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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## NOONTIME SEMINAR: FROM RISK TO RESILIENCE: NAVIGATING FOREIGN INVESTMENT



*Mr. Jarod Baker (left) and Mr. Jake Hamstra (right) as they present about Palau's foreign investments and the economy*

On December 10, 2024, co-founders of Pacific Economics based in Hawai'i, Mr. Jarod Baker and Mr. Jake Hamstra came to Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall to hold a Noontime Seminar regarding foreign investment in the Pacific, with a focus on trends, opportunities, and challenges in Palau. Pacific Economics is a strategic advisory firm for tailored economic and policy analysis. They specialize in political economy, development finance, and policy analysis, with a unique focus on the Pacific region. They have visited numerous Pacific islands to do the same research, however they reiterated that every country is researched and analyzed differently as the economies and development vary. During their presentation, they discussed Palau's investment landscape, patterns of risk and paths to resilience. The audience consisted of representatives of organizations in Palau, such as National Development Bank and Foreign Investment Bank, and many others who asked questions, which led an insightful discussion. PCC would like to thank Mr. Baker and Mr. Hamstra for a very informative session. We look forward to attend a follow up seminar.

## PNSB MEETING WITH PCC PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF CE



*PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, CE Dean Hedrick Kual, PNSB Board Secretary Laydee M. Ngirmeriil, PNSB Board Vice Chairperson Joseph Anastacio, staff of PNSB Morisang Udui and Chur Oiph, and PNSB Board Treasurer Emilia A. Katosang*

On December 2, 2024, the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) and PNS staff met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Continuing Education (CE) Dean Hedrick Kual. The PNSB consists of Vice Chairperson Joseph Anastacio, Secretary Laydee M. Ngirmeriil, and Treasurer Emilia A. Katosang, and Board member Raymond August. Currently, the Chairperson and two other member positions are vacant. PNS staff who were able to join are Ms. Morisang Udui and Ms. Chur Oiph. The meeting was for PCC to update the newest members of the PNSB about the agreements that both parties have regarding the cohort program. As individuals can freely apply for online classes with the financial help of PNSB, the cohort program consists of a group of students who attend a partner university (such as UOG, UH Manoa, and SDSU) and PNSB helps the students as a group. Thank you, PNSB, and we welcome the newest members of their board.



## PEACEWINDS AT PCC: SCREENING AND TOURING



*Sapporo Medical University onboard Kensing II touring the campus with PCC students*

On December 5 and 6, 2024, Peace Winds were stationed at the PCC Assembly Hall to do a free health screening. Peace Winds is a non-governmental organization that launched its first health screening ship, called the Kensing (Japanese for “check-up”), in September 2021 to serve the Republic of Palau. The Peace Winds Palau team is working to bring health screenings to some of Palau’s most remote islands. Their doctors and nurses welcome patients aboard the Kensing health ship where they receive free check-ups for metrics like height, weight, and blood pressure. The Kensing is also equipped to provide more in-depth tests such as blood and urine screenings or even EKGs and ultrasounds. On October 1, 2024 Peace Winds’ new medical ship, the Kensing II, was unveiled at a ceremony with His Excellency President Surangel Whipps, Jr. and other leaders. This larger, better-equipped ship replaces the previous one in its mission to bring healthcare to Palau’s remote Southwest Islands. In addition to providing health screenings with the help of the Kensing, the Peace Winds Palau team works to educate Palau’s public about healthy habits to mitigate the incidents of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the first place. This includes hosting booths at Palau’s night markets where residents can meet the Kensing mascot, Toktang the surgeonfish; receive basic health checks like blood pressure tests; and speak to doctors and nurses about how to best manage their health. Other than stationing at PCC Assembly Hall, they have also stationed at Civic Center. They have screened more than 400 community members. All in all, they have accomplished an immense number of projects for the benefit of Palau and its residents. Thank you for all your hard work!

## DONATIONS TO PCC ENDOWMENT



PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank Blue Bay Petroleum Incorporated for their generous donation of \$3,000.00 to the PCC Endowment Fund. Mr. Ralph Moses, a representative of the organization reiterated Blue Bay’s dedication and commitment to our island’s only higher learning institution. Thank you, Blue Bay Petroleum Incorporated.



PCC extends its gratitude to Palau Behavioral Health Advisory for donating to the endowment fund for this year’s thanksgiving fundraiser.



Miss Valyne Ilek of Calvo’s Palau Insurance Underwriter’s Incorporated presenting their donation to Ms. Harline Haruo of PCC Human Resources. Their donation of \$200 will go towards the endowment fund as well. Thank you, Calvo’s, for your unwavering commitment to serving the college.

## 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:

##### MOTHER EARTH NEWS



*The Original Guide To Living Wisely.  
Discover our articles and ideas on gardening,  
homesteading, sustainability, farming, and  
much more.*

### Academic Calendar

**December 13**  
Grades due by 11am

**December 16-20**  
Placement Testing for Spring  
2025

**December 25**  
Holiday-Christmas 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.

## PCC CRE STAFF AT ANGAUR TO COMBAT RHINOCEROS BEETLES IN BETELNUT AND COCONUT TREES



*CRE students and staff with Angaur state representative*

The battle is on to combat the invasive Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles infecting our coconut and betelnut trees in Angaur. The PCC Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) has been called to Angaur state to analyze the effects of the Rhinoceros Beetle and find ways to combat the increasing population, which has now damaged almost half of the state's betelnut and coconut trees. Some CRE staff have attended workshops on combating this animal and have been researching all Palau states to analyze its negative impacts and how to find solutions to minimize their population. CRE students and staff assisted and taught the residents in tools, traps and techniques for controlling the animal. They were also able to send back to the state a bait prototype.

### Palau Community College

#### "End-Of-The-Year Get Together Of All Bi-Weekly Contributors"

**When: Friday, December 27, 2024**

**Where: PCC Mesekiu Bai**

**Time: 11:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.**

***Tax Refund Forms  
Are Available!***

**Each Contributor Will Receive  
2 Raffle Drawing Tickets & a  
Chance to Win Many  
Wonderful Prizes**



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

## ALUMNI NOTES

### TERESA MERALDIL JIRO

#### NURSING



Ms. Teresa Jiro graduated with her AAS this Spring 2024. She is now gaining work experience at Belau National Hospital as a nurse. 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

December 16 - December 22, 2024



Armstrong Debelbot



Carlo Olkeriil



Gurney Umang

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (11) Accounting Technician (Receivable)  
Administration Department (Business Department)  
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (12) Financial Aid Counselor  
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

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## PCC Endowment

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To SUPPORT,  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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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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