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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PACFAA PAST-PRESIDENT ANDERSON CONDUCTS KEY TRAINING FOR FAS ON FAFSA CHANGES



Front Row (l-r): Ruthie Lebehn (COM-FSM), Lisa Rafael (PCC), Margaret Lebehn (COM-FSM), PacFAA Past President and Trainer Jeff Anderson, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Valyn Chong Gum (CMI), Arinda Albert (COM-FSM); Second Row (left to right): Judy Ronald (CMI), Ember Nakamura (PCC), Angie Fuentez (PCC), Debbie Ngiraibai (PCC), Olivia Kiruu Katosang (PCC), Rhea Francisco (PCC), DilMeang Ishim (PCC), Kristy Olkeriil (PCC), and Isumechraard 'Isu' Ngirairikl (PCC)

On August 31, 2024 Palau Community College (PCC) successfully hosted a pivotal Pacific Financial Aid Association (PacFAA) training session led by PacFAA Past-President Jeff Anderson for the Freely Associated States (FAS) financial aid and business office staff at Palau Community College Assembly Hall. PacFAA is a non-profit organization that provides support to financial aid administrators and other agencies involved in the administration of financial aid programs in postsecondary educational institutions across the Pacific. PacFAA Continued on Page 2

**Palau Community College**  
**will be hosting this year's**  
**9-11 Memorial Service**  
**@ PCC Auditorium on**  
**Wednesday, September**  
**11, 2024 beginning at**  
**10:00 a.m.**



**ALL ARE**  
**INVITED**  
**TO JOIN**  
**US!**

## AHEC DENTAL ASSISTANTS GRADUATION CEREMONY



Graduates with Deputy Director Hawaii/Pacific Basin AHEC Office Ms. Erica Davis, Minister of Ministry of Health and Human Services Hon. Gafaar J. Uherbelau, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Chief of Oral Health Division PHHS Ms. Janice Mathew, Director Palau AHEC Dr. Greg Dever, PCC BOT Chairman Mr. Kione Isechal, Dental Hygienist MHHS Ms. Helen Remoket, Dental Hygienist MHHS Ms. Dorothy Skang, Director BHSA MHHS Ms. Arnice Yuji, Dentist Dr. Nihla Reddin, Dentist Dr. Nikola Zitnik, Dentist Dr. Hirotosugi Nakano, Ms. Sherilynn Madraisau, Director of Public Health and Human Services, MHHS

Through the College of Micronesia (COM-FSM) and Doctors and Dentist for Tomorrow (DDFT), Palau AHEC at PCC was able to enroll Palauan students to join the Dental Assistant Program. The program was completely funded by the DDFT Grant and free for students to attend Penn Foster College. This is the first Palau Cohort of Dental Assistants to graduate in 35 years. This opportunity came to light due to the shortage of Oral Health professionals and need for Dental Assistants. Dental Assistant Graduates include Ms. Jaime A. Scott, Ms. Jeanelle O. Adelbai, Ms. De'sirae Jo U. Pedro, and Ms. Melissalynn Rdechcor. Congratulations to all the graduates and we hope to keep this program available to help both MHHS dental department and participants who wish to join.

Palau Community College is an accessible comprehensive public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.



## COURTESY VISITS



*Mr. Jarod Baker, Ms. Karen Hutchison, PCC President Dr. Tellei, and Mr. Jake Hamstra*

On August 26, 2024, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei had the opportunity to meet with Pacific Economics Co-Founders Mr. Jarod Baker and Jake Hamstra and their Associate Ms. Karen Hutchison. Pacific Economics' strategy is to implement and utilize diverse levels of analyses to ensure that every project, program, and client need is aligned with global policy and financing objectives within the Pacific.



*Left: PCC President Dr. Tellei and Mr. Randall McKay  
right: PCC President Dr. Tellei and Mr. Junior Patrick*

On August 29, 2024, Mr. Randall McKay (Fraud Investigator) and Mr. Junior Patrick (Auditor General) from the Republic of the Marshall Islands stopped by the college to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei for a brief courtesy visit. Mr. McKay is an alumni of PCC and Mr. Patrick is a good friend of the college.



*Ms. Paula Miller, her guests and PCC President Dr. Tellei*

On August 27, 2024, Ms. Paula Miller of the United States Agency International Development (USAID) and her guests visited PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. They support the college in many ways that they can and we are very grateful to them. Thank you for visiting.

## 34<sup>TH</sup> CAREGIVER AWARDING CEREMONY



*Participants with instructors and PCC President Dr. Tellei*

On August 28, 2024, the 34<sup>th</sup> Caregiver Training concluded as their instructors, along with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Continuing Education's Dean Hedrick Kual, 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). Dr. Catherine Decherong attended the ceremony as well to give support and welcoming remarks in place of Dr. Gregory Dever of Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

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Attendees included financial aid and business office staff from College of Micronesia -FSM (COM-FSM), the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), and Palau Community College (PCC). The session focused on several critical areas, including the updated Pell Grant awarding process, Federal Work Study (FWS) and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) guidelines and application process. The training session also fostered a collaborative-environment, allowing participants to share experiences and best practices with their peers. This exchange of ideas was instrumental in addressing common challenges and exploring solutions to better support students with the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process. At the end of the Training, it became evident that future similar trainings/collaboration focused on the Freely Associated States/Pacific Islands would be very beneficial in ensuring best practices and compliance with Title IV aid administration during this transition period. At the end of the day, what we do will ultimately benefit the students who depend on financial assistance in pursuing their higher education goals. Thank you Jeff Anderson and PacFAA for your insight, commitment and assistance!

## 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:

##### ROLLING STONE



*Rolling Stone is an American monthly magazine that focuses on music, politics, and popular culture. It was founded in San Francisco, California in 1967 by Jann Wenner and the music critic Ralph J. Gleason.*

### Academic Calendar

#### September 30

Last Day to Remove Incomplete  
Grades for Spring 2024

### 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.

## PCC SUPPORTS OMAL MARATHON 2024 RUNNERS



*PCC staff, faculty and students cheering on the participants from their booth at PCC parking lot*



*PCC staff, faculty and students posing with the first, Japhet Rono (male in black) and second, Jane Wanjiru (female in red) place runners from Kenya*

In the early hours of September 1, 2024, PCC staff, faculty and students cheered on the OMAL Marathon runners. Later in the morning, they were able to take a photo with Mr. Japhet Rono and Ms. Jane Wanjiru Muriuki, first and second place runners respectively, who both traveled from Kenya to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> OMAL Marathon. As a program to stimulate tourism and strengthen Palau-Taiwan relations, coordination and preparation for the Belau Omal Marathon began in 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was delayed until 2023. The marathon consists of four categories with over 330 registered participants. Palau was fortunate to have Mr. Jarrod Gibson of World Athletics road race course measurer for Oceania Athletics to measure and certify the course. Congratulations to all the PCC staff who joined the marathon and all the participants. See you next year.

## PCC BOT & STAFF ATTEND APAFS



*All the APAFS participants from different agencies including the PCC BOT members who joined PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) who were able to attend the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS) are Secretary/Treasurer Romana Wong, Trustee Alvina Timarong and Trustee Leo Ben Teriong, which was held on August 15, 2024. PCC staff who were able to attend include Director of Finance Debbie O. Ngirabai and Director of Financial Aid Isumechraard Ngirairikl. Ms. Lindsay Timarong was the only speaker for all topics of the agenda. The topics of the included Introduction to Stewardship, Knowing standards, Law and Trust Provisions, Addressing the Fiduciary Duty to Diversify Components of an Effective Investment Policy Statement, Hiring Prudent Experts, Documenting Required Due Diligence, Controlling and Accounting for Investment Fees and Costs, Monitoring Performance and Governance, Avoiding and Managing Conflicts of Interest, and Portfolio Construction. It was successful and PCC thanks organizers for inviting.*



## 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 range: \$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

### YUJI SHANE CHIBANA

### ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Mr. Yuji Chibana graduated with his AS in Environmental/Marine Science this Spring 2024. He has recently left to attend University of Hawaii at Manoa. 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

September 2 - September 8, 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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

## PCC Endowment

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To SUPPORT,  
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Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/252)

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

Interested in Learning Transferable 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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Participants include the following: Ailyn Arciga, Annabelle Ego-ogan, Arsenia D. Quevido, Carmen Gracilla, Eden A. Camacho, Frances Kyle C. Manalo, Hitler Bergante, Jose R. Bobis Jr., Joseph Chua, Joy F. Andres, Juvy M. Bulan, Lilibeth Pulido, Lorna Dacara, Mary Jane C. Galo, Mary Veronica Tadao, Noel A. Fernandez, Raian Jarasa, Regina A. Colinayo, Ruby Bulaon-Manuel, Salve Ga, Teresa Catangui, and Wesley Antonio. Congratulations to all participants!

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