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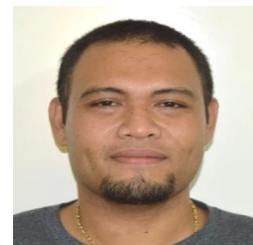
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### PCC MOURNS UNTIMELY PASSING OF DIRECTOR BORJA

Palau Community College regrets to announce the passing of our Director of Learning Resources Center, Mr. Thomas Borja. Thomas passed away on Wednesday August 13, 2025. The College will be remembering Thomas in subsequent issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Yvann M. Franz and three children Alyahna, Avah, and Theo Borja.



Thomas Borja, Director of Learning Resources Center

### PCC WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS AT ORIENTATION "YOUR COLLEGE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE"



Orientation day in the PCC Assembly Hall

Palau Community College (PCC) is excited to kick off the 2025-2026 academic year with orientation events for new students at the PCC Assembly Hall.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Lab School held its orientation on August 6, 2025, welcoming recently promoted elementary students into a four-year program. Upon completion of the cohort, students will then earn high school diploma and a degree in Construction Technology.

On August 11, 2025, the Student Services Division welcomed recent high school graduates and other newcomers eager to enhance their skills and knowledge starting this fall 2025 semester.

Best wishes all students a successful fall semester and thanks them for choosing PCC as their path to higher education.

### SBDC INTRODUCES NEW DIRECTOR



Alfia Alfonso, Center Dir. Eusotria Borja, Guam Dir. Frederick Granillo, & PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On August 6, 2025, Palau Community College President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met with Guam's Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Director Frederick Granillo and Palau's SBDC Office Manager to introduce the new Center Director Ms. Eustoria Borja. PCC looks forward working with you Director Eustoria Borja.

## Academic Affairs Faculty & Staff Briefing for upcoming 2025-2026 School Year



On August 5, Jay Olegeriil, Vice President of Administration and Finance and Acting Dean of Academic Affairs, held an annual meeting with Associate Deans, faculty, and staff at the PCC Assembly Hall. This meeting welcomed new and returning faculty as they prepare for the Fall semester.

Key topics included important dates on the academic calendar, deadlines for class syllabi, and the requirement that all syllabi include an AI policy and release forms, to be distributed on the first day of instruction. Faculty were also reminded of past deadlines for course outlines and assessments. Additionally, updates on the four-year degree program and the GradeKeeper software were announced.

The meeting highlighted PCC's commitment to academic excellence and a smooth start to the upcoming semester.



*Jay Olegeriil, VP of Admin & Finance and Acting Dean of Academic Affairs at Academic Affairs Faculty and Staff Meeting*

## EOU's Recent Graduates & Senior Returns to PCC: From Mesekiu to Mountaineers



By O'Keef R. Kokichi

I am proud to return to Palau Community College (PCC) alongside fellow classmates and alumni as we celebrate our achievements in receiving our associate's degrees at the 60th commencement exercises in Spring 2023. Looking back, we reflect on the valuable experiences we gained at the PCC Online Lab, where we worked as student employees while eagerly applying to further our education at Eastern Oregon University. Having graduated in Spring 2025 from La Grande, Oregon, I am now excited to return home contribute to our nation's development.

Dean Junior Rudimch, Casey Daniel, and I are grateful to be amongst the recipients of the Palau Fellowship Award from the Palau National Scholarship Office. This program has allowed us to travel back home and be compensated while we intern in PCC's Computer Services Division.

Under the guidance of Director Johvanna Yaoch and technicians Shinchu Higa and Alik Ulechong, I have experienced tremendous growth in Information Technology. We deeply appreciate President Tellei and the PCC community for welcoming us and allowing us to assist during key events and projects.

As Dean Junior Rudimch, a current senior at EOU, prepares to finish his remaining terms, we wish him success and hope he returns to PCC to give back to our cherished alma mater.



## **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:** **MOTOR TREND**



Motor Trend is an American automobile magazine. It first appeared in September 1949, and designated the first Car of the Year, also in 1949.

### **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 ranges: \$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) 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

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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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!

## **Celebrating Birthday** **August 18 - August 24 2025**



*Deliseo Augustin*



*Arlyn Ignacio*

Interested in Learning Trans-  
ferrable 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**

**DION SENGEBAU**

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**



Mr. Dion Sengebau graduated with is AAS in Automotive Technology this Spring 2025. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your



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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.

**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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