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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC CELEBRATES 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHARTER DAY PRESIDENT'S RUN & WALK



*Runners and walkers on the starting line at PCC Mesekiu Gym*

On April 04, 2025 Palau Community College community celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> Charter Day event with the President's Run & Walk which started at 5:30 a.m. from Mesekiu Gym to Meyuns and back.

Over hundred community members and college staff participated in this 5K run and walk. Light refreshment were provided including hand towels with print that commemorated this year's charter day event.

The first five runners to reach the finishing line were



*Shawn Colder  
1<sup>st</sup> Place*



*Shinichi Arakawa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place*



*Righteous Adaba  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place*



*Lieslie M. Taksiau  
4<sup>th</sup> Place*



*Morris Prulla  
5<sup>th</sup> Place*

### ESTABLISHMENT OF COURSE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN PCC & PHS IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM APPROVED

On March 26, 2025 Palau Community College approved the Agricultural Science Course Alignment with Palau High School. The collaborative course alignment working group comprised of members from both PCC and PHS. They are Associate Dean Marianne Temaungil, Associate Dean Ulai T. Ike-siil, Associate Professor of Agriculture Fredrick Ikertang, CRE Researcher Elchung Hideyos, CRE Senior Research Assistant Emngel Singich, PHS Agriculture Academy Program Teachers Dalton Thomas and Iliana Ramarui. The course alignment is designed to facilitate seamless and reliable transition for students from PHS to PCC which enable them to stay on track and potentially complete their degree within the expected timeframe for graduation. The objective of this course alignment is to bridge curriculum gap by identifying and aligning core topics between PHS curriculum and PCC's first year agriculture college-level courses. Moreover, it supports career development that will equip students with relevant knowledge and practical skills to pursue careers in agriculture or advance studies through participation in various school and community projects and finally to strengthen partnerships between the two institutions by fostering collaboration between PHS educators and PCC faculty for a well-rounded and articulated agricultural program. The working group are working on proposed actions including working group tasks, curriculum alignment, dual enrollment opportunities, student engagement initiatives, development of articulation agreement and tracking students to assess effectiveness and student outcome.



## PCC CONDUCTED UNANNOUNCED FIRE DRILL



*Students and staff awaiting for all-clear sign to return back to their offices and classrooms*

On April 02, 2025 PCC Campus Emergency & Safety Committee conducted a biannual fire drill in preparation for campus-wide emergency.

## UBMS FIELD TRIP TO NGARAARD STATE



*UBMS staff and students at Ngerchokl protective area site in Ngaraard State*

On March 29, 2025, a group of students from PCC's Upward Bound Math and Science program embarked on an educational field trip to Ngerchokl, Ngaraard. After an hour-long bus ride, the students arrived at their destination and walked for about 10 to 15 minutes to reach the lake. The Ngaraard State ranger Jason Bells, and tour guides, Ngeldei Manahan and Shawnd Philip, accompanied the students on their hike. When the students reached the destination, they recounted the story of the lake whose English translation is the Fountain of Youth. As this was the first time for many of our students to visit Ngerchokl, it provided a chance to learn about its deep-rooted history. This was also a great opportunity for students to step outside and learn about the historical significance of Ngerchokl. Many pictures were taken and everyone enjoyed lunch at Kuabes Beach. The UBMS Program would like to thank Ngaraard State for accommodating our students for the field trip and Donut House for providing a delicious lunch.

## PACMED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

This month, the PACMED candidates are presenting their professional capstone project which highlights and reflects their knowledge and experience throughout the course of their educational journey. UH PACMED Director Dr. Debra Zuercher, lead instructor for this EDCS 677 course will be on Zoom to review and inquire on the candidates' presentations while at the same time Dean Hedrick Kual and Dilrae Mechol will also facilitate with candidates by providing questions for discussion.

## MOMENTS OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> CHARTER DAY PRESIDENT'S RUN & WALK



**Thank You All for Your Participation!**

## **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 APPÉTIT MAGAZINE**



Bon Appétit is the industry leader for print and digital food media. They are source for original recipes from the Bon Appétit test kitchen including more than 60,000 recipes from their archives that help to define how every generation cooks, whether it's for a date night or a Thanksgiving feast.

#### **Academic Calendar**

**April 16**

Last Day For All Withdrawals

**April 17-18**

Students' Spring Break

**April 21**

Registration for Summer 2025  
Begins

#### **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.

## **ACADEMIC POLICY 2025**

### **ETHICAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*(Excerpts from AP01-2025)*

On April 9, 2025 Palau Community College Academic Affairs Policy AP01-2025 was approved by the college President as follows:

#### **Purpose:**

- To establish clear guidelines for the ethical use of AI tools in academic and professional contexts.
- Promote transparency, fairness, and accountability in AI interactions.
- Ensure that AI is used to enhance, rather than replace, human thought, performance, and creativity.

#### **Policy Applies to:**

- Students: All undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students using AI tools for Academic, research, or personal responses.
- Faculty and Staff: All faculty, staff, and researchers using AI tools for teaching, research, administration, or any other institutional role.
- AI Tools: AI technologies include, but are not limited to, tools such as chatbots (e.g., ChatGPT), writing assistants, image generation tools, and AI-driven research assistants.

This policy ensures that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used accordingly, ethically, and responsibly.

*AP01-Principles of Ethical AI Use continued on the next Mesekiu News Issue #16*

## **PMG ANNOUNCEMENT**

The image is a promotional graphic for the Pacific Mini Games 2025 in Palau. It features a logo on the left with a stylized 'A' inside a circle, with waves and a sun. To the right of the logo, the text 'PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2025 PALAU' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Empowering Unity' in a script font below it. Below the logo and text, it says 'Be a Volunteer!' in a large, bold font, followed by 'Make the Games Successful!' in a slightly smaller bold font. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text 'Scan Code To Register' above it.

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

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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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

**"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."**

## Celebrating Birthday April 11 - 18, 2025



McKnight McArthur

## PCC Endowment

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/252)

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto: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

### ACHILLES STEVEN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Achilles Steven graduated with his AAS in Construction Technology in Spring 2024. Mr. Steven is currently working at PCC Maintenance



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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.

## SUMMER SESSION 2025 (5 Weeks)

May	12-21 (M-TH)	Placement Testing
May	22 (TH)	New Student Orientation
<b>May</b>	<b>26 (M)</b>	<b>First Day of Instruction</b>
May	26-27 (M-TU)	Credit by Examination Period
May	26-27 (M-TU)	Drop/Add Period
May	26 (M)	Late Registration
May	28 (W)	Last Day to Change to AUDIT grading option
<b>May</b>	<b>30 (F)</b>	<b>Last Day to remove Continuing Progress Grades for Fall 2024</b>
June	1 (S)	Holiday: President's Day
June	2 (M)	Holiday: President's Day Observed
June	9-10 (M-TU)	Mid-Term Period
<b>June</b>	<b>20 (F)</b>	<b>Last Day for All Withdrawals</b>
June	24	Last Day of Instruction
June	25-27 (W-F)	Final Examination Period
July	4 (F)	Grades Due by 11:00 am
July	9 (W)	Holiday: Constitution Day
July	11 (F)	Last Day for Change of Grades
July	14 (M)	Registration for Fall 2025 begins



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

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