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MAFE DONATES TO PCC ENDOWMENT FUND



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with MAFE Minister Steven Victor and MAFE staff

On November 19, 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment (MAFE) and its Minister Steven Victor met with Palau Community College (PCC) President Patrick U. Tellei to present a generous donation of \$5,000 to support the PCC Endowment Fund. During the meeting, Minister Victor reiterated that PCC is our nation's only institution of higher learning and donating is a top priority to the ministry as it enables the college to further improve the quality of education and many programs for the Palauan youth. Through the support of MAFE, will create initiatives to equip students with the skills and knowledge to ensure the next generation is supported. MAFE is currently collaborating with PCC in programs and internships that develop students' practical abilities, which prepares them for the workforce. MAFE emphasized the importance of the college as many of their staff are alumni of PCC. On behalf of the PCC's Board of Trustees, students, staff and faculty, President Tellei extends its gratitude to MAFE, Minister Victor, and MAFE staff for taking the time to meet and donate to the PCC endowment fund.

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS MONTHLY WORKSHOP: GUEST SPEAKERS DEAN OF STUDENTS & FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR



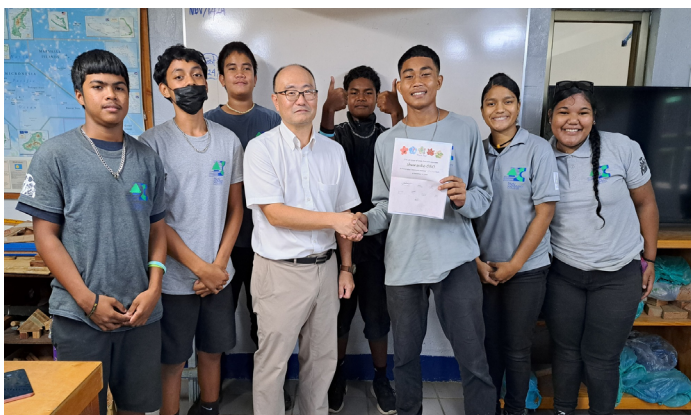
Dean of Students Hilda Reklai (left) and Director Isumcheraard Ngirairikl (right) of Financial Aid during their presentation on Upward Bound's monthly workshop

For its November student workshop, the Upward Bound Program invited the Dean of Students of Palau Community College Hilda Reklai and the Director of the Office of Financial Aid Isumcheraard Ngirairikl as guest presenters for the monthly student gathering. Dean Reklai who talked to the underclassmen group focused her presentation on general college information that students need to know as they progress academically in high school and prepare for college. Reklai provided students with valuable insights and practical advice to help ease the transition from high school to college. Director Ngirairikl's session with the seniors centered on the topic of financial aid literacy. She offered a general overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a crucial document required by most colleges and universities, including Palau Community College. She also shared information on other funding options such as the federal college work-study program and part-time employment off-campus.

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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.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF JAPAN EMBASSY VISITS CTE STUDENTS



Mr. Ono Shunsuke with CTE first year students

On November 14, 2024, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Palau, Ono Shunsuke gave a lecture titled as “Anime and Japanese” to Japanese learning students of Career Technical Education (CTE). The students were very interested in the topic. Thank you, Mr. Ono Shunsuke.

MOYLAN’S INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS INC. DONATES TO PCC



Moylan's representative with Ms. Harriette Herman

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc. is a dedicated sponsor of an annual scholarship that supports the educational pursuits of Palau's young people. Initiated in 2000, the Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc. Scholarship awards two (2) full time students \$500 in support of their academic studies. Many students have benefitted from the scholarship and thanks to their continued partnership and donations, many more will.

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The session with the seniors was engaging as Director Ngirairikl was able to directly address questions from the seniors who are now in the process of applying for college, and plan to enroll at PCC. The PCC Upward Bound Program thanks Dean Reklai and Director Ngirairikl for their support.

SCIENCE STUDENT TRIP REPORT: 2024 NDiSTEM CONFERENCE



Ms. Daissy Demei

Alii, my name is Daissy Demei. I'm a second-year student here at Palau Community College, and I major in Environmental Marine Science. During the beginning of this month, I had the opportunity to present my research project at the 2024 NDiSTEM conference also known as SACNAS, which stands for Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science. This year's conference was at Phoenix, Arizona. SACNAS is the biggest STEM conference that is all about supporting and inspiring people in their STEM journeys, it provides a platform for underrepresented groups to showcase their research. The attendees are immersed in professional development sessions, motivational keynote speakers and a diverse community. It's a place where you're encouraged to be yourself in STEM. I was fortunate to be among the 1,101 individuals selected to present from the total of 1,700 applicants. My presentation was about botanical plants in Palau and Guam that I worked on during my summer internship at the University of Guam. SACNAS being my first ever STEM conference was such an exciting experience. I felt a mix of nerves and happiness but overall, I was thrilled to share my work with others. Aside from presenting, I had the chance to network with professionals in my field of study. I learned a lot about how important diversity is in STEM and saw some amazing research from different universities. Additionally, I got to see various cultures including the Powwow dance, their diverse music, language, and traditional attire for the first time. This whole experience broadened my perspective in science, and I am truly grateful for this opportunity. I would like to thank PCC for giving me the chance to share my experience. Thanks to my instructor/mentor Ms. Vernice Yuji for always guiding me and giving me insights into what to expect at the conference. Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to NSF Includes Seas Islands Alliance, and the University of Guam for making this whole trip possible. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

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:

TYC- TEACH YOUNG CHILDREN



Teaching Young Children is our award-winning magazine for preschool educators. Colorful, informative, and easy-to-read, TYC is packed full of teaching ideas, strategies, and tips.

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.

PCC CONDUCTS FIRE DRILL



Students and staff of PCC and neighboring businesses evacuating to the safe areas as they hear the fire alarms

On November 20, 2024 at 2:40pm PCC initiated a campus-wide emergency fire drill to all students, staff, PCC guests as well as neighboring businesses. PCC Board of Trustees policy 18-01 established Campus Emergency and Security Committee to develop emergency procedures and conduct emergency drill, activity, and management training to prepare and protect everyone within PCC campus. The college Campus Emergency and Security Committee(CESC) made an announcement, however did not say when, in anticipation of everyone's cooperation in emergency situations. The committee gave out evaluations after the drill and will use those feedbacks to assist in the review, update, and recommend any changes to Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for the PCC President's review and approval. The college EOP contains emergency procedures and response to any emergency arising from Medical to Active Shooter/ Terroristic Acts. PCC thanks the Campus Emergency and Security Committee(CESC) for organizing and thanks everyone who participated in the drill. It is always safe to be prepared.

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

ALUMNI NOTES

AMBERLYNN M. K. TABELUAL

NURSING



Ms. Amber Tabelual graduated with her AAS 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.

Celebrating Birthdays

November 25 - December 8, 2024



Olivia Katosang



Larry Wakakoro



Leory Fritz



Danka Ledgerwood

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

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To SUPPORT,
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e-mail: 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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