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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR GET TOGETHER LUNCHEON FOR CONTRIBUTORS



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI PRESENTS THE GRAND PRIZE TO THE WINNER, MS. EUDORA D. LUCIO, OUR VERY OWN EMPLOYEE UNDER THE FOOD SERVICES DIVISION

Palau Community College (PCC) held its annual "End of the Year Get Together" luncheon on December 19, 2025, to honor the bi-weekly contributors to the college endowment fund. The event, which served as a platform to express gratitude and provide updates on college initiatives, featured several distinguished guests and marked a significant occasion in the college's calendar.

The luncheon commenced with a prayer by Director Masao. Following, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei delivered a welcoming address on behalf of the

Board of Trustees, highlighting the impact of contributions on the college's mission and operations.

Among the attendees were Dr. Sinton Soalablai and Mr. Danny Buxani from Globus, as well as staff from the Ministry of Health and Human Services, the Koror State Government, and various national government employees. Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit between the college and community stakeholders.

Highlighting key achievements,

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ANNOUNCEMENT



Spring 2026 Enrollment Dates

Important dates for new, continuing and returning students



November 24, 2025 – First day of registration for Spring 2026

January 5, 2026 – New Student Orientation

January 9, 2026 – Late Registration

January 12, 2026 – First day of instruction

Enroll today at PCC Admission Office @ Miich Building

(680) 488-2470/2471
P.O.Box 09, Koror, Palau 96940
Email us at: registrar@palau.edu
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Unlocking Potential: PCC Staff Attend Transformative MBTI® Training



(L-R) PR MANAGER O'KEEF KOKICHI, ACCOUNTANT/SUPERVISOR KRISTY OLKERIIL, HR DIRECTOR HARLINE HARUO, BUSINESS DIVISION DIRECTOR DEBBIE NGIRAIBAI, DR. JOHN RIVERA, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ADMIN ASSISTANT LEILANI MIKO, PHYSICAL PLANT SECRETARY CECILIA ANDREW, LRC DIRECTOR DEIDRE YAMANGUCHI, AND ADMISSIONS & RECORDS DIRECTOR JOHN MASAO

In a world where collaboration and communication are paramount to organizational success, the PCC staff recently took a significant step towards harnessing the untapped potential within their team. They participated in a dynamic and eye-opening MBTI® training session that helped explore, know, and understand their own personality and how they can work alongside others, managing differences and playing on each other's strengths.

On December 11, 2025, PCC staff participated in the training facilitated by the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM). The training featured CITADEL's Director of HR & Corporate Development, Dr. John Rivera. With Dr. Rivera's credentials and certification in MBTI, he delivered a session designed to explore the science and psychology behind personality traits, offering participants a unique opportunity to better understand how their individual types influence their leadership styles, collaboration tactics, and problem-solving

approaches. Through engaging interactive exercises and real-world workplace scenarios, attendees were encouraged to reflect on their own strengths, blind spots, and stress triggers.

One of the most valuable aspects of the training was the emphasis on decoding personality differences as a means to strengthen teamwork. Rather than viewing differences as obstacles, the staff learned to see them as assets that could be leveraged for improved conflict resolution, enhanced communication, and the development of high-trust teams. This training provided a practical roadmap for transforming these insights into a competitive advantage for PCC.

The feedback and discussions from attendees have been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing a newfound appreciation for the diverse ways in which team members approach challenges.

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Dr. Tellei shared updates regarding our college's endowment fund. To recap, from Mesekiu's News Vol. 27 Issue 1, it announced that the college endowment fund had reached \$8.5 million at the beginning of 2025. By mid-year, PCC achieved its goal of attaining the \$10 million mark, a milestone made possible through the unwavering support of the Republic of Palau government, local businesses, and the wider community. Today, our investment has grown a little bit over \$11 million.

"As we look forward, our next objective is to reach \$30 million," Dr. Tellei stated. "The returns on this investment will be crucial in supporting the college's functions and operations, particularly in times of financial uncertainty or economic downturn. We must continue to provide educational opportunities to our community."

The luncheon concluded with prize raffle drawings and ended with a renewed commitment from all participants to work collaboratively towards these ambitious financial goals, ensuring that Palau Community College remains a pillar of education and support in the community for years to come.

THANK YOU!

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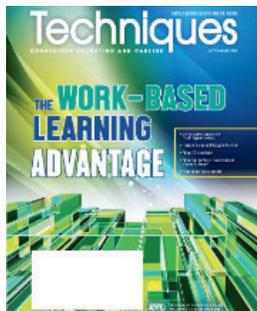
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Available To Interested

Readers: Techniques



Techniques is a monthly trade magazine that focuses on the field of Career and Technical Education (CTE). It provides content to professionals working in this sector, including educators, administrators, and policymakers.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

DECEMBER 15 - 23 (M-T)
PLACEMENT TESTING FOR SPRING 2026

DECEMBER 30 (T)
**LAST DAY TO REMOVE CONTINUING
PROGRESS GRADES FOR SUMMER 2025**

PCC Celebrates the Holiday Season with Annual Christmas Luncheon



PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI PRESENTS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR LEE

PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI PRESENTS AWARD TO DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR WINNING PCC CHRISTMAS WREATH COMPETITION

On December 23, 2025, Pacific Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei warmly welcomed all staff, faculty, and students to the PCC Annual Christmas Luncheon held at the college cafeteria. The event was graced by the presence of Her Excellency Jessica Lee, the plenipotentiary representative of the Republic of China-Taiwan.

In his heartfelt speech, President Tellei expressed profound gratitude to long-standing staff members who have dedicated their careers to the college, particularly highlighting those retiring this year, including Ms. Hellen Emanuel and Mr. Leory Fritz. He commended their unwavering commitment and the invaluable contributions they have made towards building a vibrant academic community.

Towards the end of his address, President Tellei extended his sincerest appreciation to Ambassador Lee for her service and support to the Republic of Palau, especially in fostering a partnership that led to the construction of a new state-of-the-art science building. This remarkable facility is equipped with two laboratories, a theater/lecture hall, a nursing simulation room, and modern classrooms, significantly enhancing the educational experience at PCC.

Following the President's remarks, the results of PCC's inaugural wreath-making competition were announced, showcasing creativity from all 17 participating offices. An online voting process conducted via the PCC Facebook page determined the top three winners: the Development Office claimed first place, followed by Student Services in second, and the Learning Resources Center in third.

Attendees were then treated to a delightful lunch, skillfully prepared by the Food Services Division, led by Gurney Umang, and enjoyed performances from the CTE Lab School students. Concluding the festive luncheon, President Tellei and Vice President Olegerill made important announcements about school closures during the holiday season and changes to the work schedule, including a half-day on the day before Christmas and New Year's Day. This announcement left employees in high spirits as the celebration came to a close.

The annual luncheon not only fostered a sense of community but also highlighted the college's achievements and the collective spirit of the PCC family as they look forward to a successful new year.

NOTICE TO ALLOTTERS AND DONORS

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2025, WE WILL COMMENCE ASSISTING AND ISSUING RECEIPTS TO ALL DONORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS.

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO OUR COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.



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

Celebrating Birthday Dec 26, 2025 - Jan 01, 2025



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ALUMNI NOTES Sonrisa Blailes



Sonrisa Blailes proudly earned her Associate of Science degree in Community and Public Health in the Spring of 2023. She currently serves as a Training Coordinator at the Bureau of Behavioral Health within the Ministry of Health and Human Services. Concurrently, she is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance, with a concentration in Community Health, at Eastern Oregon University. We extend our congratulations to her and wish her continued success.

Please Hire PCC Graduates!

PCC ENDOWMENT

INVEST IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **Contact Us Now!**



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.

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Season's Greetings!

