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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC CELEBRATES U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY



*Students, staff and faculty who joined the Amazing Race to Freedom*

On September 17, 2024, Palau Community College (PCC) celebrated the U.S. Constitution Day. PCC students, staff, and faculty were invited to participate in the event's activity, The Amazing Race to Freedom. In the Assembly Hall, seven groups of five members gathered, ready for the race to start. The game began with the teams racing to pick up a route and a map of the college grounds. The teams raced through their routes to their designated stops, rushing to complete their assigned tasks. They also got detour challenges along their routes, where they had to do a mini scavenger hunt at the library or play jump rope before they could proceed to a main stop. The first three teams to finish the race were awarded \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. The rest of the teams did not leave empty-handed but left with consolation prizes and a thing or two or more about the U.S. Constitution. The first-place winners were students Alyrah Shiro, Ariana Shiro, Deajon Renguul, Dillusech Jenkins, and Doralee Ngiratrang. The second-place winners were instructor Masie Ellery and students Ezekiel Higa, Ezra Donato, Patrick Exavior, and William Ellery. The third-place winners were the staff, which included Cecilia Olikong, Dilmowes Takeo, Kristy Olkeriil, Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil, and Pauline Jerry. PCC congratulates-

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### DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES TO ATTEND ATALM 2024



*Director of Library Services, Cecil Meteolechol*

Director of Library Services, Ms. Cecil Emengel Meteolechol, got the opportunity to attend this year's International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM2024) as one of the 25 Pacific Island delegates. The conference will be in Palm Springs, California, from November 12 to 14. On September 12, Director Meteolechol attended a Zoom meeting with the rest of the delegates and the ATALM President and CEO Susan Feller and Chief of Operations Melissa Brodt. The conference is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and ATALM. Through the support from IMLS, funding became available for up to 25 delegates from the U.S. Pacific Region to attend the ATALM2024 Conference. The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Director Meteolechol, and all the other delegates from the U.S. Pacific Region, are very fortunate to have this opportunity to attend this two-day seminar focused on the strategies, challenges, and success stories related to the voluntary return of cultural heritage items. PCC congratulates Director Meteolechol and wishes her well during her time there.

## PCC & PMC Host 2024 PRESIDENTIAL FORUM



*H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr.*



*Tommy Remengesau Jr.*

On September 12, 2024 Palau Community College in partnership with Palau Media Council sponsored the Presidential Debate 2024 at the college auditorium. Present candidates were the President of Palau, His Excellency Surangel Whipps Jr., and Tommy Remengesau Jr. The forum questions were on four thematic areas: economy, foreign affairs, culture and governance. Candidates were given four minutes for opening and closing statements, three minutes for responding to each questions and two minutes for rebuttal. The forum moderators were Mr. JB Victorino and Ms. Ngerchelei Titiml. The program's emcee was Mr. Kambes Kesolei and closing remarks were given by Ms. Leilani Reklai, both from Palau Media Council. The candidates were given a basket to choose a question randomly on each thematic area. Questions were about the Palau Goods and Services Tax (PGST), the rising outmigration of Palauans, the increasing use of illegal drugs, the relationship between Palau and the United States and the military activities taking place, Palau's educational system of year-round school years, and many other essential topics.

## NURSE PRECEPTOR TO ASSIST IN PCC NURSING PROGRAM



*Ambassador of Australia to Palau Her Excellency Richelle Turner and Ms. Helen Oakley with Belau National Hospital staff and PCC's Nursing Instructor Margarete Wicker*

Ms. Helen Oakley, from Australia, arrived in Palau to work with PCC and the Belau National Hospital as a Nurse Preceptor. PCC is very thankful for Australia's support in this position as it joins the teaching cohort training students in the classroom and in the wards to complete their degree in Nursing. Thank you, Ms. Oakley!

## 23<sup>RD</sup> PBMA CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2024



*Participants of the conference from all over the Pacific*  
On September 16-18, 2024, the Pacific Basin Medical Association Conference, Tides of Change: Embracing One Health in the Pacific Medical Practice, was held in the PCC Auditorium. The Belau Medical Society had the honor to host this year's conference with the theme "One Health," which focuses on the integration of Human, Environmental, and Animal Health concepts into patient care and community health across the Pacific Basin. PCC was able to donate to assist the Belau Medical Society in hosting the conference and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei joined the conference as well. The first two days of the conference was for presentations of participants regarding their countries, the One Health Concept, progress reports, health financing, programs, veterinary medicine, telemedicine, Pacific Basin Workforce Development, Pacific Island Health Care Project (PIHCP), climate change and health impacts, food security, infectious diseases, medical referrals and many other crucial health topics in the Pacific. The third day was reserved for cultural activities and a tour at Peleliu. Thank you to all participants for joining this year's PBMA Conference and looking forward to seeing you again.

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all the participants of this year's Amazing Race to Freedom. The college would like to thank the organizers: Cecil E. Meteolechol, Volette Polloi, Jeana Borja, Nikita Adachi, and Carlo Olkeriil. The college would also like to thank the team of students, staff, and faculty volunteers who assisted at the stops and detour areas, which are Shamira R. Cruz, Jada Osiik, Shayla Sealt, Desa Pedro, Jamiya Taldil Ngiratreked, Husto Ulengchong, Deidre Yamanguchi, Rosania O. Olegeriil, Raven Kloulubak, Sarah Ngiraked, Tanya Ngirkuteling, Rolmii Aderkroi, Mary Banphis, Danka Ledgerwood, Derbei Meyar, Shinji S. Higa, and Mark Taksiau. This year's U.S. Constitution Day celebration was a success because of all your support and hard work. Happy U.S. Constitution Day and see you all next year.



## 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:

##### ENVIRONMENT



*Today's environmental challenges need innovative, creative solutions, and Nature Conservancy magazine covers all the best work going on around the world.*

### Academic Calendar

#### September 30

Last Day to Remove Incomplete  
Grades for Spring 2024

#### October 1

Holiday-Independence Day

### 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.

## 2024-2025 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING  
SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JOEL E. MILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY  
INC. SCHOLARSHIP

MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

NGISELACHEOS RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP

PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP

TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

WILHELM R. RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:

CONTACT: DEVELOPMENT OFFICE @  
488-2470/2471 EXT. 251 OR 253

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



## YOUR OPPORTUNITY

# PNCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024

4 AWARDS of \$1,000 EACH + PAID Internship at PNCC

Open to all 2nd year Palauan students enrolled full-time at Palau Community College

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: Sept. 30, 2024**

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	FIELDS OF STUDY	APPLICATION TIMELINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PNCC will award \$1,000 each to four qualified applicants (\$500 each per semester during the same academic year as the award)</li><li>Three-month paid internship at PNCC immediately after graduation</li><li>May be offered a 2-year paid contract after the internship program with full benefits.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Palauan citizen</li><li>Second year student at PCC</li><li>Minimum GPA of 2.5</li><li>Must have completed 32 or more credit hours</li><li>Full-time student with 12 credits per semester</li><li>Must complete their program in spring or summer of the same academic year as the scholarship award.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Air Conditioning &amp; Refrigeration</li><li>Automotive Technology</li><li>Business Accounting</li><li>Construction Technology</li><li>Electrical Technology</li><li>General Electronics Technology</li><li>Information Technology</li><li>Office Administration</li><li>Small Engine &amp; Outboard Marine Technology</li><li>Tourism and Hospitality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deadline for PNCC Scholarship Application is September 30.</li><li>Review and approval of applications will take place 1st week of October</li><li>Scholarship awards will be announced 2nd week of October</li><li>Application form may be picked up at PCC Development Office or downloaded at <a href="http://pccpalau.com/downloads">pccpalau.com/downloads</a></li></ul>

[pccpalau.com](http://pccpalau.com) 775-3965 or 775-9125 [pcc.palau.edu](http://pcc.palau.edu)

Show your support for the 2024 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event by purchasing a \$10 Raffle Ticket! Your support will help Palau's only institution of higher learning continue to provide the much needed academic programs & trainings for generations to come.

**2024 PCC Thanksgiving  
Endowment Fundraising  
Event will take place on  
Wednesday,  
November 27, 2024  
from 12PM - 5PM at the  
PCC Mesekiu Bai**

For more information about the fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252

## 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 range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (7) Registration and Records Specialist  
Admissions and Records Office  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (8) Administrative Assistant  
Upward Bound Program  
Salary range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum
- (9) Accounting Technician (Payroll)  
Administration Department (Business Office)  
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum

## Celebrating Birthdays September 23 - September 29, 2024



Masie Ellery



Rivers Sebangiol



Courtney Joshua



Jeana Borja



Hedrick Kual

## PCC Endowment

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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.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### WEBER SANTIAGO LIBERAL ARTS



Mr. Weber Santiago graduated with his AA in Liberal Arts 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.

## 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) 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."**



**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**

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