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PCC CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW SCIENCE BUILDING WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY (IN ATTENDANCE WERE HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SURANGEL WHIPPS JR., PRESIDENT'S CABINET, OEK SENATORS AND DELEGATES, RUBEKUL BELAU, DIPLOMATIC CORE, PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, PCC SCIENCE & NURSING FACULTIES AND STUDENTS)

Palau Community College (PCC) recently celebrated a significant milestone with the official opening of its new Science Building, marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on campus. This event showcases the college's dedication to enhancing educational resources and providing state-of-the-art facilities for science education.

The ceremony drew a large crowd of faculty, students, local officials, and community members, all eager to

visit the new facility. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei welcomed attendees, acknowledging the collaborative efforts that brought this project to fruition.

The Science Building is particularly significant as it supports PCC's newly introduced four-year degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Science. It includes both dry and wet laboratories, a Nursing Simulation Lab on the main level, and dedicated

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PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



(L-R) AMANDA NEILL (PROGRAM MANAGER), DR. TELLEI, MAGGIE (PCC NURSING INSTRUCTOR), PROFESSOR MICHELLE RUMSEY, ANTONNETTE O. MERUR, MHHS

PCC Welcomes WHO Nursing Delegation

Palau recently hosted partners from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery and the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance, supported by the Australian Government's Partnerships for a Healthy Region Program. Led by Professor Michele Rumsey and Amanda Neill, the delegation met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss nursing and midwifery education opportunities. This collaboration follows earlier efforts to establish a National Task Force for nursing accreditation. With nurses and midwives comprising 86% of the Pacific's regulated health workforce, enhancing governance, legislation, and education is vital for quality care and resilience against challenges like climate change. A national event is planned for late 2025 or early 2026 to further this initiative.

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



PIC-PDS 2025 ALL PARTICIPANTS



PIC-PDS 2025 HIGHLIGHT

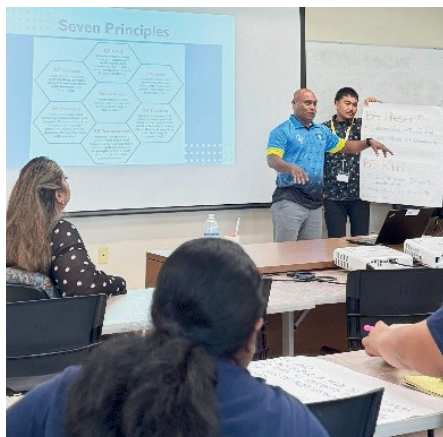
UBMS, UB-Classic, and Talent Search Staff Attend PIC-PDS 2025 (Article by: Rosania Olegeriil, UBMS Counselor)

On August 11–13, 2025, staff from UBMS, UB-Classic, and Talent Search attended the Pacific Island Chapter's Annual Professional Development Seminar (PIC-PDS) in Mangilao, Guam. PIC is part of the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP), with its PDS rotating among the islands each year. Last year, for example, it was hosted in Palau.

This year's format was especially effective. With about thirty-five TRIO professionals in attendance, there were no concurrent sessions. Instead, everyone gathered in one classroom while speakers rotated in and out, ensuring that all participants shared the same learning experience.

Presentations included valuable insights from Ms. Andrea Reeve (COE) and Dr. Maria Sandra Jimenez, WESTOP President. The closing session, however, stood out most: "Resilient Living: Nourishing Mind, Body, and Community Through Healthy Choices," presented by Dr. Tanisha F. Aflague and Mrs. Lenora Beth Matanane of UOG's CNEP program. Their incorporation of CHamoru culture into the discussion mirrored the way we bring Palauan culture into our own work, making the session both meaningful and relatable.

Each PDS offers fresh knowledge and perspectives, but what makes it unique is how relevant and culturally grounded the sessions feel compared to larger conferences. We look forward to future seminars that continue to connect, challenge, and inspire us. After all, as educators, lifelong learning is essential to continuous improvement.

DIRECTOR WAKAKORO PRESENTING A PROJECT
DURING WORKSHOP TRAINING

PCC TRIO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS @ PIC-PDS

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offices for nursing and science faculty. The building's lower level has a lecture hall with an acoustic ceiling and stage, seating 110 in a theater-style layout, along with an audio/control room and backstage area. The third level includes eight classrooms, each featuring smart boards. Restrooms and fire safety equipment, such as fire hazard devices, are available on every floor.

The project received financial support from the Republic of China (Taiwan), with a total investment of approximately \$2.5 million USD. Special guests at the ceremony included His Excellency, President of the Republic of Palau Surangel Whipps Jr., and Her Excellency Jessica Lee, the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Palau, both of whom delivered remarks. Mr. Calvin Ikesiil, Director of the Bureau of Public Works, served as the Master of Ceremonies and provided insightful details about the building's specifications.

The event was attended by ministers, congressional leaders, governors, members of Rubekul Belau, as well as PCC faculty and students, all coming together to witness this significant occasion. The new Science Building showcases PCC's commitment to educational excellence and its mission to empower students while addressing the educational needs of the republic and the communities it serves.

PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI DELIVERING
WELCOMING REMARKS AT THE CEREMONY

BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday
7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Friday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Closed on Sundays and National Holidays

For more information, call:
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Available To Interested

Readers:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



National Geographic Kids celebrates its 50th birthday with a special issue featuring fun facts about birthdays, animals, and planets. The magazine includes various articles such as 'Weird Wonder: Salt Mines of Maras' and '9 Awesome Facts About Axolotls.'

Readers are invited to join the celebration and explore the magazine's exciting content

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

September 30 (TUESDAY)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2025

Semester Meeting with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and students

From August 26-28, 2025, Palau Community College (PCC) welcomed new, continuing, and returning students with a series of meetings. These gatherings celebrated the college community and aimed to enhance student engagement for the upcoming semester.

PCC President Dr. Tellei expressed gratitude to students for choosing PCC and encouraged them to dedicate themselves to their studies and enjoy the college experience to the fullest. He highlighted the college's commitment to supporting academic and social needs, urging students to seek help early in the

semester for a successful experience.

The meetings showcased support from Dean of Students Hilda N. Reklai, Student Life Counselors, Financial Aid Technicians, and PCC staff, all eager to assist students on their journey.

As Fall Semester 2025 continues, PCC warmly welcomes all students as we aim to make this semester a remarkable adventure of learning and growth!



GROUP PICTURE WITH PCC PRESIDENT, STUDENTS AND STAFF AFTER FIRST MEETING SESSION

2025-2026 PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

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WILHELM R. RENGIL 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 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) Library Assistant, Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Upcoming Noontime Seminar

PALAU RED CROSS SOCIETY:
WORLD FIRST AID DAY

Location: PCC Assembly Hall

Date: September 09, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

There will be a trivia with prizes.

Celebrating Birthday

Sept 01 - Sept 09, 2025



**Deluise
Ngirusong**



**Devine
Ragundi**



**Yoko
Morisaki**

ALUMNI NOTES

Jerry Ngiraremiang



Mr. Jerry Ngiraremiang graduated from PCC with an AAS in Tourism and Hospitality (Tour Services) in Spring 2024. He has been an active basketball athlete in local and regional level from Belau Games, Micro Games, Pacific Games 2023, Pacific Mini Games 2025 and FIBA Leagues.

PCC ENDOWMENT

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Graduates!**

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