

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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COM LAND-GRANT BOARD OF REGENTS MEETS IN KOROR, PALAU



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE COM-BOR, HONORABLE MINISTER GERALD ZACKIOS FROM THE RMI; VICE CHAIR OF THE COM-BOR, SUZANNE GALLEN FROM FSM; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COM-BOR, GOVERNOR DR. EMAIS ROBERTS FROM THE ROP

A Brief Overview:

The College of Micronesia Land-Grant is the designated Land-Grant college for the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, serving the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the FSM states of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae. This program includes collaborations with Palau Community College, the College of the Marshall Islands, and the College of Micronesia-FSM.

COM's Land Grant Program offers

three main areas: Extension, Research, and Residential Instruction. Extension Programs focus on enhancing community agricultural practices, while Research Programs are conducted through Agricultural Experiment Stations. Residential Instruction is integrated into the colleges' regular curricula.

Funding comes from federal sources, including the Hatch and Smith-Lever

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PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



(L-R) SSG HENDRIX, TYLISA (USARMY VETERINARY SERVICE SUPPORT), DEAN HEDRICK KUAL, PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, MA² ZIEGLER, JAKE (USNAVY FORCE PROTECTION), AND VP JAY OLEGERIIL

Pacific Partnership 2025 Veterinary Team to Collaborate with PCC

As part of the Pacific Partnership initiative, the 2025 veterinary team is tentatively scheduled to host a noontime seminar with Palau Community College (PCC) on September 29, 2025, to promote animal care awareness. A seminar on Animal Care for Domestic Pets as planned will be held from 12:00 to 12:45 PM at the PCC Assembly Hall, aimed at educating pet owners and animal welfare enthusiasts. Additionally, plans are underway for a tour of the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) R&D Station in Ngeremlengui, showcasing the PCC Agriculture Program's piggery and poultry lab/farm. This initiative reflects the Pacific Partnership's dedication to community service and animal welfare education across the Indo-Pacific.

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.



(L-R) GRISSOM ADERKEROI, LUII PASQUAL, ANTONEISHA RUETINA, SARAH SALVADOR, BRIENNA IDELKEI, JANNA TUTII, AKEELAH JOSEPH, PAYLESS GM PETER GAYMAN, AND INSTRUCTOR YOKO MORISAKI

On September 2, 2025, at 9 AM, PCC students, accompanied by their instructor, Ms. Yoko Morisaki, visited Payless Market, located just across the PCC Mesekiu Gym. During their visit, they met with General Manager Mr. Peter Gayman for a tour of the store. The students had the unique opportunity to learn about Certified Angus Beef, which is sold at Payless Market. They explored different cuts of meat, learned how each is used in cooking, and practiced reviewing items to assess their quality. Additionally, the students examined ingredients on the shelves and in the produce section that are essential for cooking. Ms. Morisaki explained how to choose the best ingredients when shopping at the grocery store.

Instructor Morisaki teaches the Food Production and Sanitation (TH 101) course, which covers fundamental skills in food preparation, storage, and sanitation. Through this course, students learn to create menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and are trained to serve these dishes to industry standards for quality and health safety. By the end of the course, students aim to gain practical experience, including shadowing and performing the duties of line chefs at prominent establishments such as Palau Royal Resort or Palau Pacific Resort.

Yap State Delegation Seeks Educational Partnership with Palau Community College



(L-R) ASST. DIRECTOR CHELSEA PEDRO, DIRECTOR LISA RAFAEL, CHIEF LEELKAN SOUTHWICK, DAPHNE LASUDEP, TRAINING COORDINATOR VIVIAN LEYAROFYANG, DEAN HEDRICK KUAL, DIRECTOR ISUMECHRAARD NGIRAIRIKL, AND ASSOCIATE DEAN ULAI IKESIIL.

On September 4, 2025, a delegation from the Department of Resources and Development of Yap State Government visited Palau Community College (PCC) to discuss potential collaborations aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for Yap students.

The visiting representatives included Ms. Leelkan Southwick, Chief of Workforce Enrichment Division; Ms. Daphne J. Lasudep from the Yap State Scholarship Office; and Ms. Vivian Leyarofyang, Training Coordinator. During their visit, the representatives engaged in fruitful discussions with PCC's leadership team, which included Hedrick Kual, Dean of Continuing Education; Ulai Ikesiil, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Isumechraard Ngirairikl, Director of Financial Aid; and Lisa Rafael, Director of Admissions & Records.

The discussions centered around identifying collaborative opportunities that could greatly benefit Yap students, with a special focus on enhancing vocational programs. The team also explored potential funding avenues, including federal financial aid and scholarships, to ensure comprehensive support for students in achieving their educational and career aspirations.

This visit marks a significant step towards fostering strong ties between PCC and Yap State Government, paving the way for exciting new opportunities for students in the region.

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Acts and a 1985 Endowment Fund. The program is governed by a Board of Regents and adheres to USDA regulations.

By collaborating with other educational institutions, including the Agriculture Development in the American Pacific (ADAP), COM Land Grant plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable development and educational advancement in Micronesia.



COM-BOR CHAIRMAN DR. ROBERTS, COM-BOR SECRETARY/TREASURER HON. GERALD ZACKIOS, COM-FSM PRESIDENT DR. THERESA KOROIVULAONO, PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, AND PCC EXCOM VISIT MULTI-SPECIES HATCHERY @ NGEREMLENGUI



COM-BOR CHAIRMAN DR. ROBERTS, COM-BOR VICE-CHAIR SUZANNE GALLEN, COM-BOR SECRETARY/TREASURER HON. GERALD ZACKIOS, PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, PCC VP DR. CHRIS KITALONG, COM LAND GRANT STAFF, AND PCC CRE STAFF VISIT PELELIU

BITS AND PIECES

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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

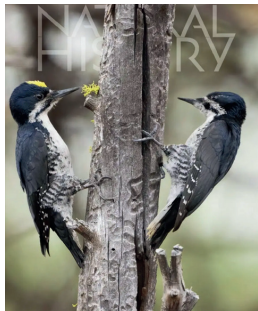
*Closed on Sundays and National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested

Readers:

NATURAL HISTORY



The July/August 2025 issue of Natural History features articles on the life of North American woodpeckers and their ecological impact, alongside discussions on various scientific topics such as the evolution of human childhood and the quest for the mythical giant panda. It also includes a section on a rare carnivorous caterpillar discovered in Hawaii, known for its unique behavior of using spider parts for camouflage.

The magazine emphasizes the importance of respectful interactions with wildlife and highlights ongoing conservation challenges.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

September 30 (TUESDAY)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2025

PCC Spotlight: Meet Edward Santos



EDWARD SANTOS,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT PCC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

We are thrilled to introduce Edward Santos, a remarkable member of our PCC community. Edward is a proud valedictorian of PHS Class of 2025, where he excelled academically while

pursuing a major in Liberal Arts studies. After completing his high school education, he enrolled at PCC, where he continues to follow his passion for learning. In addition to his studies, Edward works as an Administrative Assistant in the PCC front office. His role involves a variety of responsibilities, including managing calls and handling clerical tasks. Edward previously gained valuable experience during his practicum at PHS, and he appreciates the busier atmosphere and increased computer work at PCC. He enjoys the consistent workflow and values the strong relationships he's built with his coworkers. Join us in celebrating Edward's achievements and contributions to our campus community!

2025-2026 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP
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WILHELM R. RENGIL SCHOLARSHIP
YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE 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 A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE
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."

Celebrating Birthday

Sept 08 - Sept 17, 2025



**Yoko
Morisaki**



**Garnett
Daniel**



**Mc M.
Asito**



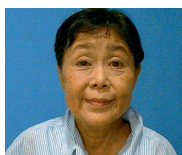
**Fernanda
Huffman**



**Howard
Charles**



**Cecil
Meteolechol**



**Tomiko
Ueno**

ALUMNI NOTES

Shamira Cruz



Ms. Shamira Cruz graduated from PCC with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts in Spring 2025. She served as ASPCC President in 2024-2025 and was President-Elect in 2023-2024. As the valedictorian of the Class of 2025, she received the Outstanding Citizenship Award, the FSA Award, and was a member of PTK. Congratulations!

PCC ENDOWMENT

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Graduates!**

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