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PCC CELEBRATES 33RD ANNUAL CHARTER DAY PRESIDENT'S RUN & WALK



PARTICIPANTS OF THE 33RD CHARTER DAY WALK AND RUN GATHER IN MESEKIU GYM

Last week, PCC celebrated its 33rd Charter Day with a special "President's Run & Walk" event. Participants gathered at the PCC Mezekiu Gym for registration before setting off on a course that passed the Belau National Hospital and concluded back at the gym. Approximately 200 individuals joined in, and those who completed the course received a free PCC t-shirt while supplies lasted. Additionally, all participants enjoyed a continental breakfast provided by the PCC Cafeteria.

PCC expresses its gratitude to the faculty, staff, and students who contributed to this year's Charter Day celebration, as well as to the community members who participated in the run and walk,

enhancing the day's festivities. The college's success in organizing this celebration would not have been possible without such support. As the 33rd Charter Day marks the founding of Palau Community College, it continues to be a robust institution for students in Palau and the broader Micronesian region, offering quality educational programs that empower students to become valuable members of their communities.

Background Info: Palau Community College (PCC) was founded in 1969 as a two-year vocational and technical institution. Its origins date back to a trade school initiated in 1927 during the Japanese administration (Mokko Totei Yoseijo School). PCC operated with a limited number of students in a

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PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FACULTY AND STUDENTS

On March 30, 2026, the University of Guam's Public Administration Capstone class arrived in Palau to study the nation's sophisticated governance model. The Spring 2026 cohort focused on the synergy between Western democratic institutions and indigenous leadership. Through this visit to Palau and PCC, students gained a deeper understanding of how traditional customs and modern policy work together to shape national decision-making.

The visit highlighted Palau's unique ability to integrate ancient conservation ethics into contemporary law, providing the graduating seniors with invaluable insights into culturally responsive public administration, preparing them to lead with sensitivity and expertise throughout the Micronesian region.

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single vocational program and was known at the start as the Micronesian Occupational Center.

The growth of vocational education at PCC was influenced by several factors, including rising political awareness, collaboration among the Micronesian states and republics, and increased support for educational and economic development from the United States. This support enabled the college to expand its facilities and staff. By 1976, PCC was offering training in over twenty specific vocational areas across ten trade clusters. The mission of the institution has always been to equip students with the skills and knowledge essential for success in a developing economy.

Before 1977, PCC and the Community College of Micronesia operated as separate entities. However, with the enactment of Trust Territory Public Law No. 7-29 on March 29, 1977, the two institutions were united under the College of Micronesia, which functioned as a public corporation governed by its own Board of Regents. This merger became effective on October 1, 1977, integrating the Micronesian Occupational Center with the Community College of Micronesia, including its School of Nursing. In May 1978, the Micronesian Occupational Center officially transitioned to Micronesian Occupational College, becoming a distinct part of the College of Micronesia. A treaty signed in September 1987 between the Republic

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PCC Tourism and Hospitality Students Experience Local Culture



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY STUDENTS PICTURED DURING THEIR CULTURAL TOUR

On April 7, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) had an exciting opportunity to take students from our Tourism and Hospitality classes on a cultural field trip to Airai. The class, which included students from TH110 Tour Guiding and Travel Planning, taught by Instructor Yoko Morisaki, featured Sarina Masaichi, Mobel Aderkeroi, Zack Blesam, along with Akeelah Joseph and Koteldil Iyar from TH118 Baking, and Omlei Aderkeroi from TH215 Front Office Operations.

To help our students engage with the local community, we collaborated with the Ministry of Human Resources, Tourism, Culture, and Development (MHRTCD) to arrange for them to take the public bus from the PCC parking lot located in front of the Office of the President. This experience not only familiarized them with public transportation services but also provided practical insights into navigating the local bus schedules, which they accessed through a QR code. During the trip,

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Moments of the 33rd Charter Day President's Run & Walk



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

APRIL 17 (F)

LAST DAY FOR ALL WITHDRAWALS

APRIL 20 (M)

REGISTRATION FOR SU' 2026 BEGINS

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of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau granted each college in the system local autonomy, a relationship which was later concluded on March 31, 1993, laying the groundwork for Palau Community College.

On March 19, 1993, President Kuniwo Nakamura of the Republic of Palau signed RPPL 4-2 (Higher Education Act of 1993), leading to the establishment of Palau Community College. Just days later, on April 2, 1993, Micronesian Occupational College officially became Palau Community College.

Follow us on the PCC Facebook Page to view moments of the President's Walk/Run:

<https://www.facebook.com/pcc.palau>



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students were guided by knowledgeable local tour operators as part of the Palau Visitors Authority's Alii Pass program, which included insights from the Four Seasons Explorer. This immersive experience allowed them to witness firsthand how skilled tour operators create engaging cultural experiences. Inspired by what they observed, our students began brainstorming innovative ideas for their own future tour companies, enhancing their potential contributions to Palau's growing tourism sector.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Human Resources, Tourism, Culture, and Development, the Airai State Government, the Palau Visitors Authority, and Four Seasons for their exceptional support during this cultural tour. Their teamwork and dedication created a valuable learning experience for our students. At PCC, we remain committed to fostering academic excellence and look forward to seeing our students shape the future of Pristine Paradise Palau.

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

*I am the keeper of numbers and charts,
Where surveys begin and data imparts.
I track the facts, both old and new,
To show how well our college grew.
Accreditation, reports, and reviews I hold,
Effectiveness measured, stories told.
I do not teach, I do not grade,
But guide decisions with insights made.
What office turns data into light,
So PCC's future shines bright?*

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

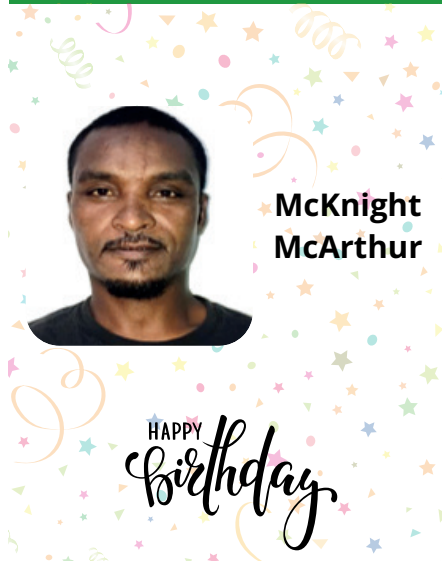
For more vacancies and to apply, please visit:
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Interested in learning transferrable media and marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

Celebrating Birthdays

Apr 10 - Apr 16, 2026



McKnight McArthur

ALUMNI NOTES

Monica T. Bismark



Monica T. Bismark earned her Associate of Science degree in Education - Early Childhood 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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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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