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PCC EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS FROM PHS, EBHS, AND MHS PARTICIPATE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP



A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH FEATURING STUDENTS AND THEIR TUTOR, TAKEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM WORKSHOP HELD AT EMMAUS-BETHANIA HIGH SCHOOL. THE IMAGE ALSO INCLUDES ETS ACADEMIC ADVISOR LAKOLANI OLGELLEL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PCC COMPUTER SERVICES DIVISION

Palau Community College Educational Talent Search Program participants from PHS, EBHS, and MHS recently took part in an educational workshop focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), where they explored both the opportunities and challenges this rapidly evolving technology presents.

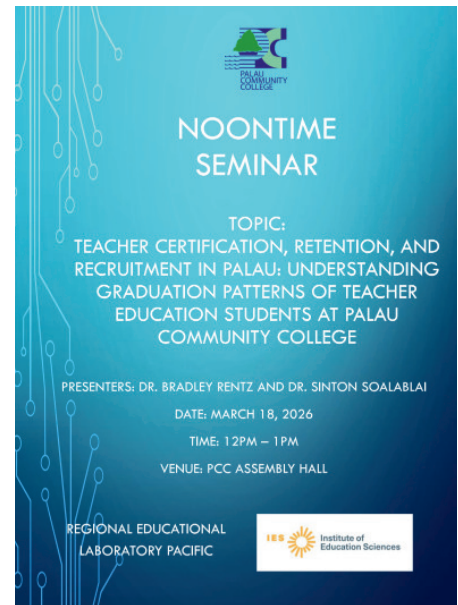
The workshop provided students with a clear understanding of how AI can enhance academic performance. Students learned how AI tools can assist with research, writing, studying, organization, and personalized tutoring support. These tools, when used responsibly, can strengthen critical thinking skills and improve overall academic efficiency.

Equally important, the session addressed the potential risks of AI, including ethical concerns, overreliance on technology, misinformation, data privacy, and academic honesty. By discussing these topics openly, students gained valuable insight into using AI thoughtfully and responsibly in their academic journey.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Director Johvanna Yaoch and her dedicated Computer Services staff, Alik Ulechong and Shaik Higa, for leading this meaningful and impactful workshop. Their commitment to supporting student

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UPCOMING NOONTIME SEMINAR



NOONTIME SEMINAR

TOPIC:
TEACHER CERTIFICATION, RETENTION, AND RECRUITMENT IN PALAU; UNDERSTANDING GRADUATION PATTERNS OF TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS AT PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESENTERS: DR. BRADLEY RENTZ AND DR. SINTON SOALABLAI

DATE: MARCH 18, 2026

TIME: 12PM – 1PM

VENUE: PCC ASSEMBLY HALL

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY PACIFIC

IES Institute of Education Sciences

PCC Continuing Education Department is excited to announce an upcoming Noontime Seminar on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026. This Noontime Seminar will be all about Palau's teacher education landscape.

Noontime Seminar
Topic: Teacher Certification, Retention, and Recruitment in Palau; Understanding Graduation Patterns of Teacher Education Students at Palau Community College
Speakers: Dr. Bradley Bentz and Dr. Sinton Soalablai
Date: March 18th, 2026
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Venue: PCC Assembly Hall

PCC Faculty, Staff, and Students Engage with Tokai University Aboard the Bosei Maru



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI AND THE PCC DELEGATION POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO WHILE AWAITING BOARDING OF THE BOSEI MARU

On March 6, 2026, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, President of Palau Community College, led a delegation of 15 faculty members, staff, and students to visit the students of Tokai University aboard the research and training vessel Bosei Maru at Malakal Port. The Bosei Maru, operated by Tokai University, was docked in Palau from March 5 to 8, 2026, carrying 97 students and over 10 staff members.

During the visit, representatives from PCC also met with JICA volunteers, host families, members of the Palau Judo Federation, and National Government employees. The event was further honored by the presence of diplomatic figures, including Japan Ambassador H.E. Kasahara Kenichi, U.S. Ambassador H.E. Joel Ehrendreich, ROC Taiwan Ambassador H.E. Andy Kang-I Chen, and Australian Ambassador H.E. Toby Sharpe.

The program began with opening remarks from a representative of Tokai University, concluding with a

toast from Ambassador Kasahara. PCC President Dr. Tellei addressed the attendees, emphasizing the importance of this academic and cultural exchange. He highlighted how such initiatives help deepen the relationship between the two colleges, the two nations - Japan and Palau, and their contribution to the academic and personal development of the students, who represent the future leadership of both countries.

The event featured a variety of cultural exchange activities, including Japanese calligraphy (shodo), origami, and ayatori (a game similar to cat's cradle).

Highlights of the event were a captivating judo demonstration by both Tokai University and the Palau Judo Federation, which was followed by a group dance of "Japanese Samba," engaging both Tokai University students and the guests in a vibrant celebration of cultural unity.

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learning and digital literacy are greatly valued.

This workshop represents another step forward in preparing our students for success in an increasingly technology-driven world.

UPCOMING NOONTIME SEMINAR (CONTINUED)

Palau Community College
NOONTIME SEMINAR

**Sustainable Blue Economics--
Enabling factors and future
perspectives**

DATE & TIME
THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH 2026
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
PCC Assembly Hall

Topics:

- Climate change and marine resource pressures
- Sustainable blue economy solutions
- Global case studies and policy insights
- The future of ocean governance

Speaker
Masanori Kobayashi
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW
SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION

Mr. Masanori Kobayashi is a Senior Research Fellow at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan, specializing in sustainable blue economies, ocean governance, fisheries, and marine environmental policy, with extensive experience in international and UN-related work.

Refreshments will be provided

For more information email us at: ce@palau.edu

PCC Continuing Education Department is excited to announce an upcoming Noontime Seminar on Thursday, March 19th, 2026. This Noontime Seminar will be all about Sustainable Blue Economics.

Noontime Seminar

Topics: Climate change, marine resources pressures, blue economy solutions, Global case studies and policy insights and more.

Speakers: Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Research Fellow @ Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Date: March 18th, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Venue: PCC Assembly Hall

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:
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Available To Interested

**Readers:
DISCOVER**



Launched in 1980 by Time Inc. to make complex science accessible, Discover Magazine covers diverse topics from technology to the environment, featuring high-quality photography and storytelling. Following ownership changes, the publication was acquired by LabX Media Group in November 2024 and transitioned to a quarterly print schedule in 2026, focusing on long-form journalism and digital experiences.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**MARCH 15 (S)
HOLIDAY: YOUTH DAY**

**MARCH 16 (M)
HOLIDAY: YOUTH DAY OBSERVED**

Osaka International University delegation visits PCC



PCC STUDENTS AND OSAKA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GATHERED FOR A GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWING THE BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP

On March 04, 2026, Palau Community College hosted a delegation of 15 visitors from Osaka International University, including two staff members and thirteen students, for an afternoon of cultural exchange and learning. The program opened with a meet-and-greet led by Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil, followed by remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei on Japanese words and customs that remain part of Palauan language and daily life.

Dr. Tellei also facilitated a collaborative storyboard session,

encouraging participants to explore shared narratives and cultural ties. This interactive activity highlighted the ways traditions and language continue to bridge communities across borders.

The day concluded at PCC's Meskiu Bai with a basket weaving workshop led by Miss Florentina Laurseram. Using coconut leaves, students and staff learned traditional weaving techniques, gaining hands-on experience in a craft that embodies creativity, heritage, and community spirit. The exchange strengthened ties between Palau and Japan while offering students a meaningful opportunity to celebrate culture together.



THANK YOU MS. REINA YANO FOR DONATING PICKLEBALL BALLS TO PALAU PICKLEBALL @ PCC MESEKIU GYM

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

*I am the place where vision aligns,
Where plans are drawn and future designs.
I guide the course of learning's tide,
With counsel close and leaders beside.
I do not tally fees or grades,
But chart the path where progress is made.
From classrooms' spark to the nation's will,
I shape the journey, steady and still.
What office holds this guiding role,
Balancing wisdom with a larger goal?*

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.

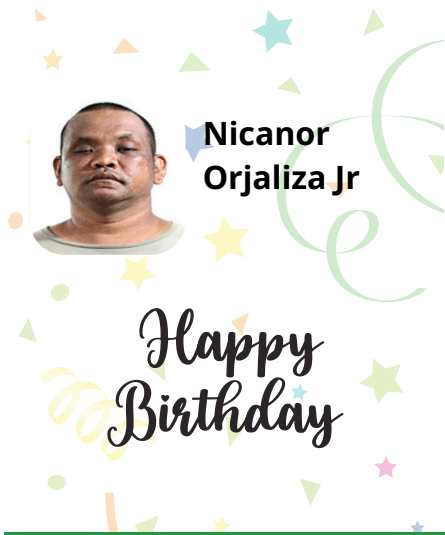
TO ENSURE A SMOOTH PROCESS FOR YOUR TAX RETURN APPLICATION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR W-2 FORM, CHECK STUB #26, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

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 13 - Mar 19, 2026



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ALUMNI NOTES Xara Leemansky



Xara Leemansky earned her Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts in the Spring of 2025. She is now pursuing her Bachelor's degree at Eastern Oregon University. 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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