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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC HOLDS 2024 CONVOCATION AT CAFETERIA



*Inset: PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and college staff during 2024 Convocation at PCC Auditorium*

On Friday, August 16, 2024, Palau Community College held its annual convocation at the PCC Auditorium, formerly Cafeteria. Convocation Continued on Page 2

### **HAPPY RETIREMENT!** **The college bids farewell to the following:**



**Dilubch Samil**  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Adult High School  
(30-Service Years)*



**Akilina Maeach**  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Talent Search  
(22-Service Years)*



## FIVE PALAU STEP-UP STUDENTS PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH IN MARYLAND, USA



*Students with H.E. Hersey Kyota Ambassador of Palau to the United States and Ms. Elchung Hideyos of PCC-CRE*

This summer, Pacific Short-term Research Experience Program to Unlock Potential (STEP-UP) had five Palauan high school seniors participate and work with PCC-CRE. The students selected include Iara Ngiruos and Limei Orukei from Palau High School; Seije Tmetuchl from Emmaus/Bethania High School; Erythrina Omung Ngirkelau from Palau Mission Academy; and Ava Planz from New Jersey. For 6-8 weeks, the students worked under Vice President of CRE, Dr. Christopher Kitalong, who is Palau's local coordinator for STEP-UP and Researcher, Elchung G. Hideyos who is the mentor/supervisor of the students. The students did research on different critical issue topics that include Dengue Fever and Public Awareness, Effects of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB), and Salt-tolerant Taro Varieties. After the end of the summer, they were selected to travel to Maryland to present their research to other STEP-UP cohorts and the National Institute of Health (NIH) at the National STEP-UP Symposium 2024. From August 3-8, 2024, PCC-CRE Researcher Elchung G. Hideyos, chaperoned the five students to Maryland, USA. This experience was great exposure for Palauan students to learn about other research-

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## NOONTIME SEMINAR: GEOPOLITICS IN THE PACIFIC, DR. KEEN



*Dr. Meg Keen with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Vice President Jay Olegeriil, CE Dean Hedrick Kual with PCC faculty, staff and students*

PCC held a Noontime Seminar on August 12, 2024 featuring guest speaker Dr. Meg Keen. Dr. Meg Keen is a Senior Fellow in the Pacific Islands Program at the Lowy Institute. The Lowy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan international policy think tank located in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Meg Keen spoke about Geopolitics in the Pacific: Changing Dynamics and Perspective. Her topic went in to details about the Pacific region and how their strategic location leads the dominating countries (e.g. People's Republic of China, U.S.A., etc.) to compete in establishing diplomatic ties with the countries/islands in it. Notably, she reiterated how geopolitics creates opportunities and challenges, how partnerships enhance development and security, and what role there is for regional agencies and alliances. Other than geopolitics, she stressed the importance of climate change, how it's a threat to the islands and their diplomatic relations but can also serve as an opportunity for partnerships in information and technology. PCC thanks you, Dr. Keen, for taking the time to speak with us and we look forward to more seminars with you.

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-projects in the health and medical field. During the symposium, the Palau students were very fortunate to have a special guest, H.E. Hersey Kyota Ambassador of Palau to the United States, join the symposium and learn about their individual research projects. This high school program was made possible by PCC-CRE, the Pacific STEP-UP Coordinating Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the National Institute of Health (NIH) under Grant No. 5R25DK078386-18. This high school program is open to juniors and seniors every year. If there are any interested students who would like to apply, please contact Elchung G. Hideyos at PCC-CRE Office (488-2746).

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More than 140 staff and faculty members attended this important event, which aimed to introduce new members - faculty and staff, provide updates on the college's 15 Year Master Plan, ISSA, Accreditation, and highlight key initiatives within various departments and offices. Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, the college President, delivered welcoming remarks, emphasizing on the institution's mission and academic achievements. Additionally, each department, division, and office presented information about their respective goals, personnel, and roles. Notably, the event also recognized both new and retired college employees and gave a moment of silence to those who passed. The Accreditation team consisting of ALO, PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil along with assistant ALO's Johvanna Yaoch and Derbei Meyar, provided updates on the college's current accreditation status. The convocation serves as a reminder to prepare for the upcoming school year so the staff and faculty can provide the best services we can to the students and the community. We would like to wish all students, faculty, and staff for a successful school year 2024-2025.



*Academic Affairs Division*



*Cooperative Research Extension*



*Administration and Finance*

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## 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:

##### DWELL MAGAZINE



*Dwell is a design and technology brand. Designed by Dwell co-creative directors of product design Chris Deam and Nick Dine, the collection includes both furniture and decor pieces.*

### Academic Calendar

**August 19-23**

Drop and Add Period

**September 2**

Holiday - Labor Day

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

## COURTESY VISITS



*UOG President Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez*

On August 13, 2024, University of Guam's President Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez paid a courtesy visit to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Dr. Enriquez has demonstrated examples of visionary leadership and innovation as (former) UOG faculty and administrator. She is a staunch advocate for developing economies and building social mobility and local capacity among students and residents in small island communities. Thank you for visiting.



*AUT Vice Chancellor Damon Salesa*

On August 14, 2024, Auckland University of Technology's Vice-Chancellor Damon Salesa paid a courtesy visit to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Damon is a prize-winning author who specializes in the interdisciplinary study of the Pacific, and has published books on race, politics, history and society. He is an interdisciplinary scholar who works on Oceania, especially history, politics and culture. Thank you for visiting.

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*President's Office*



*Student Services Division*



*Continuing Education Division*



*Upward Bound Math & Science*



*Upward Bound*

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

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SHANDON KELU EICHI

#### GENERAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Shandon Eichi graduated with his AAS in General Electronics Technology this Spring 2024. He has been working with media agencies as he is technologically proficient. 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 26 - September 1, 2024



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## 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
- (14) High School Tutors for the Academic Year 2024-2025  
Upward Bound Math & Science  
Salary range: Depending on qualifications and hours, salary ranges from Academic Year Tutors \$150 to \$250 (Bi-weekly) Duration (October - End of the current school year):  
3 Part-Time Tutor (PHS)  
1 Part-Time Tutor (BMS)  
1 Part-Time Tutor (EBHS)  
1 Part-Time Tutor (MHS)

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."

## PCC Endowment

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

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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.



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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