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BLIGH MADRIS VISITS PCC



Mr. Bligh Madris, his fiancée, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and the PCC Board of Trustees

On November 13, 2024, Mr. Bligh Madris, an American-Palauan professional baseball outfielder for the Detroit Tigers organization, paid a visit to Palau Community College (PCC) with his fiancée. Palau is proud to have him visit home as he is the first Palauan to play in the major leagues. Madris attended Foothill High School in Henderson, Nevada, and played college baseball at Colorado Mesa University. He was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the ninth round of the 2017 Major League Baseball draft. He has previously played in Major League Baseball (MLB) for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Houston Astros. Madris made his MLB debut in 2022 at PNC Park by playing against Chicago Cubs. In his debut game, Madris recorded his first major league hit, a two-RBI single. During his visit, he had the opportunity to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei along with the PCC Board of Trustees, which include Chariman Ki-one J. Isechal, Vice Chairman Dr. Emais Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer Romana Wong, Trustee Leo Ben Teriong, Trustee Alvina Timarong and Student Trustee Suanda Obakerbau. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and the rest of the board welcomed him, thanked him for visiting his home after 20 years and wished him well in his future endeavors. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to visit our island's only institution of higher learning.

PCC PRESIDENT AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ON PALAU WAVE RADIO



Senator Salvador Tellames, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Development Director Harriette Herman

On November 12, 2024, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Development Director Harriette Herman had the opportunity to attend a talkshow to give an update about the Annual Endowment Fundraiser that will be held on November 27, 2024 at PCC Mesekiu Bai from 12-5pm. Palau Wave Radio's host, Senator Salvador Tellames was able to ask many college related questions as well. They also updated the community on the college's progress on registration, course offerings, services provided, and other additional information. PCC President also serves as the Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee Chairperson, so he was also able to tell the public available information about the upcoming games in June-July 2025. The college announced that it is now open for Spring registration, should anyone be interested. Other than that, the college extends its gratitude to everyone who has donated or purchased tickets. Every now and then, the college leadership does this as a way to keep the community informed of the college's programs and services. Stay tuned for more talkshows in the future.

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.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF VISIT PCC



Ms. Johvanna Yaoch, Mr. Robert Machado, Mr. Joseph Diego and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On November 7, 2024, Mr. Robert Machado and Mr. Joseph Diego from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development paid a visit to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Computer Systems Analyst Johvanna Yaoch. Mr. Robert Machado is a loan specialist for the USDA and Mr. Joseph Diego is the area director of the USDA Rural Development Office for the Western Pacific. The meeting was to discuss grant opportunities, specifically the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants that can support the procurement of hardware and software to support and enhance online and hybrid courses. DLT grants help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. The college thanks the USDA and Mr. Machado and Mr. Diego for programs like these to further develop our island nation.

BAS BUILDING UPDATE



The new building is making progress and the construction is set to finish before The Pacific Mini Games next year! The building is planned to serve Science and Health departments. PCC is excited and proud to host an opening ceremony of the building soon. Stay updated for a confirmed time and date.

MR. SENDA YUTO MEETS WITH MASTER NAVIGATOR & PCC PRESIDENT



Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, Mr. Senda Yuto, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On November 12, 2024, Mr. Senda Yuto, a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer who is assigned to the Palau Sailing Association for youth activities (Sailing), visited the college to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur. So far, he has held events that promote and develop sailing with the aim of participating in the olympics in the future. These events include races, school visits to introduce sailing basics, as well as collaborating with navigators and sailors in Palau. Recently, Mr. Senda Yuto visited Ngaraard Elementary School students. He taught them about the traditional “Wa” canoes used in Sonsorol and Hatohobei, and at the end of the class they made ropes, parts of the canoe, out of hibiscus bark. They learned for the first time that ropes made from twisted tree bark are very strong and cannot be easily unraveled. His visit to PCC was to meet Master Navigator to collaborate on sailing projects and activities.

PCC CONGRATULATES CTE GRADUATE



Mr. Saridel Sais Jr. Kaluu with his CTE classmates

PCC congratulates a CTE graduate of Spring 2024, Mr. Saridel Sais Jr. Kaluu. After his graduation, he worked for a while, and recently has left to the U.S. to join the army. Congratulations and good luck!

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:
PACIFIC STUDIES- HAWAII



Based in Honolulu, O'ahu, HAWAII Magazine is the state's only national/ international magazine. It's also the largest paid circulation magazine in the state.

Academic Calendar

November 28



Holiday-Thanksgiving Day

November 29

Holiday-Family 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. Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.



STUDENTS & STAFF PICKLEBALL CLINIC

**JOIN TO LEARN A SPORT THAT
BLENDS TENNIS, PING-PONG,
AND BADMINTON!**

 DATES AND TIMES: Nov. 5, 2024 - Nov. 15, 2024 Tuesdays to Fridays ONLY 6:00PM - 8:00PM	 PLACE: PCC Mesekiu Gym
	 QUESTIONS? Lik : 488-3074

Join the fun and learn more about the new sport!

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

Celebrating Birthdays

November 18 - November 24, 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

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

e-mail: 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.

ALUMNI NOTES

DeKARMA RDOL HARUO

NURSING



Ms. DeKarma Rdol Haruo graduated with her AS this Spring 2024. She now works as a Nurse at the Belau National Hospital. Congratulations on all your achievements and thank you for helping Palau.



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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.



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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