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Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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62ND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Today marks the 62nd Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC). A total of eighty-three (83) students are receiving their degrees from Palau Community College, thirteen (13) graduates will be completing their studies at PCC Adult High School, twenty (20) public school teachers are receiving their Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guam with specialization in SPED program, and fifteen (15) University of Hawaii at Manoa candidates will be conferred the degree of Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in STEAM field.

PCC Board of Trustees Acting Chairperson Ms. Alvina R. Timarong, Secretary/Treasurer Ms. Romana Wong, Trustee Governor Emais Roberts M.D., Trustee LeoBen Teriong, Student Trustee Suanda Obakerbau and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei will be officiating the ceremony along with the ROP President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., Senator Andrew Tabelual, Delegate Stephanie Ngirchoimei, Aimeliik State Governor Brownny Simer, UOG President, Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, UOG Dean of School of Education, Dr. Alicia Cruz Aquon, President Emeritus, University of Hawaii-Manoa Dr. David Lassner, PACMED Director and Professor Dr. Deborah Zuercher, PCC Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Jay Olegeriil, and PCC Dean of Continuing Education Pastor Hedrick Kual.

This year's commencement exercises valedictorian for the Palau Community College Class of 2025 is Ms. Shamira R. Cruz, majoring in Liberal Arts and also a recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award for her participation and contribution to the college Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society-Beta Omi-

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PCC Valedictorian of 2025

Shamira R. Cruz

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Shamira R. Cruz

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Monica T. Bismark

Associate of Science in Education-Early Childhood

Judgewin Daniel

Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Technology

Quirah D. Elechuus

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Uldekkel A. Ililal

Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

Mika A. Inoue

Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology

Kerengel J. Jerome

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Floria Kambalang

Associate of Science in Education-Elementary Education

Owen U. Kilcullen

Associate of Applied Science in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology

Ibuuch A. Kumaichi

Associate of Science in Community & Public Health

Xara R. Leemansky

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Ella Marie B. Martinez

Associate of Science in Nursing

Suanda D. Obakerbau

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Angela B. Page

Associate of Science in Nursing

Hannah Grace G. Pate

Associate of Science in Business Accounting

Maria Angelica Gacis Rangel

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Alsen J. Rdang

Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology

Morenlee Ringang

Associate of Applied Science in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology

AWARDS CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD

Fantasia B. Rubasch
Associate of Arts in STEM

Braelynn D. Sambal
Associate of Science in Nursing

Alyrah Shiro
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Cade B. Smau
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Zechariah T. Tutii
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Washington Worswick
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Faculty Senate Association Award

Ms. Shamira R. Cruz
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Ms. Ella Marie B. Martinez
Associate of Science in Nursing

Mika A. Inoue
Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology

Adult High School- Academic Excellence Award

Remaleah Iyechad

Adult High School- Exemplary Award

Keola Ngirturong

DIRECTOR NGIRAIRIKL ELECTED AS PACFAA PRESIDENT-ELECT 2025-2026



Isumechraard Ngirairikl

On May 10, 2025 Palau Community College Office of the Financial Aid Director, Ms. Isumechraard Ngirairikl was elected to serve as the new President-Elect for the Pacific Financial Aid Association's Executive Council 2025 -2026. PacFAA has approximately 120 members with representation from Hawaii, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, American Samoa, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Its mission is to promote and provide quality administration of financial aid programs in postsecondary institutions in the Pacific.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter

Graduating Members

Alexies K. Ruiz

Kerengel J. Jerome

Alonzo K. Sumor

Klei N. Andreas

Britchet Idelkei

Leeman Freeman

Ella Marie B. Martinez

Mika A. Inoue

Hannah Grace G. Pate

Quirah D. Elechuus

Judgewin Daniel

Shamira R. Cruz

Suanda D. Obakerbau

Xara R. Leemansky

Brief Overview of Student Award

Award Criteria:

This award is given to students who have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 and above upon completion of their degree programs.

Outstanding Citizenship Award

This award is given to students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student's participation in recreational, social, and student government activities.
2. The student's participation in and contribution to community service activities.
3. The student's conduct in all phases of campus life.
4. The student's contributions to the welfare of fellow students.
5. The student's academic record.

Faculty Senate Award

The Faculty Senate Association gives three awards to the top 3 students of the graduating class. The first award of a \$300.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the highest cumulative GPA in a degree program. The Second Award of \$200.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the second highest cumulative GPA in a degree program. The Third Award of \$100.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the third highest cumulative GPA in a degree program.

Adult High School Award

Academic Excellence Award is given to the student who has earned the highest cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The Exemplar Award is given to the student whose behavior on-and-off campus is exemplary, and whose grade point average is 3.5 or above.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday
to
Friday

8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday

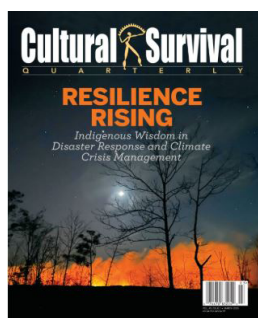
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunday & National
Holidays

CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: CULTURAL SURVIVAL



Cultural Survival Quarterly brings you inside indigenous cultures around the world, sharing their ways of life, their spirituality, their celebrations, and their challenges, all with stunning photography and intimate insights from native writers and experts.

Academic Calendar

May 20-29

Placement Testing for Summer 2025

May 30

Last Day to Remove Continuing
Progress Grades for Fall 2023

May 30

Holiday-President's 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.

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The college Faculty Senate Association (FSA) is proud to present its awards to three (3) students: Ms. Shamira R. Cruz, Ms. Ella Marie Martinez, and Ms. Mika A. Inoue. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society-Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter (BOZ) is proud to announce that fourteen (14) of its members are graduating this Spring 2025 (see list above). The PCC Adult High School Academic Excellence award is presented to Ms. Christine Nakamura and Exemplary Award goes to Ms. Keola Ngirturong. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

PCC SCHOLASTIC HONORS SPRING SEMESTER 2025

The President's and Dean's Lists are compiled and published at the end of each semester. The lists include names of full-time degree candidates completing at least 12 credits from courses under the A-F grading scheme. Certificate candidates and non degree students are not considered for nominations to the scholastic honor list.

President's List (4.0 GPA)			
Andreas, Klei N.	BA-AS	Mobel, Noreen Fidilari C.	LA-AA
Andreas, Selaine M.B.	BA-AS	Ngiraklei, Annalisa	EDEE-AS
Carlson, Jared N.	AG-AS	Ramirez, Lianna M.	OA-AAS
Charles, Mitoko S.	CJ-AS	Rechelulk, Kara E.	LA-AA
Elechuus, Quirah D.	LA-AA	Ruiz, Alexies K.	BA-AS
Francisco, Sydney D.	LA-AA	Senior, Omisaol J.	ES-AS
Higa, Ezekiel A.	CT-AAS	Sikyang, Dara Berenges	CT-AAS
Ililau, Uldekel A.	CPH-AS	Skang, Truman N.	AG-AS
Martinez, Ella Marie	NU-AS	Yanruw, Matthew K.	AG-AS
Miko, Leilanie	OA-AS	Yusim, Kaylee Direou	CT-AAS

Dean's List High Honors (3.8 - 3.99 GPA)	
Dante, Francis M.	BU-AS
Idelkei, Britchet	BA-AS
Kioshi, Sharinna Leleng L.	BU-AS
Ramon, Shenaya L. M.	LA-AA
Rubasch, Fantasia B.	SD-AA

Dean's List Honors (3.5 - 3.79 GPA)			
Allen, Niobe M.	AG-AS	Marquez III, Ilab E.	BU-AS
Bai, Joshua Skiwo	NU-AS	Ngirblekuu, Tanaka Gomes	LA-AA
Benhart, Auryn Uriik	IT-AS	Osima, Dilmeses A.	ES-AS
Brobesong, Jason Lee	BU-AS	Parinas, Mary Joyce R.	THTS-AS
Chokai, Toyomi K.	LA-AA	Sambal, Braelynn D.	NU-AS
Dulei, Keida Y.	EDEE-AS	Sebalt, Shayla S.	CJ-AS
Eberdong, Parisha S.K.	CJ-AS	Sumang, Jay-Dee	SE-AAS
Freeman, Leeman K.	GE-AAS	Sumor, Alonzo K.	BU-AS
Igem, Slayton	ES-AS	Techur, Lesai B.	BA-AS
Kelvin, Keringelianged J.	OA-AAS	Tutii, Zechariah T.	LA-AA
Kinian, Evlin	CJ-AS	Ueki, Nathaniel M.	LA-AA
Kloulubak, Jade S.	LA-AA	Worswick, Washington	LA-AA
Lakobong, JR. Dior, Lucky	UND	Yosino, Loralynn N.	EDEC-AS
Letashiuemang, Edwina	AG-AS	Ziglioli, Patrick K.	SE-AAS
Maidasil, Jewel K.	CPH-AS		

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

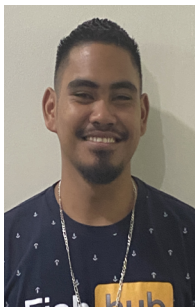
- (1) Instructor, Construction Technology
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (3) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)
PCC Cooperative Research & 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) Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (7) Registration and Records Specialist
Admissions and Records Office
Salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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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ALUMNI NOTES

LADRICK NGEDEBUU STEM DISCIPLINE



Mr. Ladrick Ngedebuu-currently employed at PCC Financial Aid Office as a Financial Aid Technician. He graduated in May 2021 with an associates degree in STEM Discipline



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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, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future **Mesekiu's News** issues.

Celebrating Birthday

May 18 - 25, 2025



Akiko Udui



Debbie Ngiraibai



Rosania D. O. Olegeril



Chimira Ilemelong



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Mental Health
Awareness
Month

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