultural heritage.

Organizing a summer school presents an opportunity to immerse students in archaeological techniques directly in the field. This includes conducting an educational excavation at a site identified through previous geoarchaeological work, where significant discoveries are anticipated. Through hands-on experience, students will engage with Palauan history and archaeology while utilizing state-of-the-art technology, and contributing meaningfully to ongoing research. Moreover, this initiative seeks to raise awareness and appreciation for archaeology as a viable career choice, particularly pertinent amidst the increasing development projects in Palau and the threats that climate change poses to archaeological sites.

UPDATE ON THE NEW HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING



The new Health and Science Building's foundation has progressed as the construction has come a long way. The building is located between Tan Siu Lin Library and Track & Field and is set to finish in early 2025, before the South Pacific Mini Games that will be hosted by Palau. Despite the bad weather, the workers continue to dedicate their efforts on finishing the project. The foundation is almost done, indicating that there soon will be a ground breaking ceremony, so stay updated on the Mesekiu Newsletter and PCC Facebook page.

PCC WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE



Henry Falan, Dorm Manager

PCC students, staff, and faculty would like to welcome its newest employee, Mr. Henry Falan. Mr. Falan has agreed to become the PCC's Dormitories new Dorm Manager and we couldn't be more grateful. With his experience and knowledge, we are assured that the students will be more safe and in good hands. Welcome to the PCC family, Mr. Falan.

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS-HITACHI INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOW VISITS PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI



PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei and Ms. Jenna J. Lindeke Heavnerich

On February 12, 2024, Ms. Jenna Lindeke Heavnerich visited PCC to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei. She is a mathematician storyteller who draws stories from data and data from stories. In her current Council on Foreign Relations-Hitachi Fellowship, hosted by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, her research focuses on making visible the complex connections and interactions in the international cooperation space of Pacific Islands. Leveraging systems and complexity methods, her work seeks to elevate Pacific Islander voices and realities and assist donors and policymakers in making informed engagement choices. Thank you for visiting PCC and Palau.

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:

DWELL



Dwell is the first and only magazine to explore both the interiors and the exteriors of modern home design in a stylish, yet accessible way. With focus on a new modernistic approach to home design that offers identity, creativity and harmony.

Academic Calendar

March 4-8 (M-F)
Exam Week

March 15 (F)
Holiday-Youth Day

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 hherman@palau.edu.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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



SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH OF MICRONESIA

Joint study between Waseda University and Palau Community College

PARTICIPATE IN AN ECONOMIC EXPERIMENT AND MAKE SOME \$\$\$\$

Qualifications:
PCC students who can operate an APP on a touch-screen tablet

Date and Time:

- March 11, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am
- March 11, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- March 12, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am
- March 12, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- March 13, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am

Additional Notes:

- 20 students per session (a student can only participate in one session)
- Those students who receive a confirmation email from the registration will be selected to participate in the experiment.
- \$17.00 USD per participant (the honorarium is paid after each session.)

INTERESTED ? JOIN ONE OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION SESSIONS:

- February 19, 2024 | 12:00pm | Assembly Hall
- February 19, 2024 | 5:00pm | Assembly Hall
- February 20, 2024 | 12:00pm | Assembly Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT :

Ms. Bernie Ngiralmau, Coordinator | bngralmaue@palau.pcc.edu
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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

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email addresses for students

Did you know?

With a palau.edu email address, you will have access to many free or significantly discounted software packages and online services including Amazon Prime, Microsoft Office 365 Education, Adobe Creative Cloud which includes Adobe Photoshop, Spotify, Norton anti-virus, Autodesk which includes AutoCAD, and Apple Music. You will also have access to discounted equipment and products from Apple, Dell, Samsung, Best Buy and many others.

To activate your palau.edu email address:

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Internet, Safari, Firefox, etc.) and navigate to the site mail.palau.edu or gmail.com.
2. Once the page loads, enter your username and password. Your username is your firstname plus your lastname (all lowercase and no spaces). Your password is your PCC student ID number. If your ID number contains 7 or less numbers, add 0s at the end so that you have at least 8 numbers.

For assistance, stop by the PCC Online Lab or Computer Services Office

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
- (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
- (10) Financial Aid Counselor
Student Services Division
salary ranges: \$12,049-\$20,607 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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthdays
February 19 - February 25, 2024



Cecilia Andrew

Rox Gunayan



Connie Madrangchar



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements and a time for recognizing the central role and contributions of black people in U.S. and world history.

PCC Endowment

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

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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.

ALUMNI NOTES

**TELAEL ROSENDO
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**



Ms. Telael Rosendo graduated with her AS in Criminal Justice in Spring 2021. She was a police officer, then went to Hawaii to further her career. Congratulations on all your achievements!

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.

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