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HIROSAKI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT PCC



Vice President Jay Olegeriil with PCC students and staff, along with students and staff of Hirosaki University

On February 13, 2025, Japan's Hirosaki University students and their mentors came to Palau Community College (PCC) for a visit. Hirosaki University was established in the former castle town of Hirosaki in 1949. It is a national university and is located in Aomori Prefecture, situated at the northern end of Honshu Island in Japan. It has more than 6,500 students and more than 100 foreign students. The college was fortunate to meet Hirosaki University's Director (in charge of planning) and Vice President Koichi Wakabayashi, the Director of Hirosaki University Hospital Dr. Kenichi Hakamata, former President of Shibaka Iraka Co., Ltd. Mr. Takao Abe, three faculty and staff, and 10 students. The visit was from 9am to 1pm with preplanned activities. They were welcomed in the morning for a greet and meet with PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil and Dean of Students Hilda Reklai. With the help of the Associated Students of PCC (ASPCC), the guests were then taken on a campus tour. By the end of the tour, they were served lunch at the PCC Assembly Hall. The guests were very excited for the program after lunch, as they had the opportunity to meet with PCC students and staff associated with Japan programs. PCC extends its gratitude to the university for their courtesy visit and looks forward to more in the future.

PALAU CANOE & WATER SPORTS FEDERATION: NEW CANOES

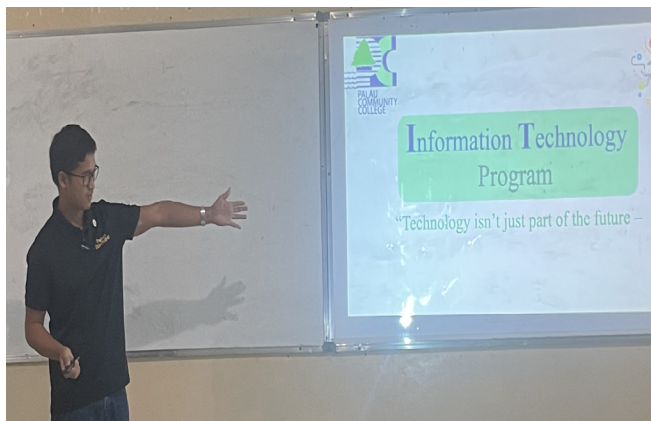


Palau paddlers, guests and supporters that joined the blessing of the new canoes

On February 16, 2025, the Palau Canoe and Water Sports Federation held a blessing for the new canoes they received in preparation for the upcoming Pacific Mini Games. There are a total of 14 new canoes and the federation is excited to put them to use as they are the first canoes they've had in 26 years. It is a tradition to bless canoes before getting them on water. Although it is a simple event, it's very important to the paddlers, as it shows respect to the canoes and the sea and to ask for a safe journey every time the paddlers venture out on the water. As PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei is the Chairman of the organizing committee of the 2025 South Pacific Mini Games, he was invited to the event by President of the Palau Canoe and Water Sports Federation Ms. Ikelau Otto. Also there for the blessing of the canoes was Master Navigator Mr. Sesario Sewralur, Palau National Olympics Committee (PNOC) Secretary General Ms. Baklai Temengil, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Whipps, and members of the Civic Action Team. As the games slowly approach, the college wishes all teams and players good luck, wishes and a successful practice in the next few months.

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.

IT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN



IT Instructor: Mr. Kleinton Rivera

On February 10, 2025, Instructor Kleinton Rivera brought to the attention of Vice President/Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Jay Olegeriil and Associate Dean Marianne Temaungil an Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan. This strategic project plan focuses on advancing PCC IT program to align with the institution's mission of guaranteeing quality and excellence while addressing the educational and workforce needs of the community. The plan is structured around key deliverables to position the program as a leader in IT education and innovation, ensuring its relevance and competitiveness in addressing local, other outlying Islands and towards global IT demands. Mr. Kleinton Rivera was also a part of the recruitment team that visited high schools in Palau and a part of his presentation is to showcase the importance of IT. With that, he also shared a few student successes by introducing them and their jobs after graduating as IT students. Because the college is witnessing a decreasing number of enrolled students, the college is working hard to find ways to get more students motivated to pursue their higher education at PCC.

PMG ANNOUNCEMENT

A promotional graphic for the Pacific Mini Games 2025 in Palau. It features a logo with a stylized 'A' inside a circle, with the text 'PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2025 PALAU Empowering Unity' to its right. Below the logo, it says 'Be a Volunteer! Make the Games Successful!'. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text '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!

GBH STUDENTS VISIT CRE



GBH 1st grade students and their teacher

On February 17, 2025, PCC-CRE (Cooperative Research and Extension) had the pleasure of welcoming the George B. Harris Elementary School 1st Grade students for a visit and tour of the Research and Development (R&D) Station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. Upon arriving the women shared their collective interest in agriculture, especially with specific crops like taro. They were prepared with questions, inquiries, insights, feedback, and shared their wisdom with the staff and students working that day. PCC-CRE would like to thank the teachers and students for their visit to the research facility and for their encouragement for their work. R&D station welcomes anyone or group to visit, should they be interested. Thank you for visiting and please come again soon!

CIVIC ACTION TEAM TURNOVER: CAT 356-01 TO NAVY CAT 133-32



CAT Team 356-01 and NAVY CAT 133-32

As another 6 months passes by, we thank Civic Action Team (CAT) 356-01 for their service and welcome NAVY CAT 133-32. CAT 356-01 has accomplished a lot in the community, as well as PCC and for that the college extends its sincerest gratitude and a safe flight home to all. On February 14, 2025, the turnover ceremony was held in saying goodbye to them as we welcome NAVY CAT 133-32. Palau and its communities are fortunate to the teams as they provide many support, assistance, apprenticeship, medical outreach programs, and community service projects. We are excited to see what NAVY CAT 133-32 has planned for the community in the next 6 months!

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday
to 8:00AM - 5:00 PM
Friday

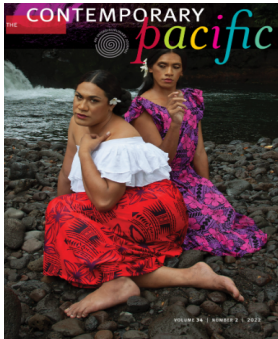
Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

CONTEMPORARY PACIFIC



The Contemporary Pacific covers a wide range of disciplines with the aim of providing comprehensive coverage of contemporary developments in the entire Pacific Islands region, including Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. Each issue highlights the work of a Pacific Islander artist.

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.

GRAND PRIZE: SUMMER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION



Outside of the summer house



Inside of the summer house

The Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser's grand prize, a Summer House, is about to finish its last stages of construction. The grand prize winner of the 2024 Thanksgiving Fundraiser, National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP), had the summer house built in Koror, specifically at Kot el Rodech in Idid hamlet. The 14' by 24' summer house is worth \$9,000. If the winner is not interested in building the summer house, they can cash it out for \$2,000. When the grand prize winner decides to build it, he/she must prepare a building permit along with an explanation on how the summer house will be built. In some instances, winners have built their summer house and later turn it into a part of their home, or even use it as a stepping stone to the entirety of their new house. Meeting with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei is crucial, as well, as he will be instructing the construction workers on logistics. PCC congratulates NDBP again and PCC is looking forward to build more for future winners.

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. Whipps 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

Celebrating Birthdays February 17 - February 23, 2025



Marvin Yarofaisug



Cecilia Andrew



Rox Gunayan

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!

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- (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."

ALUMNI NOTES

DILUEY TAKAWO

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Diluey Takawo 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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Palau Community College

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.

Interested in Learning Transferrable 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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