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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Campus Buzz: Free Weekly Newsletter


PCC HONORS LEGACY OF LRC/AANAPISI DIRECTOR THOMAS BORJA



As reported in last week's issue of the PCC Newsletter, Mesekiu's News, the College announced the untimely passing of our Director of Learning Resources Center/AANAPISI grant Project Director, Mr. Thomas Borja.

Thomas Borja began his academic journey at George B. Harris Elementary School and later graduated from Palau High School in 2001. He earned his Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

from Palau Community College in 2003, during which he also gained valuable experience working as a Library Aide, Upward Bound clerk, and tutor for the Educational Talent Search Program.

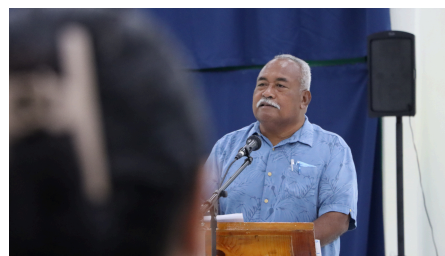
In 2008, he launched his professional career in education as the Computer Lab Manager at George B. Harris Elementary School, where he managed daily lab operations and ensured

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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

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

PCC'S CONVOCATION 2025



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI DELIVERING HIS WELCOMING REMARKS

A BRIEF RECAP

On Friday, August 15, 2025, Palau Community College held its annual convocation at the PCC Auditorium, previously known as the Cafeteria. The event was attended by more than 150 PCC staff and faculty, during which new members were introduced and those who had contributed to the college during their tenure were remembered.

The program featured key highlights, starting with welcoming remarks from President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. He commended the college for its participation in the historic "Pacific Mini Games 2025," which successfully hosted over 2,000 athletes and officials.

Each department provided updates on initiatives, plans, and progress to give the college community clear

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student access to technology. Committed to furthering his education, Thomas enrolled in the San Diego State University Bachelor of Arts Cohort Program and, through dedication and perseverance, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a concentration on Interdisciplinary Studies in 2011.

On July 28, 2014, Thomas Borja joined the Palau Community College (PCC) community as an Academic Advisor/Counselor for the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program. In this role, he contributed significantly to the program's success through school outreach, student recruitment, parent-student engagement, and the facilitation of educational field trips. His dedication and leadership led to a career advancement in 2020 when he was promoted becoming the Project Director for the PCC Learning Resources Center/AANAPISI Program. As Director, Thomas was instrumental in fostering a culture of learning, mentorship, and civic responsibility within his office and the college community.

During his tenure, Thomas also held key leadership roles, including serving as a member of the PCC Executive Committee, among other institutional initiatives. In 2023, further demonstrating his commitment to education and professional development, he enrolled in the Pacific Masters in Education



COOPERATIVE RESEARCH EXTENSION



TRIO PROGRAMS



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION



FINANCE DIVISION



STUDENT SERVICES



CE & ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

(PACMED) Cohort Program through PCC's partnership with the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. He successfully completed the program and graduated as a Pacific scholar on May 16, 2025, earning a Master's Degree in Curriculum Studies, with Emphasis on Culturally Responsive and Place-Based STEM Curriculum.

The PCC community and PACMED family join in mourning the untimely passing of Director Thomas Borja, honoring his legacy as a dedicated educator, leader, colleague, and friend. Our deepest condolences are extended to his family as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Funeral service will be held @ Palau Funeral home on August 24, 2025. Rest in Peace Director Borja.

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understanding of its current standing and future direction.

Accreditation updates were shared by ALO VP Jay Olegeriil, along with assistant ALOs Derbei Meyar and Johvanna Yaoch. Additionally, information on Institutional Standard Assessment and IAC updates was presented by IR Analyst Ligaya Sara. Dr. Tchuzie Tadao reported on the 15-year master plan, while VP Dr. Christopher Kitalong discussed the CRE report, which included insights from Elchung Hideos and Emengel Singichi. Finally, VP Jay Olegeriil reported on the progress of the four-year degree program, having received accredited status from the ACCJC, thereby allowing PCC to offer its first Bachelor of Science in Science degree program and enabling eligible, qualifying program participants to gain access to Title IV funding. More information about this program will be made available and announced in next week's issue.

BITS AND PIECES

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Hours of Operation

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

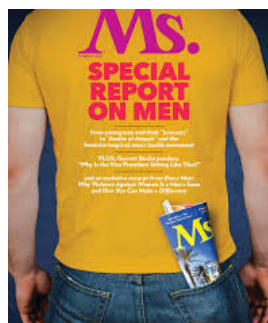
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Holidays

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Available To Interested

Readers:

MS. MAGAZINE



Ms. Magazine is a feminist magazine launched in 1972 by Gloria Steinem and others, focused on women's rights and issues. It was the first nationally circulated women's magazine to bring feminism and the women's rights movement into the mainstream.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 22 (FRIDAY)

**Last Day to change to AUDIT
grading option**

PCC: INAUGURAL MEETING OF INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On August 11, 2025, Palau Community College hosted the first meeting of its Information Technology Program Advisory Committee. This gathering brought together PCC leaders, faculty, and industry stakeholders to discuss the future of tech education in Palau. Acting Dean of Academic Affairs VP Jay Olegeriil emphasized the committee's role in keeping the IT program relevant, innovative, and aligned with Palau's workforce needs. This milestone aims to strengthen education-industry partnerships,

ensuring curriculum evolves to meet tech sector demands and prepare students for successful careers. The committee reflects PCC's commitment to high-quality education, equipping students with skills to thrive in a competitive job market. As technology advances, such collaborations are essential for building a workforce to meet future challenges.



IT ADVISORY MEETING AT PCC CONFERENCE ROOM

2025-2026 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

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**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 Technology*
Academic Affairs Division
Salary Range: \$12,653 - \$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 per annum

(5) *Federal Work Study Coordinator*
Student Services Division - Office of Financial Aid
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

Vacancy Announcement

(8) *Financial Aid Counselor, Student Services Division - Office of Financial Aid*
Salary Range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

(9) *Library Assistant, Tan Siu Lin PCC Library*
Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum

(10) *Data Service Technician, Institutional Research & Evaluation Office*
Salary Range: \$10,000 - \$17,938 per annum

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthday August 18 - August 24, 2025



Arlyn Ignacio



Kaylence Igeral



Chelsea Pedro



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ALUMNI NOTES Kerengel Janaye Jerome



Ms. Kerengel Janaye Jerome graduated with her AA in Liberal Arts this Spring 2025. She is now currently employed at Academic Affairs Division as an Administrative Assistant. Congratulations!

PCC ENDOWMENT

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