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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC HOSTS 24<sup>TH</sup> 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

### “TELLING YOUR PACIFIC STORY”

### MEDIA WORKSHOP



*Inset: Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States in Palau Mr. Shankar Rao delivering a special remarks and H.E. President Surangel Whipps Jr. presenting his special message; Vets, leaders, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and staff, PCC BOT members, and CAT 356-01 members with H.E. President Surangel Whipps Jr. and H.E. Vice President J. Uduch Sengebau Senior*

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> 9/11 Memorial Ceremony in honor of the victims and heroes who paid the ultimate price of protecting and ensuring world peace during the fateful day of September 11, 2001. President Dr. Tellei welcomed distinguished guests and members of the public for partaking in this year's memorial service. Despite the ongoing modern changes as time continues on, PCC is always committed to honor and remember those who made the sacrifice on the the attack of the United States on September 11, 2001. The program was structured to the following: invocation by Pastor Hedrick Kual, Palau National Anthem by Ms. Ngerchelei Titiml and Mr. Kendall Titiml, U.S. National Anthem by Mr. Beckwin Mechol, welcoming remarks by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, special remarks by Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States in Palau Mr. Shankar Rao, special message by President of Palau His Excellency Surangel Whipps Jr., closing remarks by PCC Board of Trustees Chairman Mr. Kione J. Isechal, and finally benediction by Pastor Hedrick Kual.

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*Participants and hosts on the first day of the workshop*



*Discussion sessions and addressing issues*

“Telling Your Pacific Story” is a media workshop that aims to enhance skills and build networks for strong public interest media in the North Pacific. The workshop is led by experienced regional journalists including Floyd K. Takeuchi, Giff Johnson, Ann Auman, Samantha Magick and PF Bentley. The media workshop is supported by USAID's PROJECT (Promoting Just, Engaged, Civic-Minded and Transparent) Governance and hosted by the Pacific Media Institute, Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center, Palau Media Council and Palau Community College (PCC). Over 25 aspiring and current journalists, public information officers, and media professionals from all over Micronesia attended this week-long collaborative learning experience that took place at PCC Assembly Hall from September 9 to September 13, 2024. It was a great opportunity and Palau looks forward to more collaborative workshops in the future.

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## COURTESY VISITS



On August 21, 2024, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Sebastien Galliot, a French anthropologist associated with the Centre for Research and Documentation on Oceania in Marseille, France. He studied ethnology at the University of Provence and at EHESS (Paris), France's foremost social science research school. His research focuses on Sāmoan traditional tattooing and the contemporary practice of this ritual. He has published on Pacific and Sāmoan tattooing, and co-curated the Tattoo exhibition that toured to Paris, Toronto, Chicago and Los Angeles. Thank you for visiting.



On August 30, 2024, PCC President Dr. Tellei met with Mr. Wilber Roduk, who has spent 16 service years as a social worker at the Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of Social Services Administration in Guam. Thank you for visiting and for an insightful meeting.



On September 6, 2024, Dr. Saori Yoshinaga, Dr. Hiroyoshi Ogasa, Dr. Satoshi Ogata, Ms. Kurumi Tsuruta, and Dr. Amy Hombu stopped by the college as a courtesy visit with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and see the college. Thank you for visiting.

## BOT TOURS AHEC SIMULATION CENTER



*Director Clement Kazuma, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, Trustee Leo Ben Teriong, Executive Assistant Vera Kanai, PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil and former Student Trustee Weber Santiago touring the center with Dr. Gregory Dever and Olive Charnoske-Yaoch of AHEC*

On August 14, 2024, PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) Mr. Leo Ben Teriong, former Student Trustee Mr. Weber Santiago, Director of Physical Plant Mr. Clement Kazuma, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, Executive Assistant Vera Kanai, and PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil had the opportunity to tour the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Simulation Center located in PCC Campus, Keskas building. Dr. Gregory Dever, Dr. Sylvia Osarch, and AHEC Coordinator Olive Charnoske-Yaoch were there to introduce the center and all its equipments. AHEC Simulation Center has helped with the Nursing program of the college, the free Caregiver Trainings, the dental assistants training and also offers practical sessions for nurses who need assistance in improving their skillset. It's purpose is to train and educate healthcare workers of our country and we are very fortunate to have the center, especially its very expensive mannequins and medicine equipments. The college sincerely thanks Dr. Dever for all his contributions to Palau, its healthcare system and healthcare workers.

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This year's memorial ceremony was very fortunate to have special guests such as the families of the fallen heroes which include CPL Jaygee Ngirmidol Meluat (9/13/2004), CPL Adam Quitugua Emul (1/29/2007), CPL Meresebang Ngiraked (6/10/2007), SPC Philton Ueki (4/23/2008), SGT Jasper Obakrairur (6/01/2009) and SGT Sonny J. Moses (4/18/2011). Other special guests include Civic Action Team 356-01 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Vladyslav O. Zhukov, OIC and retired army SFC Gregorio Ngirmang along with members of the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Association of Palau. We give this day our prayers and thoughts to all our families and friends who risked their lives to maintain world peace.

## 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:

##### EDUCATION WEEK

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### 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 [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.

## PCC GETS FREE FACELIFT THANKS TO PRISTINE PALAU CLEANING SERVICES

On Saturday 9/7/24, the College was the beneficiary of free Water Blasting Cleaning thanks to Pristine Palau Cleaning Services (PPCS)! Owned by Mr. Kent N. Kerai, PPCS team donated 8 hours of free water blasting services to the College campus, specifically in front of the EWATEL, IBOKILL, and MIICH Buildings. They also cleaned the sidewalk going from MIICH toward the front of the PCC administration office! We would like to take this opportunity and give a grateful shout-out to Mr. Kent N. Kerai and PPCS for their generous donation which helped the College Maintenance Team as we work to ensure a safe and pristine campus for our students and the community we serve!

## NOONTIME SEMINAR: PROTECTING OUR ELECTIONS



L-r: Tanya Yu, Ching Yang, Eve Chiu, Hansika Bhagani, Eric Hsu, PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Jerry Yu, and Director Cecil Meteolechol of Library

On September 4, 2024, Republic of China, Taiwan's Double Think Lab in partnership with Taiwan FactCheck Center and Transparency International Australia hosted a Noontime Seminar on "Protecting Our Elections." PCC students, staff and faculty had the honor to hear presentations from Mr. Eric Hsu and Mr. Ching Yang, Researchers from Double Think Lab of Republic of China, Taiwan, Ms. Hansika Bhagani, Advocacy and Communications Manager of Transparency International Australia, and Ms. Eve Chiu, Editor-in Chief of Taiwan FactCheck Center. Their presentations were helpful and insightful as they shared the ways to avoid the dissemination of misinformation in campaigns and raising awareness on fact checking information. Additionally, they shared with the audience course of actions to take in combatting disinformation and how to counter it if it spreads further. They reiterated that in a democratic nation, the people have all the power. However, that power can be taken advantage of if and when people have a lower satisfaction level of the government and its actions. When this happens, people begin to construct false information, causing chaos. Thank you for an insightful seminar.



## 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

### OMURRENG HAMILTON

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Ms. Omu Hamilton graduated with her AS in Information Technology this Spring 2024. She has recently left to attend Arizona State University. 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 16 - September 22, 2024



Cecil Meteolechol

## 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>.

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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 Trans-ferrable 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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