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PALAU'S NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS: THE PACMED 2ND COHORT



PACMED SECOND COHORT STUDENTS PICTURED DURING CLASS

The PACMED program is officially expanding its legacy with the arrival of its second cohort, welcoming 18 ambitious students attaining their Masters Degree in Curriculum Studies. This new group stands out for its remarkable diversity, drawing professionals from a broad mix of backgrounds to create a rich, multidisciplinary learning environment. In a unique bridge between classes, this year's students will benefit from the direct mentorship of two Teaching Assistants from the first cohort that graduated in May of 2025. Their firsthand experience will be invaluable as the new cohort navigates the rigorous 30-credit hour curriculum. With a journey ahead focused on advanced expertise and professional growth,

these students are setting their sights on a completion date in the summer of 2027. As they begin their studies, the program continues to solidify its role in shaping the next generation of industry leaders. The second cohort's arrival marks a significant evolution for the PACMED community. By integrating students from such varied professional sectors, the program fosters a unique environment where healthcare, technology, and management perspectives collide to spark innovation. This collaborative spirit is further strengthened by the presence of the TAs from the class of 2025; their transition from students to mentors provides the new group with a roadmap for success and a direct link to the program's founding principles.

PCC 33RD CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION



On April 3, 2026, Palau Community College celebrated its 33rd Charter Day with the President's Run & Walk. The event began at 5:30 a.m. at Mesekiu Gym, featuring a scenic 5K route to Belau National Hospital and back. Over a hundred community members and college staff participated, enjoying refreshments and commemorative t-shirts at the finish line. The event highlighted unity, health, and the spirit of the Palau Community College family.

Thank you to the PCC Charter Day Committee organizing a successful event to commemorate the college's charter day.

Follow us PCC Facebook Page to view moments of the President's Walk/Run: <https://www.facebook.com/pcc.palau>

"Palau Community College is an accessible comprehensive public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence."

PCC Accreditation: Working Together for Student Success



ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE (ASC) MEETING

Palau Community College (PCC) is proud to announce the ongoing efforts of our Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC), dedicated to ensuring the College remains accredited and continues to strengthen its educational offerings. Since becoming an accredited institution by the ACCJC-WASC in 1977, PCC has undergone multiple accreditation cycles. The College experienced five-year cycles in 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997, followed by six-year cycles in 2003, 2010, and 2016. After the 2016 Self-Evaluation Report, Site Visit, and Focused Report, our accreditation status was reaffirmed for a new seven-year cycle. Most recently, in 2023, PCC underwent a comprehensive review, and our accreditation status was reaffirmed once again for another seven-year cycle. With a total of 47 years of continuous accreditation, our next comprehensive review is scheduled for 2030. Accreditation is needed for validating the quality of education at PCC, ensuring that degrees are recognized by employers, credits are transferrable to other institutions, and enabling access to Title IV (federal financial aid). It serves as a seal of approval, confirming that the institution meets high academic and operational standards.

The ASC meets regularly to prepare for three significant milestones:

- Midterm Report — due March 15, 2027
- Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) — due October 1, 2029
- Focused Site Visit — scheduled for March 2030

Under the leadership of Vice President Jay Olegeriil (ALO), and with support from Ms. Johvanna Yaoch and Ms. Derbei Meyer (AALO), the ASC is composed of staff from various areas of PCC. Each member brings a unique perspective to the table, ensuring that every voice is heard. During their monthly meetings, the ASC reviews progress, gathers evidence, and organizes information for the official reports. Their teamwork and college staff involvement are very much needed in helping PCC meet accreditation standards while showcasing the College's achievements and commitment to student success. For our students, this dedication means that PCC remains a respected institution where your education is recognized and valued, ensuring that your degree carries weight and that the College continues to improve for future generations.

Giggles, Cheers, and Easter Surprises at PCC



The Palau Community College Courtyard and Mesekiu Bai came alive with laughter and excitement on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as the youngest members of the PCC family, day care students ages 3 to 5, took part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. With chaperones and teachers guiding them, the children lined up eagerly before being given the go signal. In an instant, the Courtyard and Bai echoed with joyful screams and tiny footsteps as the little ones searched high and low for colorful eggs and hidden treats. Special golden eggs added to the excitement, allowing children to claim gift bags filled with early-age reading materials such as play-cards designed to spark curiosity and encourage a love of reading. This cherished tradition is more than just fun and games. The Easter Egg Hunt is part of the library's ongoing outreach program with the on-campus Palau Community Action Agency Day Care. Alongside festive activities, the library staff regularly plan reading sessions and literacy-focused events to nurture a passion for books at an early age. By blending play with learning, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library continues to create meaningful experiences that celebrate community, encourage discovery, and inspire the next generation of readers.

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

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

APRIL 03 (F)
PRESIDENT'S WALK & RUN

APRIL 17 (F)
LAST DAY FOR ALL WITHDRAWALS

CAMPUS EVENT



PCC STUDENTS HOLD ANTI-DRUG SIGNS AT THE PCC PARKING LOT

On Friday, March 27, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) joined hands with the Palau Behavioral Health Advisory Council (PBHAC) to show strong support for the national Red Ribbon Campaign. At 4:00 PM, students, staff, and community members gathered in front of the PCC parking lot and across at Midtown Mobile Gas Station, proudly holding signs that carried the message: “Say No to Drugs.”

FREE TRAINING

FREE Caregiver Training

Why Join?

- Minimize hospital visits and reduce hospital stays
- Promote comfortable care and dignity in a home setting
- Build confidence and understanding to care for your loved ones

Who Should Attend?

This program is perfect for family members and caregivers looking after loved ones who require at-home care.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Dates : April 20th - April 27th 2026
Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Place: CE Training Room, PCC
Fee: FREE
Open to the Public

For more information:
Continuing Education Office
Phone Number: (680) 488-2470 ext. 243 or (680) 488-6223
email: ce@palau.edu

From April 20th to April 27th, 2026, Palau Community College will be providing free caregiver training. This program is an excellent opportunity for family members or caregivers that oversee those who require at home care. It will be held in the CE Training Room, PCC. For more information please contact the Continuing Education Office @ (680) 488-2470 ext. 243 or (680) 488-6223

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

*I am the place where wires connect,
Where passwords guard and screens protect.
I help you log, I help you stay,
Your tech concerns I guide away.
Printers hum and networks flow,
Support awaits when glitches show.
I do not teach, I do not grade,
But keep your systems well arrayed.
What office keeps your tech in line,
So work and study run just fine*

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.

Vacancy Announcement

(1) *Library Assistant*
PCC Library
Salary Range: \$10,400 - \$18,487 per annum

(2) *Administrative Assistant*
Upward Bound Program
Salary Range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum

(3) *Science Laboratory Manager*
Academic Affairs
Salary Range: \$14,285 - \$22,992 per annum

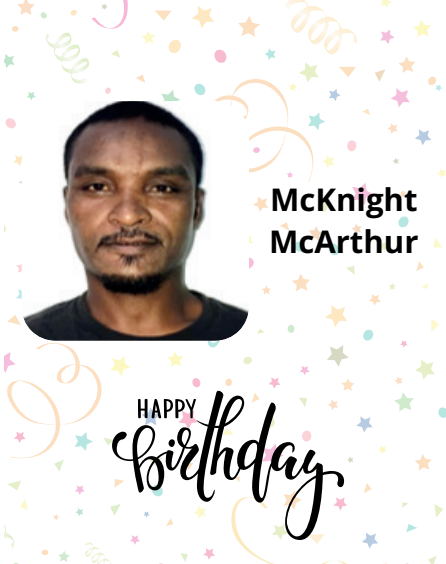
For more vacancies and to apply, please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

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

Celebrating Birthdays

Apr 03 - Apr 16, 2026



McKnight McArthur

ALUMNI NOTES

Britchet Idelkei



Britchet Idelkei earned her Associate of Science degree in Business Accounting in the Spring of 2025. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and wish her continued success in her career.

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.

