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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## WESTOP- PACIFIC ISLANDS CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR PALAU FELLOWSHIP AWARD INTERN AT PCC-CRE

Written By: Ms. Emengel Singich



All the participants with PCC President Dr. Tellei and PCC TRIO Directors and staff

On July 28 to August 1, 2024, Palau Community College hosted the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP)- Pacific Islands Chapter, Professional Development Seminar (PDS). Off-island participants arrived on the 28<sup>th</sup> and they include those from Guam, FSM, and Hawaii. WESTOP includes professional staff and students who support TRIO Programs, Gear Up, C.A.M.P. and many other federal- and state-based educational equity programs and they hold their seminars every year. Palau Community College (PCC) was fortunate to have President of WESTOP Ms. Dalia Hernandez join the seminar. Days one to three of the seminar were for workshops and trainings and the last day was for all the participants to visit the rock island called Kemurbeab. During their first day, His Excellency President Surangel Whipps, Jr. and First Lady Valerie E. Whipps hosted a welcoming reception with entertainment. H.E. President Whipps and First Lady are both alumni of the Upward Bound Program and have played an integral role in Palau, showcasing how the TRIO programs impact the lives of students for the better.

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Pacific Step-Up students learning from Ms. Marinca Faimau

This summer, the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) department had the opportunity to host Ms. Marinca Faimau for an 8-week internship program through the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB)- Palau Fellowship Award. Since June, she has been working hard in the NIH Pacific Step-Up Laboratory located in Urur Building. Ms. Faimau is a first-generation college student at Northern Arizona University studying Biomedical Sciences. Supervised by Ms. Sayaka Naito, CRE's JICA laboratory volunteer, they have been hard at work bringing life back into the lab through various laboratory and experimental set ups. Through her internship, she mentored this year's Pacific STEP-UP students and other work-study students by training them on DNA extraction and polymerase chain reaction, DNA analysis, writing scientific abstracts, and implementing protocols to build research capacity within the facility. Thank you, Ms. Marinca Faimau for your invaluable contributions to the research and development of PCC-CRE and to its mission. We wish you well and good luck on all your future endeavours.



PCC President Dr. Tellei, First Lady Valerie Whipps, President Hernandez and participants with TRIO Directors Tadao, Wakakoro, Borja and Joseph during the welcoming reception



Participants enjoying local cuisine during their luncheon hosted by PCC President Dr. Tellei



Last day of workshops and trainings: PCC President Dr. Tellei giving a presentation on Constitutionalism and COFA

Unfortunately, H.E. President Whipps was off-island at the time, therefore First Lady Valerie E. Whipps attended on his behalf. On the second day of the seminar, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei hosted a luncheon for the participants along with sharing some facts about our island nation, the college's history and introduced the Executive Committee. The last day of the seminar was for the participants to relax and experience Palau's nature before they return home. Palau Community College thanks everyone for participating and hopes to see you all again next time the college hosts. PCC commends the TRIO directors, Director Larry Wakakoro of Upward Bound Program, Director Jolene Joseph of Talent Search, Director Tchuzie Tadao of Upward Bound Math and Science, and Director Thomas Borja of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program (AANAPISI) and all their staff for their dedicated hard work and commitment for overseeing the success of the seminar.

## FORMER UPWARD BOUND DIRECTOR VISITS PCC



Ms. Kuye Belelai and granddaughter with Director Tadao, Ms. Imanuel, PCC President Dr. Tellei, Director Joseph Borja, and Director Wakakoro

On July 24, 2024, the college was graced with a special guest, she is former director of Upward Bound Program, Ms. Kuye Belelai. Ms. Belelai dedicated years of hard work to the college. During her tenure at PCC, she accomplished a great amount of success with Upward Bound Students. Thank you for visiting.

## IPANG SEINENG WOMEN'S GROUP VISIT R&D STATION

Written By: Ms. Emengel Singich



Ipang Seineng Women with CRE Researchers Ms. Elchung Hideyos and Ms. Emengel Singich

On July 10, 2024 PCC-CRE had the pleasure of welcoming the Ipang Seineng Women Group for a visit and tour of the Research and Development (R&D) Station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. Upon arriving the women shared their collective interest in agriculture, especially with specific crops like taro. They were prepared with questions, inquiries, insights, feedback, and shared their wisdom with the staff and students working that day. PCC-CRE would like to thank the Ipang Seineng Women group for their visit to the research facility and for their encouragement for our work. R&D station welcomes anyone or group to visit, should they be interested. Thank you for visiting and please come again soon!

# 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:



Get top expert advice on women's health, mental health, better sleep, stress relief, healthy living, healthy aging, and more.

## Academic Calendar

**August 13**  
New Student Orientation

**August 16**  
Late Registration

**August 19**  
First Day of Instruction

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

# AWARDING CEREMONY: 31<sup>ST</sup> CAREGIVER TRAINING



All the participants with PCC President Dr. Tellei, CE Dean Kual, Palau AHEC's Dr. Gregory Dever and all the instructors

On July 31, 2024, the 31<sup>st</sup> Caregiver Training concluded as their instructors, along with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Continuing Education's Dean Hedrick Kual, and Palau AHEC's Dr. Gregory Dever awarded the students for passing all the courses. The instructors included Dr. Sylvia Osarch (lead instructor), Dr. Louisa Santos (Dentist), Mr. Jason Nolan (Physical Therapist), and Ms. Vanessa Espangel (Home Health Nurse). The awardees include Aira P. Serrano, Alyza Joy E. Watson, Antonio Eugenio, Aprilyn M. Tabuyo, Asuncion M. Mirabueno, Carmerlita L. Baja, Digna C. Atienza, Elania A. Cruz, Emma Ang Sy, Janica N. Candelaria, Jaypee Bernardo, Jerie-Ann Mae Serrano, Joy S. Rebolledo, Justin Edward R. Yadao, Lailani Eugenio, Lilibeth Loresto Ruluked, Luzviminda Mokoll, Maryjane Caparas, Maryjean A. Orosco, Mereuir Rechucher, Rachel Revilla, Ronneth De Castro Fernandez, and Van Argel Roa Gonzalez. Congratulations to all.

**FALL 2024 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**REGISTRATION:** STUDENTS AND STAFF  
12 Players  
July 29 to August 7, 2024  
REGISTRATION CLOSES ON  
AUGUST 12, 2024 AT 6PM

**TECHNICAL MEETING**  
August 9, 2024 6PM at  
Mesekiu Gym

**GAME BEGINS:**  
August 12, 2024

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
LIK/RECREATION 778-1242 OR 488-3074

**FALL 2024 CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

Registration: August 1, 2024 to August 9, 2024  
 Technical Meeting: August 14, 2024 at 6pm Mesekiu Gym  
 Game Begins: August 19, 2024  
 Maximum of 12 players per team

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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
- (8) Administrative Assistant  
Development Office  
Salary ranges: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum
- (9) Accounting Technician (Payroll)  
Administration Department (Business Office)  
Salary ranges: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum

## ALUMNI NOTES

### MALIKEI NGIRMIDOL BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Mr. Malikei Ngirmidol graduated with his AS in Business Accounting this Spring 2024. He worked at Red Cross for a while and recent left to Guam to further his education. Congratulations on all your achievements!



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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 August 12- August 18, 2024



Freddy Sumor, Jr.



John Masao



Angie Fuentes



Dilubech Samil

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (10) Accounting Technician (Receivable)  
Administration Department (Business Department)  
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (11) Financial Aid Counselor  
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (12) Administrative Assistant  
PCC Adult High School (AHS)  
Salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (13) Administrative Assistant  
Upward Bound Program  
Salary range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 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."

## PCC Endowment

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**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**

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