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DIRECTOR ROLAND OF RAYMOND JAMES VISITS PCC



Trustee Leo Ben Teriong, Student Trustee Suanda Obakerbau, Mr. Daniel Roland, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On January 22, 2025, Mr. Daniel A. Roland visited Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Board of Trustees Member Mr. Leo Ben Teriong for a meeting. Mr. Daniel A. Roland is the Managing Director, Senior Institutional Consultant, Senior Vice President, Investments of Asia Pacific Group of Raymond James at Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Mr. Roland is the founder and principal consultant of the Asia Pacific Group (“APG”). For over 43 years, he has been dedicated to providing quality investment advisory services to institutional clients. Mr. Roland has taken a prominent role in promoting sustainable investing in the region he serves. In recognition of his dedication to this cause, he was appointed to, and serves on, the 16 member Raymond James Sustainable Investment Advisory Council. Its mission is to continue to enhance the firm’s sustainable investing capabilities and resources. At the Asia Pacific Group of Raymond James, they have built a long-standing reputation around delivering an uncommon combination of financial professionalism, disciplined action and personal service – and have been doing so for decades for clients across the Asia Pacific region. For that the college is grateful for all the kind assistance they have provided to ensure the college success.

PCC INSTRUCTOR TO KCCP VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Ms. Hirata Sayuri, Mr. Freddy Jr. Sumor, and Mr.

Mr. Freddy Jr. P.T. Sumor, PCC Automotive Technology Assistant Instructor, has been accepted to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) Vocational Training. The program aims to promoting human resource development in developing countries. Under the program, young leaders, who will become nation-building leaders in the future, are invited to Face-to-Face Program to be provided with opportunities to: (1) develop their specialties through experiencing and learning knowledge and skills in Japan, and (2) increase their willingness to resolve issues on their own. Mr. Sumor will join 12 others from around the world at the JICA Chugoku Center in Hiroshima from February 12 to 26, 2025. KCCP receives nearly 10 thousands participants each year. Japan has enlisted cooperation from a wide range of levels including national and local governments, creating a system capable of responding to any sort of need from advanced technology to expertise in vitalizing villages. In terms of scale and available resources, there is no other program in the world that can compare to JICA’s KCCP have become one of the cornerstones of Japan’s international coopera-

WORKPLACE CPR TRAINING



Mr. Andrew Polloi, Ms. Yuki Izumi, Instructor Ms. Vernice Yuzi, Dean Hilda Reklai, PCC students and staff and Director Tchuzie Radao

On February 10, 2025, Instructor Alins Nobuo held a Workplace CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Training for adult/child/infant, both hands-only CPR and CPR with rescue breaths. Interested staff joined the class for the training session and got awarded certificates in the end. Participants included Mr. Carlo Olkeriil, Ms. Cecil Meteolechol, Mr. Deliseo Agustin, Mr. Erick Mascardo, Mr. Marvin Yarofaisug, Mr. Nobby Enano, Mr. Raymund Yutis, Ms. Reiko Moses, Ms. Derbei Meyar, Mr. Rox Gunayan, Ms. Samantha Bells, Ms. Danka Ledgerwood, Ms. Sheena Carlson, and Ms. Rilang Roberto. The purpose of the training is to spread awareness in efficiently handling emergency situations if it ever arises. CPR increases the likelihood of surviving cardiac arrest, when the heart stops beating or beats too ineffectively to circulate blood to the brain and other vital organs. CPR can double or triple the chance of survival when bystanders take action. The college thanks the Faculty Senate Association for hosting the training and we look forward to more training sessions in the future.

PMG ANNOUNCEMENT



The Pacific Mini Games 2025 Committee is recruiting interested volunteers to help ensure the success of the games this Summer! Scan the code to register now!

HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENTS: PHS AND EBHS



PHS visit



EBHS visit

On February 11, 2025, Director of Admissions and Records, Ms. Lisa Rafael, Student Counselor Ms. Karly Madrangchar, IT Instructor Mr. Kleinton Rivera, and Administrative Assistant of the Dean of Students Ms. Dilmowes Takeo visited the Palau High School (PHS) and Emmaus Bethania High School (EBHS) seniors for a recruitment session. During their presentations, they inform the students of the various programs and services the college has to offer. Additionally, they share with the students successful PCC graduates with very good jobs, in hopes that it will persuade them to enroll. There are a number of advantages of attending PCC, such as in-state tuition, financial aid, closer to home, transferrable credits to University of Guam, University of Hawaii at Hilo, University of Hawaii at Manoa and other colleges and universities in the U.S. mainland. There are also cohort programs that students can join after two years, which are the bachelor's program with partner universities, as well as the master's program. The vision is to convince students that higher and highest education can all be completed on island, closer to loved ones. The recruitment team plans to visit all of Palau's high schools to recruit students. The number of students enrolled is slowly decreasing over the years, and the college staff and faculty are trying their best to mitigate this issue. Other than visiting local high schools, there is also recruitment in other islands of Micronesia. The visits are proven to be efficient as the Admissions Office has received a number of applications. Let's continue to motivate our youth to finish their education.

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:



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Academic Calendar

March 3-7
Mid-term Period

March 5
Tokai University Visit

March 14
Holiday- Youth Day Observed

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

MANGROVE GUIDEBOOK DONATION



On February 5, 2025, the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Project team handed over 1,000 copies of the Mangrove Guidebook to Palau Community College. This guidebook highlights the ecological and cultural significance of Palau's mangroves. As said by JICA Coastal Project Coordinator, Ms. Kanako Itagaki, "We hope the introduction of this guidebook into tertiary education will expose young scientists to Palau's unique mangrove ecosystems and inspire them to advocate for their sustainable management." The college thanks all the contributors of the project that made the Mangrove Guidebook a success. The book came out as a result of PICRC and JICA's final Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting for their "Project for Enhancement of Integrated Management of Coastal Ecosystem in Palau for Strengthening Their Resilience to Climate Change."

REMINDER:



Cancer is more than a medical diagnosis—it is a deeply personal battle affecting individuals, families, and the nation as a whole. Behind every cancer diagnosis lies a unique story of pain, healing, grief, resilience, and love. In recognition of the urgent need to fight cancer, President Surangel S. Whippis Jr. has proclaimed February 2025 as Cancer Awareness Month. This aligns with the World Cancer Day theme "United by Unique", which emphasizes a collective commitment to combating cancer while acknowledging the unique needs of individuals and communities. Palauans are encouraged to participate in cancer awareness activities, prioritize healthy lifestyle choices, and advocate for improved healthcare resources. The fight against cancer is a shared responsibility, and through education, prevention, and early detection, Palau can make significant strides in reducing the burden of cancer.

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: \$12,633.00 - \$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

SHAYLA RISONG BESEBES OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Shayla Besebes graduated with her AAS in Office Administration 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 *Mesekiu's News* issues.

Celebrating Birthdays February 17 - February 23, 2025



Marvin Yarofaisug



Cecilia Andrew



Rox Gunayan

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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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PCC Endowment

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Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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