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## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION TO FABRIC DESIGN COURSE COMPLETION



INTRO TO FABRIC DESIGN COHORT WITH INSTRUCTOR LORRAINE TELLEI

On January 22, 2026, the Continuing Education Division (CE) at Palau Community College celebrated the achievements of its students with an awarding ceremony for the Introduction to Fabric Design course. This event recognized and honored 11 students who excelled in the three-week program held from January 5 to January 21, meeting every Monday through Thursday from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and skillfully guided by instructor Lorraine Tellei.

The course began with participants being introduced to the fundamentals of sewing, including the use of

sewing machines, kits, and a variety of fabrics. Many students, new to the art of sewing, proudly completed their first project by creating handkerchiefs, building a solid foundation for more complex tasks. Building on this experience, students learned to work with zippers, crafting stylish handbags "Tet", which showcased a variety of pocket designs both inside and out.

As the course progressed, participants further honed their skills by sewing aprons, which were designed in different sizes and featur-

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## UPCOMING NOONTIME SEMINAR



### PCC Presents a Noontime Seminar featuring PPUC

Palau Public Utilities Corporation  
Today's Conservation is Tomorrow's Prosperity

Date: February 2, 2026  
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Venue: PCC Assembly Hall  
Topic: IPP Billing System



### Upcoming Noontime Seminar on IPP Billing System

We are excited to announce a Noontime Seminar featuring the Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) that will cover the important topic of the IPP Billing System. This seminar is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in understanding this billing process and its implications.

This event is open to the public, making it accessible for anyone who wishes to learn more about the IPP Billing System. Whether you're a resident or a business owner, understanding this system is crucial for understanding and managing your utility bills effectively.

ed practical patch pockets. The excitement culminated in an individual project where students could craft garments of their choice, including dresses, skirts with in-seam pockets, aprons, scarves, and shorts, allowing them to express their creativity and newfound skills.

During the awarding ceremony, participants showcased their projects, including their personal garments. Yuri Kishigawa, one enthusiastic participant, proudly displayed her dress and expressed her desire to continue developing her sewing skills to create work-appropriate attire. This passion reflects the mission of the CE office: to promote lifelong learning and equip the community with practical skills that can enhance their everyday lives.

The ceremony featured PCC Admin, including CE Dean Hedrick Kual, Finance Division Director Debbie Ngiraibai, Development Director Kate Oiph, and class instructor Lorraine Tellei, along with the proud participants and their families. This dedicated cohort consisted of 11 students: Omtilou Tellei-Dizon, Charmaine Bitlaol, Doran Masters Inabo, Carlisa N. Ngedebuu, Raylene Ngiralmau, Cecilia Andrew, Ibuuch Tomoichi, Ann R. Lund, Yuri Kishigawa, Marlene F. Aguon, and Taira Kishigawa.

Additionally, the PCC Continuing Education Office is excited to announce an upcoming fabric class, tentatively scheduled from March 23 to April 9, 2026. This new offering will include both an Introduction to Fabric Design and an Intermediate

## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION STAFF VISIT PCC @ METUKRUIKULL ROCK ISLAND



PCC ADMINISTRATION STAFF AT THE PCC @ METUKRUIKULL  
(INSET) STAFF GROUP PHOTO AT THE ARCH

On January 24, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) Administration staff had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Metukruikull rock island. The day was splendid, with ideal weather, and the staff was excited to explore the island after the recent completion of several facilities. These enhancements included two summer houses, water tanks, showers, and a set of restrooms aimed at improving the experience for all visitors.

The team also transported a newly constructed barbecue grill, built by PCC Instructor Rox Gunayan, which will now serve as a great addition for

both casual visitors and special events on the island.

Upon their arrival at Metukruikull, the staff took the initiative to clean and tidy the outdoor space. They arranged seating and set up tables to create a welcoming atmosphere for lunch and company.

The PCC Metukruikull island is open for public use, and we kindly request that individuals call the PCC President's Office at 488-2470/2471 to make prior arrangements. This will help prevent any scheduling conflicts and ensure that no school activities coincide with your visit.

**Fabric Design Course.** Whether you are keen on learning the basics of sewing or looking to enhance your skills, such as making shirts, collars, dresses, and working with buttons, you are encouraged to reach out to the CE office. For more information, please call 488-2470/2471 Ext. 243 or our direct line at 488-6223 or email to [ce@palau.edu](mailto:ce@palau.edu).



YURI KISHIGAWA IS PROUDLY SHOWCASING THE DRESS SHE CRAFTED AND WORE TO WORK

# 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:

#### AC Heating & Refrigerator News



Established in 1926 as The Electric Refrigeration News, The Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration NEWS (ACHR NEWS) is a leading trade publication for the HVACR industry. It recently celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2026, marking 100 years of documenting technological shifts from iceboxes to modern intelligent systems.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 09 (F)  
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO CLASSES**

### UB and UBMS Program Hosts Sherry Ngirmeriil to Inform Students About Exciting New Opportunities in Scientific Disciplines



*SHERRY NGIRMERIIL, PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT PCC, IS DELIVERING A PRESENTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING THE NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM*

On January 16, 2026, the Palau Community College Upward Bound Program held its first student workshop of the year, featuring guest presenter Ms. Sherry Ngirmeriil. Ms. Ngirmeriil is the Program Coordinator for the Bachelor's Degree at the college and is currently working to recruit students for the Bachelor of Science in Science program at PCC.

The Bachelor of Science in Science program builds on the existing STEM curriculum, ensuring a smooth transition from an associate's degree to an undergraduate degree. With this new bachelor's degree offering, students will have the opportunity to undertake in-depth studies into various scientific disciplines, including zoology, botany, chemistry, and more. This program not only prepares students who wish to further their education in STEM fields after graduation but also equips those who intend to enter the workforce immediately with the knowledge needed to contribute to science, research, and other related fields in Palau.

On January 23, 2026, Ms. Ngirmeriil had the opportunity to present at the PCC Upward Bound Math & Science student workshop. She reiterated her encouragement for students to apply to the program once they graduate.

Ms. Ngirmeriil also highlighted notable graduates of the PCC STEM and Environmental Marine Science Programs, many of whom participated in the Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science Programs. One example is Mr. Singe Hideos, who earned his associate degree in Environmental Marine Science before continuing his undergraduate studies at UH-Hilo. He is now pursuing his graduate degree in New York. Students like him were invited to provide feedback on how the new Bachelor's Program at PCC could be tailored to meet the needs of this demanding field, and on how it could be implemented similarly to programs at other four-year universities.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Ms. Sherry Ngirmeriil at (680) 775-2180 or via email at [sherryn@palau.edu](mailto:sherryn@palau.edu).

## NOTICE TO ALLOTTERS AND DONORS

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2025, THEY BEGAN ASSISTING CONTRIBUTORS AND ISSUING RECEIPTS ON A DAILY BASIS.

TO ENSURE A SMOOTH PROCESS FOR YOUR TAX RETURN APPLICATION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR W-2 FORM, CHECK STUB #26, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

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

ADDITIONALLY, WE WELCOME DONORS AND ASSIST WITH ALLOTTER ENROLLMENT.

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

## Celebrating Birthday

Jan 30 - Feb 05, 2026



### ALUMNI NOTES

Matthew Kaylan Yanruw



Matthew Kaylan Yanruw earned his Associate of Science degree in Agricultural Science in the summer of 2025. He is currently employed at PCC-CRE as a Research Assistant. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and wish him continued success in his career.

Please Hire PCC Graduates!

## PCC ENDOWMENT

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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.



The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), is pleased to announce the **2026 MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program**, offering Palauan students an exciting opportunity to pursue **undergraduate, master's, or doctoral degrees**, as well as **public health-related English-taught programs** in Taiwan. Applications will be accepted from **February 1 to March 15, 2026**, giving students the chance to study at commendable institutions while gaining international experience and cultural exposure.

For the 2026 academic year, **twenty (20) scholarship slots** are reserved exclusively for **qualified Palauan students**, subject to final approval by MOFA. Applicants must complete both the **online application** at <https://taiwanscholarship.mofa.gov.tw/Apply> and a printed hard copy by March 15, 2026. Once completed, both forms and all required supporting documents must be submitted to the **Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB)**. Recipients are expected to be announced by the **end of June 2026**.