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PCC PROFESSORS ATTEND GRANTS PROJECT DIRECTORS MEETING AT NIFA HEADQUARTERS



2024 ANNH and Insular PD Meeting at KCMO May 29-31, 2024



Group picture of everyone who attended the in-person meeting. On May 29-31, 2024, Project Directors and Co-Project Directors, which include Associate Professor of Agriculture Program, Mr. Frederick Ikertang, Vernice Yuzi, and Rilang Roberto both of whom are Associate Professors for the Science Department, attended the 2024 Insular Areas Competitive Grants and Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Grants Project Directors Meeting held in-person that took place at NIFA Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. They built partnerships and learned so much from the other institutions as well as from NIFA presenters. While there, they presented the project context, overview, the actual and anticipated outputs, outcomes, impacts, and the success stories. Due to USDA federal regulations, security measures were followed, including only USDA-issued laptops that can be used to display presentations and going through security at NIFA headquarters and for a staff member to escort you through the building. *Continued on Page 2*

PCC UBMS STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP: PELELIU

Written by: Mr. Ian Goodall



PCC UBMS students and staff during their field trip to Palau's southern state of Peleliu

On May 31, 2024, Palau Community College (PCC) Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) students had a field trip to Peleliu. The field trip aimed to educate students about the importance of each historical site they visited. The first site they visited was the 1000 Man Cave which served as a shelter for Japanese soldiers. Next, they went to visit the state museum and the old museum, both of which held many artifacts and pictures from World War II. The older museum was deemed unsafe for entry so they moved onto the next site. As they arrived at the next destination, they were welcomed by a huge flight of stairs leading up to the highest point on the island. It was the famous Bloody Nose Ridge. Everyone enjoyed a great hike and was rewarded with a spectacular view at the top. The students learned about the historical importance of each site and were immersed in this memorable experience. As noon approached, lunch was enjoyed at Camp Beck. UBMS greatly appreciates Peleliu State for their assistance and cooperation.

PCC Wishes All Athletes a Good Luck on the 2024 Micronesian Games

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Objectives of the grants include strengthening the ability of insular area institutions to carry out teaching and education programs related to food and agricultural sciences, to enhance institutional education capacities, including curriculum, faculty, and teaching quality, to address the national challenge of increasing diversity in students entering agriculture-related STEM disciplines, to strengthen the capacity of institutions of higher education to carry out resident instruction, curriculum, and teaching programs in food and agricultural sciences through distance education technology, and aiming to improve formal, post-secondary agricultural sciences education. The team gave a powerpoint presentation for the Distance Education Grant (DEG) and the Resident Instruction Grants (RIIA), both are competitive programs administered by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). These grants focus on improving formal, postsecondary agricultural and related sciences education in specific insular areas. As for Palau Community College, partially funded DEG has been instrumental in developing areas of activities including making 100% of Agriculture (AG) courses have been updated/modified and approved by the college's Curriculum and Programs Committee (CPC) in 2022. 50% of the AG courses are now hybrid and developed an Online Repository. It supported the College's internet connectivity, upgrades, & updates including an upcoming purchase of a new back-up server and new back-up battery. The fully funded RIIA has accomplished an array of activities with over 90% of AG students supported through stipends and experiential learning on their farm who have graduated. Because of RIIA they banned all pesticides, insecticides, & herbicide use. The use of synthetic fertilizers reduced by more than 50%. Compost production and quality increased as well. Organic liquid fertilizers, bio-pesticides, & plant stimulants are now part of our growing guidelines and increased participation in community-based activities creating strong partnership bonds with stakeholders, NGOs and local high school agriculture programs. Through experiential learning, it enhances knowledge in sustainable agricultural concepts & practices by students. The experiential learning, internships, practicums, & peer to peer mentoring have proven to produce AG students with exceptional leadership knowledge and skills in Agricultural Science. Last but not the least, three AG course outlines were updated and approved. Dr. Kellyann Jones-Jamgaard, National Program Leader, Mrs. Dorrise Resto, Program Specialist and the participants commended on the PCC team for their presentation and encourage them to apply for grants.

PCC-CRE BOOTH AT WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY: JUNE 7, 2024



PCC-CRE staff and students at their booth at Ernguul Park on World Food Safety Day

On June 7, 2024, the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) hosted the World Food Safety Day and PCC's Cooperation Research and Extension (CRE) was fortunate to have a booth. Because CRE prioritizes and promotes food safety in their objectives, they were invited to be part of the program. Their booth showcased sustainable aquaculture development, focused on food insecurity, assisted the community with regards to agriculture, make sure people knew about climate change and its effects, and the importance of the "Garden to Table" diet and more. Additionally, the booth was crowded because of the free seeds they gave out. Thank you PCC-CRE team for promoting sustainability and educating the community about the importance of food safety.

PCC DONATES TO NGARAARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FIRST YEARBOOK



Ms. Vera Kanai presenting the donation to Ms. Ariel Subris

On June 10, 2024, PCC's Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Vera Kanai presented a \$150.00 donation to Ngaraard Elementary School's Yearbook Advisor Ms. Ariel Subris to support them on their school's first ever yearbook. Congratulations on achieving this milestone and we are excited to see the final product.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday
to
Friday 8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: CULTURAL SURVIVAL QUARTERLY



Cultural Survival advocates for Indigenous Peoples' rights and supports Indigenous communities' self-determination, cultures and political resilience since 1972.

Academic Calendar

June 26-28

Mid-Term Period

July 9

Holiday-Constitutional Day

July 12

Last Day for All Withdrawals

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 or 252) for more information.

CTE LAB SCHOOL STUDENTS RENOVATE TEMEKAI BUILDING'S CONFERENCE ROOM



CTE Lab Students renovating the Conference Room with the assistance of PCC Physical Plant staff

On June 11, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Lab students, with the assistance of the PCC Physical Plant staff, began the renovation of Temekai Building's Conference Room. The project is for the students to obtain hands-on experience and strengthen team-building skills. The CTE Lab students all major in Construction Technology (CT) and these kinds of projects improve their personal and professional well-being. PCC thanks the Physical Plant staff for assisting the students. We are excited to see the outcome.

INTERSESSION PROGRAM

June 24 - July 5, 2024

Open For Registration
\$20 PER COURSE



- Courses:**
- Singapore Math (8:00am - 10:00am)
 - English R & W (10:00AM - 12:00PM)
 - Palauan Orthography (1:00pm - 3:00pm)
 - Marine Science (1:00pm - 3:00pm)
 - Computer Application (3:00pm - 5:00pm)
 - Basic Art (3:00pm - 5:00pm)

Contact Us:

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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, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280.00 per annum
- (5) Nursing Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (7) Registration and Records Specialist
Admissions and Records Office
Salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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>.

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ALUMNI NOTES

TUMAKRENG B. I. JOHANES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Ms. Tumakreng Johanes graduated with her AS in Criminal Justice this Spring 2024. She has been working in the Bureau of Public Safety for a long time now. Congratulations on all your achievements and thank you for your service!



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 or 252).

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

Celebrating Birthdays

June 17 - June 23, 2024



Dickxon Noel



Christopher Kitalong



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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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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Awareness Month

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