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PCC SPRING 2026 VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURALS KICKOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP



PCC INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONS "TEAM SEA COW"

(FRONT L-R) ZACK BLESAM, TATINGAL EMESIOCHEL, AND COACH SHERMAN KELMAL
(STANDING L-R) MICAH GIRAMUR, JACOB EWATEL, ETEI TROLII, O'KEEF KOKICHI, PAULINE JERRY, AND BASIOU DEMEI
MISSING: AIRIANA ESTRADA, KRISTY OLKERIIL AND SHINJI HIGA

On February 16, 2026, the Palau Community College Recreation Office proudly launched the Spring 2026 Volleyball Intramurals, featuring six competitive teams. The roster included:

- Team Miich, captained by Keith Ignacio from the Admissions & Records Office
- Team Adult High School (AHS), led by AHS instructor Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil
- Team Obebeu, co-captained by Associate Professor Allins Nobuo and Samantha Bells
- Team CTE, directed by CTE student Dirraikelau Kingya
- Team Sea Cow, represented by O'Keef Kokichi from the Development Office
- Team Black Spiders, captained by PCC student Dustin Taishigram

Comprising students, faculty, and staff, these teams engaged in a spirited series of round-robin matches, showcasing remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship as they battled their way toward the playoff rounds.

At the conclusion of the round-robin stage, the top four teams emerged: Team Sea Cow, boasting an impressive undefeated record of 5-0; Team Miich, with a solid 4-1 performance; and Teams CTE and Obebeu, who finished with equal records of 2-3.

The thrilling season culminated on February 27, when Team Sea Cow triumphed over the second-seeded



ORENG KIKUO, PCC STAFF, SHARING HER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE TO PHS JUNIOR CLASS

PCC STAFF ENGAGES WITH PALAU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

On March 3, 2026, representatives from PCC, Oreng Kikuo, a Financial Aid Technician, and O'Keef Kokichi, the Public Relations Manager from the Development Office, had the privilege of serving as guest presenters for Palau High School's College Prep program. Their audience consisted of the junior class, a group of students with varied interests spanning from Business, Agriculture, Teacher's Academy, Tourism, and more.

At this pivotal juncture in high school, students begin to explore their college options. The presentation focuses on reminding them of the importance of gathering information on admissions processes, campus life, available support

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AHEC Workshop Empowers Local Healthcare Providers with Critical Care Training



THE WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS (CONSISTING OF LOCAL DOCTORS, NURSES, AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS MAGGIE WICKER, THE CHAIR AND INSTRUCTOR OF THE PCC NURSING PROGRAM)

On February 23rd and 24th, AHEC (Area Health and Education Center) conducted a workshop for local healthcare providers, focusing on continuing education in critical care management. Organized by Dr. Catherine Decherong, the seminar featured Dr. Mudit Mathur and his team from California's Society of Critical Care and Management.

The two-day event, running from 8 AM to 5:30 PM, covered emergency assessments and various shocks affecting patients, with a focus on pediatric and adult care. Participants engaged in both theory and hands-on practice. Maggie Wicker, PCC's Nursing Chairperson and Instructor, found the seminar both refreshing and informative, particularly on current pharmacology in critical care. She emphasized the importance of quick decision-making in emergencies, like whether to apply an O2 mask or which fluid to anticipate.

Instructor Wicker appreciated the depth of the content and underscored the necessity for healthcare providers to understand concepts from the cellular level up. AHEC's partnership

with local faculty helps enhance the education of future healthcare professionals.

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services, and financial assistance programs such as PNSB and FAFSA, which can ease the financial burden of higher education.

During their presentation, Oreng and O'Keef highlighted the significance of pursuing a college education and the myriad benefits it brings. They encouraged students to seek out programs that align with their aspirations and prepare them for future success. Drawing from their own experiences as PCC alumni, they shared personal stories illustrating how their time at community college shaped their academic journeys.

They discussed the transition from the structured environment of high school to the more independent setting of college, emphasizing the vital skill of balancing academic responsibilities with a social life. Their stories underscored PCC's role as a solid foundation for their educational endeavors, equipping

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Team Miich in a gripping four-set championship match, thus claiming the championship title.

We would like to offer our congratulations for all teams for their outstanding efforts throughout the season! We eagerly anticipate even greater participation from our staff, faculty, and students in the upcoming intramural events.

Let the spirit of competition and camaraderie continue to thrive at Palau Community College!

them with the necessary skills to thrive in college.

Oreng and O'Keef also reflected on how PCC's affordability and diverse range of general education courses facilitated their smooth transition to Eastern Oregon University. There, they each completed their bachelor's degrees in just two years—an achievement they credited to the strong start they received at PCC.

The session proved to be an enlightening opportunity for the students of PHS, motivating them to take proactive steps toward their futures in higher education.

Special thanks to PHS counselors Ms. Gaudencia Joseph and Mr. Carlo Olkeriil for the invitation to speak with high school students on this topic of pursuing higher education.

Oreng Kikuo, a proud alumna of PHS, graduated from PCC in the Spring of 2021 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. She then transferred to EOU in the Fall of 2023, ultimately graduating in the Spring of 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in English/Writing.

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:

CULTURAL SURVIVAL QUARTERLY



This issue of Cultural Survival Quarterly explores how Indigenous communities are reclaiming food sovereignty and ancestral kinship to combat climate change and colonialism. From restoring bison grasslands to revitalizing dugout canoe traditions, these stories highlight how traditional knowledge, language, and sacred relationships with Mother Earth are essential for building resilient, regenerative futures and sustaining global biodiversity.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MARCH 15 (S)
HOLIDAY: YOUTH DAY

MARCH 16 (M)
HOLIDAY: YOUTH DAY OBSERVED



ATTENTION ALL SPRING 2026 STUDENTS

Financial Aid Orientation III @ PCC Assembly Hall

If you are currently taking classes this semester and planning to attend an eligible college or university between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027 you must attend Financial Aid Orientation III to complete your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Attending this session is very important as it allows you to complete your application early and may give you the opportunity to get first priority on other grants available.

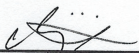
If your last name begins with the letters below, please follow the set schedule. If you are not able to make it to these sessions, please visit us at the office of Financial Aid to make necessary arrangements.

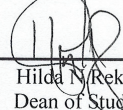
To expedite the application process, please bring the following to the session:

1. A copy of your parents 2024 wage and tax (if you are less than 24 yrs. old)
2. Student's 2024 wage and tax if you were employed in 2024
3. A copy of your birth certificate if you had applied last year with your passport and your passport has expired
4. Pension earnings if you or your parents were receiving pension in 2024 (please come to the office of Financial Aid and pick up the form)

Last Name:	Date:	Time:
A-G	March 09, 2026 (Monday)	3pm-4pm & 4pm-5pm
G-P	March 10, 2026 (Tuesday)	3pm-4pm & 4pm-5pm
Q-Z	March 11, 2026 (Wednesday)	3pm-4pm & 4pm-5pm

Thank you for choosing PCC and we look forward to seeing you!


Isumechraard K. Ngirairikl Date
Director of Financial Aid 2/27/24


Hilda N. Reklai Date
Dean of Students 3/2/2026

(Note: All financial aid applicants **MUST** complete the **2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form** plus other required documents before they can receive federal student aid funds)

TRIVIA QUESTION

To solve this riddle, you'll need to visit the PCC Main Campus:

*I am the place where payments begin,
Your tuition deposit is safely within.
I craft the plans that ease your load,
Step by step along the road.
When balances shift, I make things right,
Refunds return with timely might.
Seek me not for classes or grades,
But for the path where tuition is paid.
What office hides behind this disguise,
Where student accounts find balance and ties*

Your Mission:

Take a selfie with someone from this office (ask permission)
Submit the photo (read the guideline)

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. The lucky winner will be contacted to claim their prize.
If you don't have access to your @palau.edu email, please visit the PCC Computer Services Office in the Ukall Building for assistance.

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.

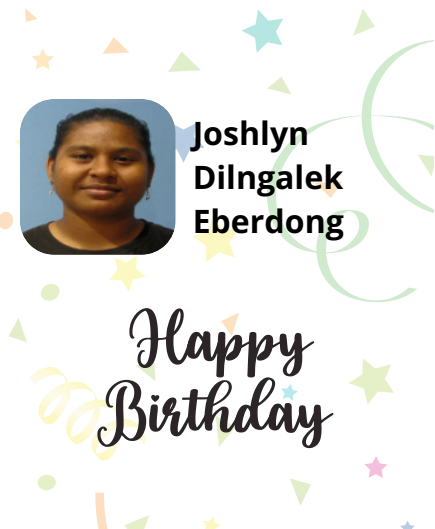
ADDITIONALLY, WE WELCOME DONORS AND ASSIST WITH ALLOTER ENROLLMENT.

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

Celebrating Birthdays March 6 - Mar 12, 2026



Joshlyn Dilngalek Eberdong



Happy Birthday

ALUMNI NOTES Klei N. Andreas



Klei N. Andreas earned her Associate of Science degree in Business Accounting in the Spring of 2025. She is also a recipient of the prestigious Australian Scholarship award and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Economics at the University of Adelaide. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

Please Hire PCC Graduates!

PCC ENDOWMENT

INVEST IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

