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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## HEALTH CAREER SUMMER INTERNSHIP



*Dr. Gregory Dever, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei,  
Dr. Decherong, Dr. Naito and Interns*

On August 1, 2025, Palau Community College in partnership with the Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC), held the Health Career Summer Internship Awarding Ceremony at the PCC Assembly Hall. The event celebrated the achievements of students who completed the health internship program, which gave them practical experience in the medical field. The ceremony began with a warm welcome from Dr. Tellei, the President of Palau Community College. He thanked the students and their families for their support and spoke about how important the internship was in helping students learn about healthcare. He encouraged the students to continue pursuing their goals in the medical field. Dr. Dever then spoke about the purpose of the internship program. He explained how it gave students the chance to work hands-on in healthcare settings, gaining real-world experience that would help them in their future careers. He also emphasized how the program is a great opportunity for young people to explore different healthcare careers.

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## COMPUTER SERVICES PROJECT IN NEW SCIENCE BUILDING

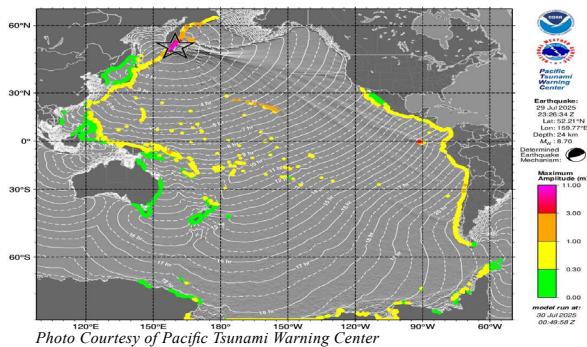


*Computer Services Assistants and Interns wiring the New Science Building*

The Computer Services Division staff, with interns (O'Keef R. Kokichi, Casey Daniel, & Dean Junior Rudimch) along with PCC online lab assistants, have been working diligently to connect the New Science Building (NSB) to the existing network infrastructure. With the support of the maintenance team, they have successfully extended a conduit to run cables from the main campus to the new building, providing essential internet connectivity. For about a week, the Computer Services Division and its team have been engaged in various networking tasks at the NSB. These tasks include splicing cables and installing wall plates in preparation for the installation of switches and access points. This work is critical to ensure that users can connect to the internet seamlessly in the new building as soon as it officially opens.

A huge thank you to the three interns for their hard work and dedication to ensuring internet connectivity for the NSB and the whole campus.

Afterward, each of the participants took the stage to share what they learned and experienced during their internship. They spoke about their time working with healthcare professionals, the skills they gained, and how the experience had inspired them to pursue careers in healthcare. The students were proud to present what they had learned and expressed their excitement for their future careers in medical field. The following students received certificates for completing the internship: Maya E. Bai, Thomas Tellei, Isaac Abraham, Ibuuch Frank, Amira Rudimch, Izabelle Uchel, Kendall Joshua, and Kalea Benjamin.



## Tsunami Watch

By: Lorraine Tellei

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at about 8:30 am, accumulated stress was suddenly relieved below the trench at the convergent plate boundary off the east coast of Kamchatka, Russia, setting off a significant earthquake of 8.8 on the moment magnitude scale. The rebounding plate, which is over three thousand miles north of Palau, pushed up the ocean floor setting off a tsunami affecting most of the Pacific Ocean. Images were later broadcast of catastrophic flooding in Russia. Since tectonic waves travel through the solid earth, the tremor was recorded by seismographs around the world, including the instrument in the office of our PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil. Thanks to the internet, countries around the Pacific were instantly warned of the approaching wave. Our NEMO sent out messages to state governments and other agencies, so PCC evacuated low lying buildings such as the maintenance office and released employees who lived at low elevations to secure their homes. Waterfront parks were closed. Notices were posted to cell phones and on social media.

Printed warnings were distributed house to house in Melekeok and probably other states. Ships were ordered out of port and to the open sea. This is because ocean waves may be trivial in the open waters but can build to dangerous heights when they reach shores. The tsunami was expected to arrive in Palau at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Fortunately, no wave was noticed in Palau. Remember, this event was less powerful and further away than the great 2011 earthquake in Japan, which also caused no damage in Palau. Our local weather service noticed no unusual waves in the Malakal tide gauges on Wednesday, and the NOAA science ship Okeanos Explorer, currently mapping the ocean floor around Palau, detected no tsunami. This event was a successful, unplanned test of the emergency response network.



PCC-CRE Director Lyndon Mamsami was instrumental when implementing the schools emergency evacuation procedures to the entire PCC Community through the schools mass intercom system.

## Add & Share our new Instagram Recruitment Page! "IG: [palaucommunitycollege](https://www.instagram.com/palaucommunitycollege)"



PCC Admissions & Records Director Lisa Rafael is pleased to announce the launching of the PCC Recruitment Team Instagram account to enhance recruitment and outreach efforts while promoting student engagement and campus activities. It aims to strengthen communication between the college and its community, build a sense of identity and pride, and increase visibility through active public relations. This platform will serve as a central tool for connecting with prospective students, sharing important updates, and fostering a more engaged and connected campus environment.



## **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:** **MOTHER EARTH NEWS**



The Mother Earth News is a magazine focused on sustainable living, self-sufficiency, and homesteading. It provides practical advice on topics like organic gardening, renewable energy, DIY projects, and green building. The magazine, published by Ogden Publications, aims to help readers live more ecologically aware and self-reliant lifestyles.

### **Academic Calendar**

**August 18- 21 (M-TH)**  
**Drop/Add Period**

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

## **ADMISSIONS & RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT**



## **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 - \$28,280 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) Federal Work-study Coordinator  
Student Services- Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$15,542- \$ 27,600 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) Financial Aid Counselor  
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (9) Two (1) Library Assistant  
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library  
Salary range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (10) Data Service Technician  
Institutional Research & Evaluation Office  
Salary range: \$10,000 - \$17,938 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (11) 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."**

## Celebrating Birthday August 11 - August 17 2025



John Masao



Angie Fuentes



Achilles Steven

## PCC Endowment

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

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

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

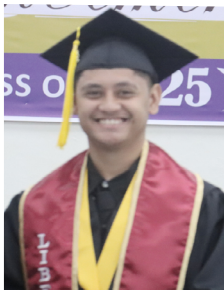
Interested in Learning Transferrable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.



**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**

## ALUMNI NOTES

**CADE B. SMAU**  
**LIBERAL ARTS**



Mr. Cade B. Smau graduated with is AA in Liberal Arts this Spring 2025. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your future endeavors.



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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.

**Caregiver Training  
Basic Conversational Palauan  
& Sewing Classes available through  
PCC-Continuing Education Office!**

**For more information please contact us at:  
Phone: 488-2470 ext:243 or 488-6223  
Email: [wxavier@palau.edu](mailto:wxavier@palau.edu)**

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