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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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### PACIFIC MINI GAMES OPENING CEREMONY



*Team Cook Island, Team Federated States of Micronesia,  
Team Kiribati and Team Northern Mariana Islands*

On June 29, 2025, the Pacific Mini Games officially began the opening ceremony at the Palau National Track and Field. Although rain fell during parts of the event, it didn't stop the excitement as athletes from across the Pacific marched into the stadium and the Games flame was lit. Palau's President, His Excellency Surangel Whipps Jr., welcomed everyone and declared the Games open. He encouraged the athletes to compete with passion and determination, reminding them to support each other along the way. His message was clear: "Lift each other higher, celebrate every victory, and rise together after every fall." He emphasized that the Games were not just about individual achievements, but about the Pacific nations coming together as one community.

Vidya Larkhan, the President of the Pacific Games Council, spoke about how special this year's event was. He mentioned that it was the biggest Pacific Mini Games ever, with over 2,000 athletes and officials taking part. Larkhan also pointed out how fortunate the Pacific was to be celebrating this event in peace, while other parts of the world are facing conflicts. This was a reminder of how important it is to come together in such a peaceful and healthy environment.

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### SUPPORTING ONE OF OUR OWN MARK TAKSIAU



*Mark Taksiau*

Mark Taksiau, a dedicated IT tech and tracking coordinator for the Upward Bound program at Palau Community College, is poised to make a significant impact as he prepares to compete in the triathlon at the prestigious Pacific Mini Games 2025. His journey to this competitive stage is a testament to his unwavering commitment to hard work, remarkable perseverance, and profound dedication, qualities that resonate deeply within his professional life and his rigorous athletic pursuits. This exceptional commitment to excellence, serves as a powerful source of inspiration for all who witness it. The entire PCC staff and student body, stand with the people of Palau, ready to support and cheer you on every step of the way. Best of luck Mark and Team Palau!



*Team Marshall Island, Team Fiji, Team Tahiti and Papua New Guinea*

Dr. Patrick Tellei, Chairman of the 2025 Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee, encouraged participants to use the Games as an opportunity to make new friends, connect with other Pacific nations, and strengthen the bonds between them. He reminded everyone to compete with their best efforts and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

#### **PALAU WAVE RADIO TALKSHOW WITH PMG CHAIRMAN, PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI**



*PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei during PWFMTalkshow*

On July 2, 2025, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Chairman of the Pacific Mini Games, appeared on a talk show to provide the public with updates on recent events. He discussed what has taken place over the past few days, including which games are currently being played and their respective locations. Dr. Tellei emphasized the importance of community involvement and support, encouraging everyone to participate and attend events. He also mentioned the smooth progress of the games so far, highlighting the efforts of organizers, volunteers, and athletes in making the Pacific Mini Games a successful and enjoyable experience for all.

#### **UBMS BANQUET**



*UBMS Students banquet in PRR*

On June 27, 2025, the Upward Bound Math & Science program hosted its annual banquet at Palau Royal Resort. Students arrived and the event began with a prayer. Ms. Kate Oiph then offered encouraging words, especially praising seniors. Awards were presented to the seniors to recognize their achievements. Everyone enjoyed a meal together, accompanied by music in a warm, celebratory atmosphere.

#### **25<sup>TH</sup> SCIENCE STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM**



*PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Associate Dean Ulai Ikesiil, Instructor Fredrick Ikertang, Instructor Rilang Roberto, Instructor Vernice Yuji, Instructional Assistant Volette Polloi, Derrick Dims Alexander, Daissy Demei, Aleeya Uraziri, Phancie Yalwairh and Slayton Ikem*

During the Summer semester of 2025, two Environmental/Marine Science students from Palau Community College (PCC), Aleeya Uraziri and Daissy Demei, successfully completed their internship at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). This internship was part of their program requirement, providing them with hands-on experience in marine research. Throughout their time at PICRC, Aleeya and Daissy collaborated with the research team on fish sampling and Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) studies. They also utilized Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS) to observe and monitor marine species. Their work combined field data collection with in-depth data analysis, helping to enhance the understanding of Palau's rich marine ecosystems.

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# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

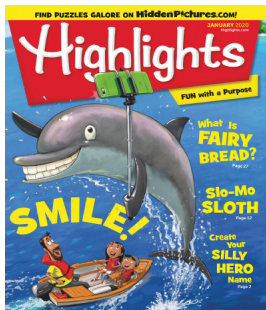
Monday to Friday 8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN



Highlights for Children is a magazine and brand that aims to help kids become their best selves by fostering curiosity, creativity, confidence, and caring. It offers a variety of products, including magazines, books, and puzzles, all designed with the philosophy of “Fun with a Purpose”.

### Academic Calendar

July 9 (W)

Holiday: Constitution Day

July 11 (F)

Last Day for Change of Grades

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

Are you considering going back to school?

### Let's Talk Social Work!

Virtual Information Sessions about Master in Social Work (MSW) options @ UH Mānoa

**Program Highlights**

- Classes offered on-campus and online
- Variety of field education options
- Have a BSW? You could earn your MSW in 1 year!
- And much more!

Register at QR Code OR <https://go.hawaii.edu/aRz>

Questions? Contact us at [swhub@hawaii.edu](mailto:swhub@hawaii.edu)

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA  
Department of Social Work  
THOMPSON SCHOOL  
SOCIAL WORK & PUBLIC HEALTH

### 25th Science Symposium CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

On June 27, 2025, the students presented their research findings at the 25th Science Students Symposium held on the PCC campus. Their contributions reflect the importance of student involvement in scientific research and highlight the valuable role internships play in environmental science education.



### RPPL 8-27

Prohibits Smoking Cigarettes on Public Property, including Palau Community College Campus.

### RPPL 11-27

Prohibits Purchasing, Possessing, or Consuming E-Cigarettes ANYWHERE in the Republic Of Palau.

Violators of these Laws will be reported to Law Enforcement Authorities.



### PCC CAFETERIA HOURS FOR PMG

#### Breakfast

6:00am - 9:00am

#### Lunch

11:00am - 2:00pm

#### Dinner

5:30pm - 8:30pm

## 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 (Payable)  
Administration Department (Business Office)  
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

## 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
- (11) Two (2) Library Assistant  
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library  
Salary range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (12) Data Service Technician  
Institutional Research & Evaluation Office  
Salary range: \$10,000 - \$17,938 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (13) Director of Development  
Office of the President- Development  
Salary ranges: \$18,730.00-\$33,262.00 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (14) Bookstore Clerk  
Administration Department (Business Office)  
Salary range: \$10,101-\$17,938 (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."**

## 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

**OWEN U. KILCULLEN**  
**SMALL ENGINE AND OUTBOARD MARINE TECHNOLOGY**



Mr. Owen U. Kilcullen graduated with his AAS in Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology this Spring 2025. He is employed in Paddling Palau.

## Celebrating Birthday

July 7 - July 13 2025



*Sesario Sewralur*



*Alik Ulechong*



**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**



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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.

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