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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC INTERSESSION ACTIVITIES BEGIN

### AD HOC ART CENTER AT PCC CAMPUS, URUR LABS



*Students and with teacher Harriet Madrangchar during their English class*

On June 24, 2024, Palau Community College's Continuing Education (CE) Office and Tan Siu Lin Library began their summer activity programs. Programs offered in the CE office include academic subjects such as Singapore Math, English Reading & Writing, Palauan Orthography, Marine Science, Art, and Computer Application. Students will also be participating in cultural and educational activities after class sessions and learn to interact with peers. Continuing Education is working with teachers from local public schools to make this summer program more engaging and educational. CE's intersession programs usually last two weeks, however during the summer it lasts three weeks to accommodate students from private schools. The PCC Tan Siu Lin Library also began its summer activity program that will only last for a week. The program features arts and crafts, STEM (science, technology, environment, and mathematics) activities, fun games and scavenger hunt for participants aged 7-12 years old. PCC thanks the CE Office and PCC's Tan Siu Lin Library for hosting activities like these for the students and youth to join, learn and experience more. PCC would also like to thank all the teachers that agreed to be a part of the summer programs of CE Office and additionally thanks Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science students to assist the staff during the summer.



*Supporters and artists at the Ad Hoc Art Center*

In 2022, co-founders Benina Berger and Tati launched the AD HOC Art Center, a local non-governmental organization (NGO). AD HOC provides a space for artists and experienced art enthusiasts to lead art events for children, teens, and adults. The center, currently located at Urur Labs courtesy of PCC, aligns with Berger's background in art, music, and dance. Berger, who also serves as AD HOC's president, is connected with the Belau National Museum. The name "AD HOC" reflects the Latin meaning of "creation out of basic necessity," emphasizing the inherent need for art creation. Berger highlights the inspirational nature of art's spontaneous character. Mirroring their name, the AD HOC team prioritizes collaborative art creation and sharing. They are enthusiastic about the growing appreciation for art within the Palauan community. AD HOC offers a variety of art experiences, including performing arts, applied arts, and visual arts. Their weekly events take place on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, catering to different age groups each session. AD HOC Continued on Page 2

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In June, events included star straw designs for all ages (facilitated by AD HOC's Lorraine) and lei leaf crocheting for teens and adults (facilitated by Jennifer). On June 18th, Henry led a Tapa art workshop for adults, introducing participants to traditional Samoan art and culture. Attendees enjoyed learning a new skill, creating their own Tapa paintings, and fostering community connections. The event evoked childhood artistic memories for some participants. The final June event, scheduled for June 25th, is a kid's acrylic painting session led by Miel. Limited to ten participants, registration can be done via Facebook messenger by expressing interest. A \$5 sign-up fee covers art supplies. During events, facilitators prioritize building meaningful connections with participants. The limited number of attendees allows for personalized guidance and exploration of individual artistic styles, rather than copying established works. Moving forward, AD HOC seeks support to maintain art supplies and provide transportation assistance for facilitators and assistants. The organization welcomes individuals passionate about art and sharing it with others to join their team as facilitators or assistants. Contact can be made through Facebook messenger or email ([info@adhoccenter.com](mailto:info@adhoccenter.com)). The positive feedback from parents who wish their children had similar opportunities and participants who enjoy exploring new creative outlets motivates AD HOC. Their events also raise awareness of art as a viable career path. AD HOC looks forward to continuing to offer engaging art experiences for the community. PCC is happy to be a part of this art movement to encourage everyone to join and promote art. **Contributed from Island Times**



*On all the three pictures, NECO Construction workers are topping off the new building*

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## **PCC VICE PRESIDENT PRESENTS PHS SALUTORIAN AWARD**



*PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil awarding this year's PHS Salutatorian*

On June 19, 2024, Palau High School (PHS) held its 60<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises and the school asked that PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil award this year's salutatorian recipient. The recipient of this year's salutatorian award was Ms. Sophia Sizuka Chibana. With that, this year's Palau High School's valedictorian was Mr. Ignacio Bradford Blaluk. Because Mr. Blaluk at the time was at Marshall Islands, his father stepped up to receive all his award for him. Palau thanks him for missing his high school graduation, a once in a lifetime opportunity, to represent Palau at the Micro Games 2024. The Palau Community College students, staff, faculty, and Board of Trustees congratulate all students in Palau High School Class of 2024. Good luck on all your future endeavors.

## **PCC's BAS BUILDING TOPPING OFF: A BIG MILESTONE**





# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

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

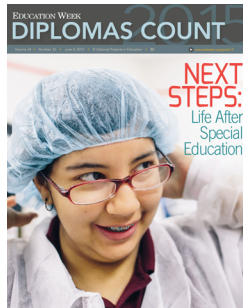
Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National  
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### DIPLOMAS COUNT



*Diplomas Count explores the graduation-rate challenges facing many students and districts and looks at how schools are using data to help students finish high school and earn diplomas.*

### Academic Calendar

**July 9**

Holiday-Constitutional Day

**July 12**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

**July 15**

Registration for Fall 2024 Begins

### 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](mailto:hherman@palau.edu). Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

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*NECO Construction workers and engineer celebrate the topping off of the new building with various food and drinks*



*The second story beams before and after topping off*



*The building now*

The new building being built between the Track & Field and Tan Siu Lin Library that will be used for Health and Sciences has recently made significant progress. The construction has just reached the final concrete pouring of the last beams, which called for preparation of the topping out celebration. The topping out/ topping off ceremony held by NECO company signifies the culmination of the structural phase of a construction project. This event occurs when the highest point of the building, often the final beam/beams, is poured or installed, symbolizing a significant milestone in the construction process. This phase was done on June 25, 2024, which signifies that the construction is following its timeline and should be done right before the South Pacific Mini Games hosted by Palau in 2025. To celebrate this big milestone of the construction process, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei donated food and drinks to the construction workers to celebrate and thank them for their hard work. PCC is grateful to its very own Engineer Devine Claire Ragundi, Structural Engineer/AUTOCAD Designer, for making sure the construction progresses according to its timeline and for being the go-to person for all construction information in both PCC and NECO company.

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

**"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."**

## ALUMNI NOTES

### KAYLA I. REBLUUD

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Ms. Kayla I. Rebluud graduated with her AS in Criminal Justice this Spring 2024. She has been working in Emergency Medical Services for a long time now. Congratulations on all your achievements and thank you for your service!



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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

July 1 - July 7, 2024



*Randall Modechel*



## Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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## PCC Endowment

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



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