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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC AG PROGRAM AWARD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Associate Professor of Agricultural Science Fredrick Ikertang and AG students during the awarding ceremony at PCC Conference room

The Palau Community College (PCC) Agricultural Science (AG) Program for the second time proudly issued financial assistance awards, of \$350.00 each, to ten (10) AG students on March 12, 2025. These awards were made possible through the Resident Instruction Grants for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (RIIA) under the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The RIIA Grant Project is managed and implemented by Fredrick Ikertang who is an Associate Professor and Chairperson for the Agricultural Science Program. Present during the awarding day were, the President of the College, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, These awards are intended to help AG students as they pursue their PCC degrees in Agricultural Science. These ten students met the eligibility requirements for this Spring 2025 semester as they were either new, continuing, returning, or transferring students majoring in Agricultural Science at PCC. The students include Jared N. Carlson, Motol M. Francisco, Rhealyn Letaseomal, Edwina Letashiuemang, Omilil S. McQuine, Maya T. Moros, Truman N. Skang, Euridice T. Tekriu, Ismael Thing, and Allana K. Ruluked.

SDSU BACHELOR'S PROGRAM GS 420 COURSE CONTINUES



SDSU Dr. Christopher Brum and Bachelor's Cohort at PCC CE Training room

On March 17 - 21, 2025, San Diego State University Bachelor's Cohort enrolled in GS 420 welcomed their instructor Dr. Christopher Brum to Palau. Accompanying Dr. Brum was the local facilitator Ms. Aberlynn Ngiruos. The program is designed to allow working professionals to complete an advance degree without having to leave the island. It is also designed to prepare Palau teachers and interested individual from the community, PCC, and other agencies with skills and expertise to provide high quality public services in their respective areas of work. Courses are designed to incorporate local context and cultural issues with a specific attention to learners diverse needs. Much of the instructions will be delivered through problem/project based learning techniques. Also using "real life" scenarios as the context of instruction, students will be better prepared to provide improved performance in their assigned duties and responsibilities. Students are required to meet once a week with designated local facilitator. Group meetings allow for content discussions, teleconferences by the instructor, and for stu

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UBMS STUDENTS ATTEND NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT WORKSHOP



UBMS article contributed by Ian T. Goodall

UBMS students attended NEU workshop at PCC Assembly Hall

On February 27th and 28th, PCC UBMS students attended a workshop that was conducted by the Narcotics Enforcement Unit. Their team consisted of four law enforcement officers which included Rengiil Bausoch Myrna Palo, Vahid Beketaut, and Humio Kebekol. The students were divided into two groups for a two-day workshop focused on Drug Prevention and Education. Throughout the sessions, they gained valuable insights into how illegal substances can devastate health, finances, and relationships. As the presentation began, everybody's attention shifted to the PowerPoint, which featured sensitive yet age-appropriate images that effectively depicted the harsh realities of drug use.

The workshop stressed the importance of making informed, responsible decisions, highlighting that no one is immune to peer pressure and encouraging students to choose wisely when faced with such challenges. In a powerful message aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse, students were encouraged to seek help if they are struggling or if they know others who are facing these challenges. To wrap up the event, a memorable slogan was shared with all attendees, offering a simple yet impactful reminder for life: "Be Smart, Don't Start!" This slogan serves as a call to action for students to make informed, healthy choices and avoid the dangers of drug use.

Graduation Committee *continued from right column*

Vice Chair, Pauline Jerry, Recorder, Director Lyndon Masami, Director Tchuzie Tadao, Director Clement Kazuma, FSA President Rilang Roberto, Vollette Polli, Jeana D. Borja, Bradley Augustine, Marvin Ngirutang, CSO President Husto Ulengchong, Director Lisa Rafael, Angelio Antonio, Gurney Lee Umang, and ASPCC President Shamira Cruz. The committee's next scheduled meeting is slated for Wednesday, March 27, 2025 at Mesekiu Bai.

PCC 62ND GRADUATION COMMITTEE MEETING AT PCC CONFERENCE ROOM



Graduation Committee first organization meeting at PCC Conference room

The Graduation Committee of Palau Community College (PCC), chaired by Dean of Student Hilda N. Reklai met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 to follow-up on its plans for the 62nd Commencement Exercises. PCC President Tellei's appointment letter tasked the committee to plan and prepare this year's commencement exercises which will be special as we witness the local Master's degree candidates of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Pacific Master's in Education (PACMED) Program as well as Bachelor's degree candidates of the University of Guam's Special Ed. Program participate in the ceremony. Committee members are Dean Hilda N. Reklai, Chairperson, Associate Dean Ulai T. Ikesiil,

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dents to develop a deeper sense of being involved in a professional learning community that will have local impact. Currently, Palau SDSU Bachelor's Cohort are enrolled in General Studies 420, Disability in Society course.

With this course, students will explore the range of the disability experience; examine society's attitudes toward individuals and the interrelationship between societal institutions and the perception of people with disabilities. Contemporary issues with particular emphasis on disability culture, ableism, inclusion will also be explored and discussed.

An in-depth discussion will also focus on model of disability, barriers, positive impact, historical perspectives which include interactions within a society.

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:

ART ASIA PACIFIC



Art Asia Pacific provides news, exhibition, festival and country reports, the Almanac features special sections such as Artists of the Year, which spotlights five outstanding artists from the previous year and one promising artist for the next year, and Reflections, a set of essays written by prominent curators and cultural figures.

Academic Calendar

April 2
PCC- Charter Day

April 4
PCC- Charter Day
Celebration

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.

32nd ANNUAL CHARTER DAY PRESIDENT'S RUN/WALK

PLACE: PCC Mesekiu Gym

TIME:

Registration 4:30 am - 5:15 am

Warm up 5:20 am

Event Start 5:30 am

Towels will be passed out!

DATE: April 4, 2025

ROUTE:

Socio & back to PCC Gym

-Run/Walk on the right side of the road only

-There will be Police Escort

Breakfast & Water will be Provided!

Change of Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Hours

Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters		Intersession Breaks	
Monday - Thursday	7:30am – 7:00pm	Monday - Friday	8 am - 5 pm
Friday	7:30am – 5:00pm	Saturday - Sunday	Closed
Saturday	9:00am – 1:00pm		
Sunday	Closed		

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to continue serving all PCC and community patrons of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

PMG ANNOUNCEMENT

Be a Volunteer!

Make the Games Successful!

Scan Code To Register

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!

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

Celebrating Birthdays

March 28 - April 06, 2025



Vera D. Kanai

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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

PCC Endowment

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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 Transferable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

ALUMNI NOTES

WESTIN ANDREW

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Saridel Sais, Jr. Kaluu graduated with his AAS in Construction Technology in Spring 2024. Mr. Kaluu had decided to move overseas to join relatives and families in U.S.



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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.



GENOMICS IN MICRONESIA

2025

When: August 4th - August 8th, 2025.

Where: University of Guam, Mangilao

In a week long workshop, scholars will:

1. Gain knowledge about basic genetics.
2. Experience working in a laboratory setting.
3. Analyze genes through computational techniques.
4. Learn and discuss ethical, social, and legal use of genetic research.

To determine your eligibility and access the application page visit:

www.uog.edu/singmicro

Application deadline: April 24th, 2025

Email singmicro@triton.uog.edu for more information



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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