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COMMEMORATING U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY AT PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE AND CIVIC AWARENESS



*FREEDOM TO READ: A CONSTITUTION DAY DISPLAY
AN EXHIBITION SHOWCASING CHALLENGED AND BANNED BOOKS*

The Tan Siu Lin Library at Palau Community College (PCC) commemorated U.S. Constitution Day with special displays from September 17 to 19, 2025. This observance underscored the enduring significance of the Constitution and its influence on civic life, while also drawing parallels to Palau's own constitutional heritage.

Library Assistant Omlei M. Aderkerori, who organized this year's displays, highlighted the importance

of making history accessible to students. "My motivation for assembling this year's U.S. Constitution Day displays stems from a genuine interest in U.S. history, particularly regarding the foundation of the American government," Aderkerori stated. "I aimed to provide a means for college students to understand the historical context behind the Constitution. The library displays serve as a direct

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PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



*PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI (CENTER)
MEETS WITH COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION
(CRE) DIRECTOR MASAMI, RESEARCHERS AND STAFF*

Dr. Tellei Acknowledges CRE Department for Successful BOR Meeting

On Friday, September 19, 2025, Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College (PCC), met with members of the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) department to express his gratitude on behalf of the College of Micronesia Land Grant Board of Regents (BOR).

President Dr. Tellei conveyed the board's appreciation for the staff's dedication and hard work, which contributed to the success of the recent BOR quarterly meeting. The event, hosted by the CRE department, was noted for its smooth organization and professional management, which exemplifies the college's ongoing commitment to excellence.

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.

PCC-CRE Engages Youth at Koror State Cultural Youth Forum



PCC COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION STAFF AND STUDENTS AT KOROR STATE CULTURAL YOUTH FORUM

On September 11-12, 2025, PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) participated in the Koror State Cultural Youth Forum, connecting young people with Palau's heritage through hands-on learning.

Despite heavy rain on the first day, students engaged in various activities, including live dissections of the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) to learn about invasive pests and identifying parts of the taro plant.

On the second day, participants visited a traditional taro system site in collaboration with government and community partners, highlighting the relationship between taro patch ecosystems, biodiversity, and traditional knowledge. This demonstrated how cultural heritage and science can inspire youth and promote sustainable practices.

CRE's involvement advanced its priorities of youth development, food security, and cultural awareness while deepening students' appreciation for their cultural identity and the role of agricultural research in sustaining Palau's future.



PCC Development Office Hosts Informational Noontime Seminar on PCC Scholarships



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE STAFF PRESENTING ALL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED AT PCC

On September 18, 2025, the Development Office, in partnership with the Continuing Education office, conducted a noontime seminar focused on PCC-based scholarship opportunities. Although the seminar experienced a brief delay due to a power outage, the Development Office staff quickly adapted to the situation, ensuring that students could still participate and receive the information as intended.

The seminar aimed to inform students about the various scholarships available to them and to explain the specific requirements for each one. Students learned that they could submit a maximum of three sets of applications for scholarships: PCC-Based Scholarships, the FSA Scholarship, and the PNCC Scholarship, depending on their eligibility.

Additionally, students had the opportunity for one-on-one engagement, allowing them to ask questions regarding the scholarship application process and submission.

Applications for the scholarships can be obtained both in person at the PCC Development Office and online at tinyurl.com/mesekiuscholarships. All documents must be submitted to



STUDENTS ATTENDING THE NOONTIME SEMINAR SESSIONS

the PCC Development Office by September 30th of each year (mailed applications must be postmarked by September 30th).

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acknowledgment of this day and promotes civic awareness."

The exhibit featured three major components:

- The Great Debate: Forging the U.S. Constitution – This collection showcased the arguments, compromises, and public struggles that shaped the nation's founding document.
- Freedom to Read: A Constitution Day Display – Emphasizing the principle of intellectual freedom, this exhibit highlighted challenged and banned books.
- The Constitution on Campus – A digital presentation that connected three U.S. constitutional amendments to everyday campus life. In recognition of Palau's heritage, the display also featured corresponding articles from the Constitution of Palau, reflecting our deep pride in our land and leaders.



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:
488-3540

Available To Interested

Readers:

NATURE CONSERVANCY



The Nature Conservancy 2025 Issue 3 features articles on saving the rainforests of Borneo, the wildlife corridor known as Bobcat Alley in New Jersey, and the heart of the Grand Canyon region. These articles, published in August 2025, focus on efforts to protect vital habitats and endangered species, highlighting the urgent need for conservation to address climate change and biodiversity loss.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

September 30 (TUESDAY)

**Last Day to Remove Incomplete
Grades for Spring 2025**

October 01 (WEDNESDAY)

Holiday: Independence Day

Ngeremlengui Elementary School Visits the CRE R&D Station

Article contributed by: Ms. Singich



MS. EMENGEL IDA SINGICH, CRE SENIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT (LEFT) WITH STUDENTS FROM NGEREMLENGUI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On September 18, 2025, PCC-CRE welcomed students from 5th to 8th grade at Ngeremlengui Elementary School to the Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang. During their visit, the students toured the tissue culture laboratory, plant nurseries, and livestock facilities, which included the piggery and poultry houses. This experience provided them with

firsthand exposure to agricultural science and innovations that bolster food security and resilience in Palau. Their enthusiasm was palpable as they posed questions, explored the facilities, and linked their classroom lessons to real-world applications in agriculture. The visit presented a remarkable opportunity to ignite curiosity and inspire the next generation of learners.

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 SCHOLARSHIP
KAZUO PETER MIYASHITA CENTENARIAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY INC. SCHOLARSHIP
MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP
NGISELACHEOS RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
PNCC SCHOLARSHIP
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PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP
IP&E SCHOLARSHIP
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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) Two (2) Positions Library

Assistant,

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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

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

Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

(3) Administrative Assistant,
Student Services Division - Dorm

Salary Range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum

(4) Accounting Technician (Payroll),
Administration & Finance

Department - Business Office

Salary Range: \$13,081 - \$23,230 per annum

(5) Financial Aid Counselor,
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid

Salary Range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

(6) Administrative Assistant,
PCC Adult High School

Salary Range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum

(7) Dean of Academic Affairs,
Academic Affairs

Salary Range: \$21,911 - \$38,911 per annum

(8) Academic Counselor/Advisor,
Upward Bound Math & Science Program

Salary Range: \$19,000 - \$21,312 per annum

(9) Instructor, English
PCC Education and Training
Department

(Academic Affairs Division)

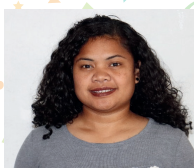
Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

For more vacancies and to apply, please visit:

<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthday Sept 24 - Sept 30, 2025



**Courtney
Joshua**



**Jeana D.
Borja**



**Ladrack E.
Ngedebuu**

ALUMNI NOTES

Aleeya E. Uraziri



Aleeya E. Uraziri completed her Associate in Science degree in Environmental and Marine Science in Spring 2025. She is now working towards her Bachelor's degree in Marine Science at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Congratulations, and wishing her the best in her academic journey!

PCC ENDOWMENT

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
TO SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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Interested in learning transferrable media and marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.



**Please Hire PCC
Graduates!**

**Basic Conversational
Palauan Classes
available through
PCC Continuing Education
Office!**

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