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BRIDGING THE CLASSROOM AND CAREER: PCC IT STUDENTS EXPLORE LOCAL INDUSTRY INFRASTRUCTURE



PCC IT STUDENTS AT PNCC AIRAI



PCC IT STUDENTS WITH CEO ERIC WHIPPS AND IT TEAM

On April 20, 2026, graduating students from Palau Community College's (PCC) IT205 (Programming II), IT218 (Special Topics in IT II), and IT220 (Computer Maintenance and Troubleshooting) courses participated in a comprehensive field trip to observe the IT infrastructure of Palau's leading organizations. Led by IT Program Chairperson Kleinton Rivera, the field trip provided seven students with practical exposure to real-world information systems, a vital step in their transition from academia to professional careers.

The journey began at West Melekeok (WCTC), where the Branch Manager and IT department granted students exclusive access to their server room. The WCTC team provided a detailed breakdown of the critical systems that ensure retail operations run smoothly

during daily activities and remain resilient in the event of an emergency.

The group then moved to Surangel's Supercenter in Airai. Students were personally greeted by President/CEO Eric Whipps before being introduced to the IT team and touring the facility's server room. This visit was particularly impactful, as students had previously identified Surangel & Sons as a top choice for future site visits to help clarify their specific career goals. The stop allowed students to compare the organizational structures and departmental responsibilities between the two major retail entities.

Following a lunch break at the Surangel's Food Court, the group proceeded to PNCC Airai for a deep

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



BMS STUDENTS AND STAFF PICTURED WITH PCC STAFF

On April 13, 2026, Palau Community College welcomed seven high school seniors from Belau Modekngel School, along with their Career and College Prep teacher, Ms. Divine Grace Fernandez. The students were greeted by Jay Olegeriil, the Vice President of Administration and Finance, who provided a brief overview of PCC and explained how the tour would be facilitated.

The ASPCC guided the students through various classrooms and workshops that matched their interests. They visited the Automotive Technology shop with Instructor Enano; Mechanical Engineering with Instructors Agustin, Yabes, and Gunayan; Criminal Justice with Associate Professor Bells; and Environmental Science with Dr. Roberto. The day concluded with a session led by student life advisors, who offered guidance on taking classes at PCC and the possibility of continuing education thereafter.

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dive into the nation's core connectivity infrastructure. The session opened at the PNCC conference room with remarks from the staff, including CFO Robert Ramarui, followed by a presentation on internal corporate roles and installation hardware. A highlight of the tour was the introduction to CAD Engineering. Students learned how technical drawings are utilized for planning complex network layouts and fiber routes across the islands. The visit concluded with a Q&A session where students could connect their classroom learning to live operational systems. The day ended on a high note in the PNCC conference room, where staff provided students with scholarship applications, meals, and gift bags. Beyond the technical knowledge gained, the trip successfully strengthened industry partnerships that will facilitate future student internships. Palau Community College extends its sincere gratitude to WCTC – West Melekeok, Surangel's & Sons - Airai, and Palau National Telecommunications Corporation for their continued devotion to our students' education and professional growth.

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The advisors also highlighted specialized academic pathways, particularly for those interested in Psychology. It was an eventful day, and PCC is proud to have hosted the BMS students. We wish them success as they approach graduation and hope they will join our Mesekiu Family.

PCC Students Gain Hands-On Experience in Baking at Palau Royal Resort



TH118 STUDENTS WITH INSTRUCTOR MORISAKI AND PRR STAFF

On April 15th, a group of five students enrolled in the TH 118 Baking course had the opportunity to participate in a field trip to the Palau Royal Resort. Guided by their instructor, Yoko Morisaki, students were immersed in a professional baking environment, where they experienced firsthand the intricacies of creating Taro bread from scratch.

The day featured a special lecture by esteemed pastry chef Christopher Ubay. Chef Ubay skillfully demonstrated the entire process of yeast bread production, providing students with valuable insights into the techniques used at each step. This engaging demonstration allowed students to deepen their understanding of the complex art of baking.

Wearing official uniforms, the students worked in a real hotel kitchen, which provided them with a unique perspective on the operations and workflow within a hospitality setting. They not only observed the facilities but also tested their own skills in a practical, hands-on environment, bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world application.

The success of the field trip was made possible by the exceptional coordination of the Palau Royal

Resort staff. Special thanks are due to General Manager Shinichi Arakawa and Assistant Director of HR Gracie Alenain for their support and commitment. This trip, along with previous visits for other courses such as 'Dining Service' and 'Housekeeping,' underscores the importance of experiential learning in shaping future professionals in the hospitality industry.

At PCC, we remain committed to promoting academic excellence and offering our students opportunities to succeed and thrive. This hands-on experience is a testament to our commitment to preparing the next generation of hospitality leaders in Palau.

New Minivan to Enhance Dormitory Services and Student Support



LIKIAKLIK THOMSON, PCC DORM MANAGER WITH THE NEW MINIVAN

PCC is excited to announce the recent acquisition of a new van, purchased specifically to enhance the services offered by our college. This vehicle will improve our operations by enabling us to transport essential resources, deliver services more effectively, and assist those in need.

Additionally, the new van will be used regularly to transport students to and from the hospital, internships, and recruitment events. This new vehicle will be easier to navigate in town, and offers better fuel efficiency.

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Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday
7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

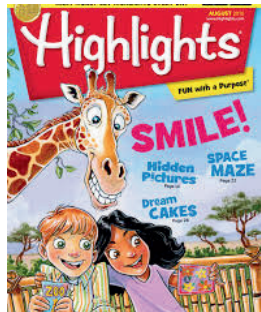
Friday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Closed on Sundays and National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested Readers: HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN



Highlights for Children is a premier children's magazine founded in 1946, dedicated to "Fun with a Purpose" to help kids become their best selves (curious, creative, caring, and confident). It features puzzles, stories, science projects, and crafts for children aged 0-12, including classics like Hidden Pictures and Goofus and Gallant.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

APRIL 27 - MAY 1 (M-F)
FINAL EXAM PERIOD

APRIL 30 (TH)
LAST DAY TO REMOVE INCOMPLETE GRADES FOR FALL 2025

Place-Based Learning in the PACMED Program



PACMED 2ND COHORT STUDENTS IN ACTION DURING A GROUP PRESENTATION

The Pacific Masters in Education (PACMED) Program continues to emphasize the importance of place-based learning by utilizing local environments, culture, traditional knowledge, and lived experiences as valuable resources in education. Grounded in the guiding principles of the 6 R's—Respect, Relationship, Relevance, Reciprocity, Responsibility, and Representation—the program embodies these values in every session.

On April 14th, students participated in a meaningful Social Emotional Learning (SEL) activity centered around a simple yet powerful lesson: a single dot on a blank page symbolizes how we often focus on the negative while overlooking the positive. This reflection helped create a supportive and safe learning

environment, where participants shared personal experiences and discovered growth through challenges.

The session continued with group presentations of children's books inspired by place-based learning, featuring stories narrated in Palauan that captured local knowledge, cultural identity, and real-life lessons. Through creative illustrations and the use of modern technology, students produced outstanding work that exceeded expectations. Feedback from Dr. Paul Tauilili, Dean Hedrick Kual, and Mr. Lyndon Masami praised the projects as rich in substance, culturally meaningful, and deeply inspiring. We look forward to more impactful and creative contributions from PACMED-PALAU Cohort 2!

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

*I don't assign homework, I don't give grades, but I keep the campus strong in spades.
From roofs to pipes, from lights to floor, I mend and build, then check once more.
I tag the tech, each screen, each chair, labeling assets with careful care. Projects rise where students learn, Mesekiu Bai shows how we earn.
In Keskas Building, you'll find my base, a crew that works at a steady pace. We're the hands behind the scenes, keeping PCC steady and clean.
I may not teach, I may not write, but I make sure your class feels right. What office works with a steady hand, maintains the heart of campus land?*

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

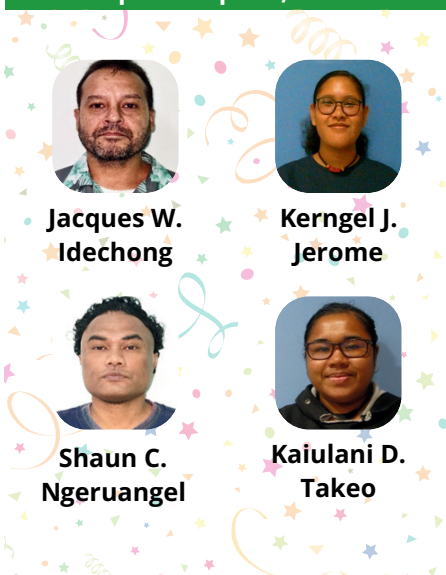
For more vacancies and how to apply, please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

"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 24 - Apr 30, 2026



ALUMNI NOTES

James K. Adelbai



James K. Adelbai earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Administration in the Spring of 2025 and now works at the OEK. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and wish him continued success in his 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.

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



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