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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - ALVINA TIMARONG ELECTED AND SWORN IN AS BOARD CHAIR



(L-R) TRUSTEE ALVINA TIMARONG RECEIVING HER OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP, ADMINISTERED BY TRUSTEE ROMANA WONG

Ms. Alvina Timarong has been a dedicated member of the PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2021, serving as Vice Chairperson and, more recently, as Acting Chairperson for part of this year. Following the expiration of former Chairman Mr. Kione Isechal's term, Ms. Timarong transitioned into the Acting role until her reappointment by His Excellency President Surangel Whipps Jr. and confirmation by the Olbiil Er a Kelulau (OEK).

On July 23, 2025, she officially began an additional four-year term on the BOT. During a regular meeting on September 17, 2025, Ms. Timarong was formally nominated and unanimously elected as the new Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees. The Board and the College express gratitude for Ms. Timarong's unwavering dedication to Palau Community College and look forward to her leadership as they continue to advance the College's mission.

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.

PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



(L-R) DEAN HEDRICK KUAL, DR. CAREN L. SAX, AND PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI

PCC and SDSU Planning to Launch New Bachelor's Cohort Program

On Thursday, October 02, 2025, Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College (PCC), met with Mr. Hedrick Kual, Dean of Continuing Education at PCC, and Dr. Caren L. Sax, Professor Emerita and Director of the Interwork Institute at San Diego State University (SDSU).

The purpose of their meeting was to review the course prerequisites for the SDSU cohort program. They also discussed the establishment of a new cohort program, deciding that it will be a Bachelor's degree program scheduled to launch in Fall 2026. More information will be provided once all details and agreements have been finalized.

Caring for Our Companions: Insights from the US Army Veterinary Corps

Article by: Branson Giramur, Student Worker @ Development Office



THE U.S. ARMY VETERINARY CORPS DELIVERING A PRESENTATION AT THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING THEATER

On September 29, 2025, the Pacific Partnership, in collaboration with the PCC Continuing Education Office, hosted a noontime seminar presented by the US Army Veterinary Corps. The seminar focused on an essential topic: the welfare of house pets, specifically related to cat and dog husbandry. Bringing a pet into our home means embracing a responsibility that goes beyond companionship; it involves a significant commitment to their well-being.

Animal welfare, in its simplest terms, is about ensuring that animals are treated with care, respect, and kindness. For house pets such as dogs, cats, birds, and even smaller animals like hamsters and rabbits, welfare extends beyond merely keeping them alive; it's about providing them with a life worth living.

While many pet owners deeply love their animals, good intentions alone are not enough. Animal welfare requires the provision of proper food, clean water, regular veterinary care, mental stimulation, and a safe, loving environment. Imagine a dog left alone all day without toys, walks, or social

interaction. Even if that dog receives food, it is not truly thriving. Welfare entails addressing both a pet's physical and emotional needs, not just the basics.

Why is this important? Pets are living beings with emotions. Scientific studies have shown that animals can experience joy, fear, loneliness, and even depression. Ignoring their needs or treating them as mere accessories instead of companions can result in real harm. Conversely, when pets receive compassionate care, they thrive, and their owners do too. The bond between humans and animals becomes deeper, more meaningful, and mutually rewarding.

Ultimately, our pets rely on us entirely. They cannot vocalize when something is wrong, making it our responsibility to stay informed and attentive to their needs. Animal welfare is not just an ethical obligation; it is an act of love.

A key takeaway was a reminder to commit to providing our beloved pets with the care and attention they deserve, ensuring that their lives are as fulfilling and joyful as they make ours.

Strengthening Connections: PCC and French Embassy Sign Letter of Intent for Volunteer Program



(L-R) DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, PRESIDENT OF PCC, AND HER EXCELLENCY MARIE FONTANEL, AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES AND MICRONESIA, DISPLAYING THE SIGNED AGREEMENTS

On Thursday, October 2, 2025, Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College (PCC), met with H.E. Marie Fontanel, Ambassador of France to the Philippines and Micronesia - Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Together, they signed a Letter of Intent to host international volunteers through France Volontaires, who will teach French and promote French culture at PCC. The Embassy will promote the program, while PCC will provide teaching assignments and housing, with volunteers supported by France Volontaires.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years or until a formal bilateral agreement is established, thereby enhancing educational and cultural ties between France and Palau. Stay tuned for updates on this initiative!



BITS AND PIECES

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

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8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

October 24 (F)
Holiday: UN Day

Concert Performance by The Pacific Partnership Band



MEMBERS OF THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP BAND

On September 30, 2025, the Pacific Partnership hosted a second noontime seminar in collaboration with PCC Continuing Education at the New Science Building Theater. This time, the event featured a concert by a band consisting of two U.S. military members and three Canadian military members. The band was formed in July of this year and travels with the Pacific Partnership crew around the world, providing support and performing at various events, both large and small.

During the concert, the band played a variety of musical genres, including folk songs, classical pieces, and more. They also gave a brief introduction to the different instruments they played, such as the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, flute, and tuba. The performance was both entertaining and informative, as the professional band members shared their personal stories, experiences, and expressed their excitement about being part of the band, performing, and visiting different locations around the world.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Volume 27, Issue 01 made its debut on January 03, 2025. Its headline holds the key to a prize. But beware: only those who retrieve the exact wording, letter for letter, will triumph.

Clues:

- Digital detectives may scour the PCC website.
- Traditionalists might prefer a quiet hunt in the Library stacks.

Your Mission:

Decode the headline of this issue and email it to me exactly as it appears. No photos or screenshots. First correct entry wins.

Trivia Submission Guideline

Only PCC students are eligible to participate.

To submit your answers, use your @palau.edu email and send them to okokichi@palau.edu. If you don't have access to your @palau.edu email, please visit the PCC Computer Services Office in the Ukall Building for assistance.

2025-2026 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP
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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

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Celebrating Birthday

Oct 10 - Oct 18, 2025



**Ligaya
T. Sara**



Rod Demei



**Marianne
Temaungil**



**Raymund T.
Yutis**

ALUMNI NOTES

Daissy T. Demei



Daissy T. Demei completed her Associate in Science degree in Environmental/ Marine Science in Spring 2025. She is now seeking to pursue a career in Marine Sciences with the plans of furthering her education in the future. Congratulations and wishing her the best in her professional career!

PCC ENDOWMENT

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