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Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC HONORS LEGACY OF LRC/AANAPISI DIRECTOR THOMAS BORJA

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE: CONVOCATION 2025



(L-R) PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, EdD & Jay Olegeriil, VP of Admin & Finance

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 a clear 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 Sarah Ligaya. Dr. Tchuzie Tadao reported on the 15-year master plan, while VP



Thomas Borja, Director of Learning Resources Center

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

Thomas began his academic journey at George B. Harris Elementary School and graduated from Palau High School in 2001. He earned his Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from Palau Community College in 2003, where he gained experience as a Library Aide, Upward Bound clerk, and tutor for the Educational Talent Search Program. In 2008, he launched his career as the Computer Lab Manager at George B. Harris Elementary. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from San Diego State University in 2011.

In 2014, he joined PCC as an Academic Advisor/Counselor for the Educational Talent Search Program. In 2020, he was promoted to Project Director for the Learning Resources Center/AANAPISI Program. Thomas completed a Master's in Curriculum Studies in 2025. The PCC community mourns his loss and honors his legacy as a dedicated educator and leader. Rest in Peace Director Borja.

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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 bachelor program, having received confirmation from the ACCJC to amend our accreditation and thereby allowing PCC to offer its first Bachelor of Science in Science program. More information about this program will be made available and announced when the college is ready to accept students into the program.

We wish all students, faculty, and staff a successful school year for 2024-2025.



(Above) PCC Four Year Program Taskforce
(Below) Some of PCC Staff Group Pictures



PCC: Inaugural meeting of Informational Technology Advisory Committee



IT Advisory Meeting at PCC Conference Room

On August 11, 2025, Palau Community College proudly hosted the inaugural meeting of its Information Technology Program Advisory Committee. This pivotal gathering brought together PCC leadership, dedicated faculty, and key industry stakeholders to discuss the future of technology education in Palau. The Acting Dean of Academic Affairs, VP Jay Olegeriil, underscored the significance of the committee, highlighting its role in keeping the IT program relevant, innovative, and closely aligned with the evolving workforce needs of Palau.

This initiative marks an important milestone for PCC, as it seeks to strengthen the partnership between education and industry. By working closely with industry professionals, PCC aims to ensure that its curriculum and programs evolve to meet the demands of the technology sector, ultimately preparing students for success in their future careers. The establishment of the IT Program Advisory Committee signals a commitment to providing high-quality education that equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in a competitive job market. As technology continues to advance, such collaborations are vital for fostering a workforce that can meet the challenges of tomorrow.



BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

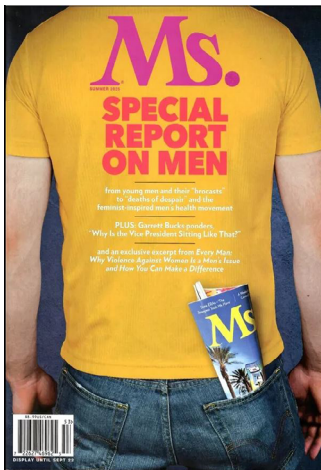
Monday to Friday
8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday
National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

Ms. MAGAZINE



Ms. magazine is a prominent American feminist magazine, founded in 1972 by Gloria Steinem and others. It was the first national magazine to offer in-depth coverage of women's rights issues and feminist ideas, aiming to reach a broad audience.

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



SEMESTER MEETING With PCC PRESIDENT, DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI

- 12:00 NOON
- PCC ASSEMBLY HALL
- Group 1: August 26, 2025 (Tuesday)**
Students with last names from letters: A-G
- Group 2: August 27, 2025 (Wednesday)**
Students with last names from letters: H-O
- Group 3: August 28, 2025 (Thursday)**
Students with last names from letters: P-Z

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

3x3 BASKETBALL CLINIC

OFFICIATING CLINIC
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 : 6PM - 8PM

3 X 3 BASKETBALL CLINIC
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 : 10AM - 12PM

For more information, please contact
Recreation Office at 488-3074

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, 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

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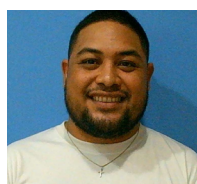
e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

Celebrating Birthday **August 22 - August 29 2025**



Arlyn Ignacio



Kaylence Igeral



Chelsea Pedro



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

ALUMNI NOTES

MARIA ANGELICA GACIS RANGEL
LIBERAL ARTS



Ms. Maria Rangel graduated with an AS in Liberal Arts this Spring 2025 semester. Congratulations and goodluck on all 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.

**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

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