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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## 2025 SPRING ORIENTATIONS



*PCC students' orientation with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*



*AHS students' orientation with counselor Elway Ngiraboi*

The Palau Community College opens the first week of Spring semester with student orientations. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met with all the college students in the span of three days. As for the Adult High School, Counselor Mr. Elway Ngiraboi held the students' orientation on January 22, 2025. During these orientations, it is crucial for the speakers to inform the students of all services, programs and opportunities at their disposal. Every semester, orientations are held for this purpose to enhance the quality of education to the students and staff. The students seem very excited to start fresh with the new semester and the staff are equally enthusiastic about welcoming them to the college. PCC continues to encourage interested people to apply to the college, whether as a college student or an Adult High School student. As we dive in to the new year, the college Board of Trustees, PCC President and staff wish everyone a successful semester.

### MR. ANDREW POLLOI OF UH HILO VISITS PCC



*PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Mr. Andrew Polloi, and Student Services Dean Hilda Reklai*

On January 15, 2025, Mr. Andrew Polloi of University of Hawaii at Hilo met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Student Services Dean Hilda Reklai. Mr. Andrew Polloi, who earned his M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, serves as a Mental Health Counselor at UH Hilo. He is currently on sabbatical leave and visited Palau Community College (PCC), where he met with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and Dean of Students Hilda Reklai. He offered assistance to the college in matters related to mental health and counseling, demonstrating his care and support for the community. Mr. Polloi once said, "At the core of my counseling practice I am a person-centered therapist. In that, I believe that the human body and mind is designed to heal itself and if I provide an individual the opportunity they can feel empowered to make the changes they want in their lives. My vision for myself is to be a competent mental health counselor, be a resource and advocate for Pacific Island students and address gender based violence in our communities." Thank you for offering your services, Mr. Polloi!

*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.*

## FORMER AMBASSADOR ADELBAI VISITS PCC



*Former Ambassador Peter Adelbai with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*

On January 17, 2025, former Ambassador of the Republic of Palau to Japan, Mr. Peter Adelbai, visited the college to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. He is a former Minister Counsellor for the Embassy of the Republic of Palau in Tokyo, and former Ambassador of the Republic of Palau to the Republic of China (Taiwan) from 2012 to 2013. Ambassador Adelbai is a long time friend of the college and he brought a gift to PCC President Dr. Tellei, a popular Japanese drink whose first written mention dates back to 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Sake. Thank you for visiting, Mr. Adelbai.

## MR. & MRS. GERALD SMITH: SCHOLARSHIP INSTALLATION



*Mr. Gerald Smith, Mrs. Tobed R. Smith and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei*

On December 30, 2024, Mr. Gerald Smith and Mrs. Tobed Rengiiil Smith came to PCC to provide a check installment for Mrs. Tobed Smith to honor her late mother's scholarship. The scholarship is called Ngiselacheos Rengiiil Memorial Scholarship and it is open for college students to apply for in the Fall semester. The recipient of this scholarship will receive \$250 per semester or \$500 per academic year. PCC extends its gratitude to Gerald and Tobed Smith for their contribution to support student learning at our only higher institution.

## DR. KUPER & DR. UNDERWOOD MEET WITH PCC PRESIDENT



*Dr. Kuper, PCC President Dr. Tellei and Dr. Underwood*

On January 17, 2025, Dr. Kenneth Kuper and Dr. Robert Underwood had the pleasure of meeting with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Dr. Kenneth Gofigan Kuper is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Guam's Micronesia Area Research Center. He is also a Director for the Guam-based organization, Pacific Center for Island Security. From Guam, they examine geopolitical developments that affect the Pacific Islands and islanders, with an emphasis on Micronesia. They recently received a \$445,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and a critical component of the grant activities is to develop data tracking infrastructure to map military activities, diplomatic activities, development projects, and regional technology initiatives for the Northern Pacific. This will serve as the cornerstone of the grant goal to develop comprehensive infrastructure for long-term tracking and analysis of geopolitical developments in the Northern Pacific. Both Dr. Kuper and the Chairman of the organization, Dr. Robert Underwood, set up a meeting with President Dr. Tellei to discuss grant activities as well as the possibility of establishing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with University of Guam's MARC to study geopolitical issues in Micronesia. They believe that UOG and PCIS will greatly benefit from a conversation with the President to discuss the role of higher education in these pivotal issues. The college and college president thanks them both for a resourceful meeting that brought out ideas that can lead us to a brighter and successful future in terms of education and our countries.



## 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:

##### BON APPETIT



*Bon Appétit is a monthly American food and entertaining magazine, that typically contains recipes, entertaining ideas, restaurant recommendations, and wine reviews. Owned by Condé Nast, it is headquartered at the One World Trade Center in Manhattan, New York, and has been in publication since 1956.*

### Academic Calendar

**February 10**  
No Classes

### 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.

## AHS ANNOUNCEMENT 2025

### EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH PCC ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

#### TO APPLY YOU MUST:

- BE A PALAUAN CITIZEN.
- BE 18 YRS. OLD OR OLDER.
- HAVE NOT EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL, GED OR HiSET DIPLOMA.

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is on-going until January 24, 2025.

#### ORIENTATION

JANUARY 22, 2025

#### CLASSES FOR 2025 SPRING SEMESTER

Classes begin on Monday, January 27, 2025, and meet from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM.

*\*You have the choice to either take classes during the day or attend night classes in the evening.*

Application forms are available at the AHS office located on the PCC campus. You may call 488-2471 ext. 267 for more information.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION (01/24/25)**  
**Apply now!**

The Palau Community  
College Board of Trustees,  
President, Staff, Faculty and  
especially the Students  
Congratulate the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Constitutional Government!



## 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) Administrative Assistant  
Upward Bound Program  
Salary range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum
- (7) Accounting Technician (Payroll)  
Administration Department (Business Office)  
Salary ranges: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Receivable)  
Administration Department (Business Department)  
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (9) Financial Aid Counselor  
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

## ALUMNI NOTES

### ULYANA P. F. MADLUTK BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Ms. Ulyana Madlutk graduated with her AS in Business Accounting in Spring 2024. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your future endeavors.



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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 *Mesekei's News* issues.

## Celebrating Birthdays January 27 - February 2, 2025



Nikita Adachi



Derbei Meyar



Epimachus Moses



Elchung Hideyos



Felix Sengebau



Vernize Yuzi

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (10) Two (2) Financial Aid Technicians  
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 (depending on qualifications and work experience) 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](mailto: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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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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