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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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### ECO-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECT



*Top Left-Right: Dr. Dale Jenkins, Mr. Smau Kahue, Minister Ngirabelas Tmetuchl, Mr. Kadoi Ruluked, President Tellei, Bottom Left-Right: Mr. Elangel Mesubed, Endira Absalom, Mr. Kelory Fredrick, Mrs. Indirah Tirso, Mr. Eijiro Otsuka, Ms. Riho Izawa*

On July 14, 2025, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met with Minister Ngirabelas Tmetuchl, his team, and a JICA representative to plan Phase II of the Eco-friendly Transportation System Project. They focused on selecting new bus-stop locations along Palau's East and West Coast routes. Dr. Tellei recommended stops in key community areas near homes, schools, and healthcare centers highlighting the importance of accessibility, convenience, and safety for the community. Minister Tmetuchl and the JICA official listened carefully to his advice. Based on his local knowledge and experience in transport planning, Dr. Tellei's input will help design routes that are both effective and user-friendly. This meeting builds on previous collaboration between Palau and JICA that began in early 2023, when they signed an agreement to develop an eco-friendly public transport system. They launched trial bus services in 2024 and are working toward a full public transport network by 2030.

### HEALTH CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



*Students and Parents at PCC Assembly Hall*

On July 14, 2025, the Palau Area Health Education Center organized an important meeting at the PCC Assembly Hall to introduce the Health Career Summer Internship Program to private high school students. The program is designed to provide students with early exposure to careers in healthcare and the medical field. Through hands-on learning, interactive workshops, and professional mentorship, the program aims to give students a deeper understanding of healthcare professions and practical experience. During the orientation, students were briefed on the various activities and learning experiences they could expect throughout the summer. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about how the program could benefit their future career goals. Parents and guardians were present, showing strong support for the initiative. The program, led by the Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Human Services and PCC-CE, provides students with a chance to connect with healthcare professionals, engage in real-world projects, and gain valuable insight into the healthcare industry.

## MS. BENEDICT PILOT JOURNEY

Written by: Ms. Ngedikes E. Benedict



*Diliaur Tellei, Ngedikes Benedict and Cassandra Kazimierczak*

I graduated from Palau Community College in July 2009 with an AS in Environmental/Marine Science. In 2012, I began flight training at Hillsboro Aviation (later named Hillsboro Aero Academy) in Hillsboro, OR through Portland Community College's Associate of Applied Science degree program for Aviation Science with Flight Instructor. Though I didn't get a degree from Portland Community College, I obtained my Commercial Airplane Multi-engine Land and Single-engine Land with Instrument rating while I was there. I was working on my flight instructor certifications and ran out of my student loan funding so I decided to enlist in the US Navy in 2016 as an Aviation Electrician's Mate. I worked on the EA-18G and the F/A-18E/F for 8.5 years. While in the Navy, I utilized the Tuition Assistance program to earn my Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics with a minor in Aviation Safety from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide. I began this endeavor in 2019 and earned my degree in October 2023. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps), is one of the United States' eight uniformed services. It only has 371 officers, as of last Thursday's Basic Officer Training Class (BOTC)-146 graduation. In 2023, NOAA Corps began their Direct to Aviation program where licensed pilots who met all other eligibility criteria, could apply to be a NOAA Corps officer. I began researching and planning to apply to the NOAA Corps since my Navy contract was going to end in June 2025. I hadn't flown while I was in the Navy, but there were no recency or minimum flight time requirements for the application. I was fortunate to be selected as primary candidate for the BOTC-146 class to begin training in April 2025.

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## CRE UPDATES



*Researcher Elchung Hideyos, Senior Researcher Aide Emengel Singich and AG Students*

On June 16, 2025 PCC-CRE Staff and Student workers giveaway 92 plants during the return ceremony of the Alingano Maisu from Taiwan. Plants included breadfruit, two varieties of lemon, two types of mountain apples, avocado, chilli peppers, and papaya



*Kids who participated in the program*

On June 26, 2025 PCC-CRE staff and student workers prepare seedlings for elementary school students from the Creative Music & Dance Summer Program called the Voices of the Earth, which is a program under Belau National Museum. A total of 60 plants were given to the students, their families, and others who attended the event that focuses on climate awareness. Thank you Belau National Museum and Creative Director Benina Gerger.



*Extension Agent Sasha Kyota and Student cleaning taro*

On June 23, 2025 PCC-CRE staff and student workers harvest, clean, and prep 105 lbs. of taro from R&D Station.



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

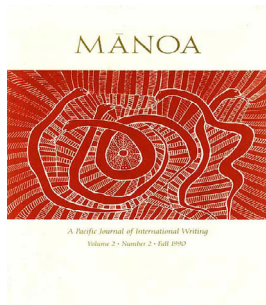
Monday 8:00AM - 5:00 PM  
to  
Friday

Saturday & Sunday  
National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

**MANOA: A PACIFIC JOURNAL OF  
INTERNATIONAL WRITING**



MĀNOA: A Pacific Journal of International Writing is a unique, award-winning literary journal that includes American and international fiction, poetry, artwork, and essays of current cultural or literary interest. An outstanding feature of each issue is original translations of contemporary work from Asian and Pacific nations, selected for each issue by a special guest editor.

### Academic Calendar

**July 14 (M)**  
**Registration for Fall 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 [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.

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My request to be released from the Navy three months early was approved and on April 21, 2025 I reported to the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT for Basic Officer Training Class and graduated last Thursday, July 10, 2025 as ENS Benedict. My first assignment is five years as a Twin Otter Pilot. I am due to report to NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) in Lakeland, FL on Friday, 18 July, 2025 where I will begin supporting the Twin Otter Section while I wait for Twin Otter training.

## ADMISSIONS & RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT

# REGISTRATION



For Fall 2025 is  
ONGOING  
REGISTER NOW!



*For more information call 488-3036*

## 2025-2026 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

**DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**DR. JOEL E. MILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**JAN STANISLAW KUBARY MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-  
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY  
INC. SCHOLARSHIP**

**MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

**NGISELACHEOS RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
PNCC SCHOLARSHIP**

**PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP**

**PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP  
IP& E SCHOLARSHIP**

**TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

**WILHELM R. RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:

CONTACT: DEVELOPMENT OFFICE @  
488-2470/2471 EXT. 251 OR 252

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

## 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 range: \$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 range: \$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.



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

## ALUMNI NOTES

**ULDEKEL A. ILILAU**

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH**



Ms. Uldekel A. Ililau graduated with her AS in Community and Public Health this Spring 2025. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your future endeavors.

## Celebrating Birthday

**July 21 - July 27 2025**



Frederick Ikertang



Ngrachermang Polloi



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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.

# MEDAL STANDING

9 July

RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	Tahiti	72	41	29	142
2	Fiji	27	30	24	81
3	Samoa	27	14	20	61
4	Australia	24	15	16	55
5	Papua New Guinea	22	29	26	77
6	Northern Mariana Islands	10	8	13	31
7	New Caledonia	7	11	16	34
8	American Samoa	6	5	4	15
9	Palau	5	7	17	29
10	Marshall Islands	5	1	5	11

# MEDAL STANDING

9 July

RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
11	Guam	4	9	7	20
12	Wallis and Futuna	4	5	4	13
13	Cook Islands	4	3	6	13
14	Kiribati	4	1	3	8
15	Nauru	3	24	11	38
16	Tonga	3	7	6	16
17	Vanuatu	3	7	5	15
18	Federated States of Micronesia	3	2	3	8
19	New Zealand	2	3	4	9
20	Solomon Islands	1	5	3	9
21	Turvalu	0	0	2	2
22	Tobeloar	0	0	1	1

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