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## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE KOROR STATE GOVERNMENT UNVEIL NEW SUMMER HOUSE AT NGETMEDUCH PARK



ATENDEES OF THE NEW SUMMER HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY @ NGETMEDUCH PARK

On April 28, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) celebrated a significant milestone in collaboration with the Koror State Government with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a newly constructed summer house at Ngetmeduch Park in Koror. This event brought together an esteemed group of attendees, including Koror State Governor Eyos Rudimch, Speaker Marie Nabeyama, members of the Koror State Legislature, and representatives from the Koror State Public Land Authority, alongside directors and supporters from nonprofit organizations such as One Reef, Ngaramaiberel, Ipang Seineng, and Uchul a Chei. PCC President Dr. Tellei, along with Physical Plant Supervisor Wiles Tmecherur and construction workers who helped with the construction, were also present to celebrate this achievement.

In his address, Governor Eyos Rudimch commended PCC for its unwavering commitment to enhancing local parks and investing in meaningful infrastructure that benefits the residents of Koror and the broader Republic, as well as our tourists. He emphasized that the newly developed Ngetmeduch Park serves as a beautiful destination for families and visitors to experience the stunning natural scenery of Koror's reef, as it is conveniently located and easily accessible.

PCC President Dr. Tellei provided an overview of the summer house, highlighting that the features of this summer house are identical to the PCC Endowment grand prize. The summer house is equipped with a

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## PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



(L-R) DR. DAE-WON LEE, PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI, AND DR. TAE-HOON KIM

On April 15, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) President Patrick U. Tellei met with Dr. Tae-Hoon Kim and Dr. Dae-Won Lee, researchers and representatives from the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST).

Dr. Kim specializes in the movement of chemical substances between land and ocean, while Dr. Lee focuses on the sustainable use of marine resources and the environmental impacts of marine industry. This visit established an initial working relationship between both institutions and concluded with talks of opening potential educational opportunities for students and researchers both here at PCC and at the KIOST.

Palau Community College extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Kim and Dr. Lee for their visit and for their commitment to fostering international scientific cooperation.

## Palau Community College Celebrates Successful TH118 Baking Final Examination



TH118 STUDENTS, PCC STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



BAKED GOODS MADE BY THE TH118 STUDENTS

On April 27, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence conducted the final examination for the TH118 Baking course. This class equips students with the skills needed to excel in the pastry departments of hotels and restaurants, covering the art of preparing bread, pastries, and exquisite desserts. The exam was led by Instructor Yoko Morisaki, who invited PCC staff and community members to sample the students' creations and provide valuable feedback.

The talented TH118 students—Jacob Ewatel, Idelkei Brienna, Iyar Koteldil, Joseph Akeelah, and Salvador Sarah—showcased their hard work and creativity during the tasting event. Earlier in the month, on April 15, the students had the unique opportunity to shadow Chef Ubay at the Palau Royal Resort, where they applied their practical baking skills in a real-world setting, preparing for high-volume service in a bustling resort environment.

During the final examination, students translated classroom theory into practice, delivering a selection of high-quality pastries and baked goods. The tasting event drew a notable crowd, including Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) Director Kadoi Ruloked and his staff, PVA Board Member Leah A. Gillham, Chamber of Commerce President Ltelatk Fritz, PCC Dean of Students Hilda Reklai, and PCC Associate Deans Ulai Ikesiil and Marianne Temaungil, among others.

Feedback from the attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many applauding the students for their impressive execution, presentation, and quality of dishes. It was a unanimous sentiment that Palau's tourism sector would greatly benefit from more local chefs in the industry.

The event not only highlighted the students' hard work but also reinforced the importance of investing in local talent for the future of Palau's thriving tourism sector.

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durable aluminum roof, which promises longevity over the previously utilized galvanized roofing materials. Additionally, PCC has installed benches to provide ample seating, creating a more welcoming environment that encourages visitors.

This partnership exemplifies the strong collaboration between Palau Community College and the Koror State Government, and both are enthusiastic about further strengthening this relationship as we continue to work together for the benefit of the community.

## Celebration of Success: PCC Fun Night

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DANCERS FROM PCC PERFORMING AT PCC FUN NIGHT

The PCC Fun Night was a delightful celebration that fostered a sense of community among students, faculty, staff, and local residents. As a dedicated member of the Associated Students of PCC (ASPCC), I had the privilege of volunteering my time and contributing in various capacities, primarily focusing on the decoration subcommittee while also assisting fellow officers to ensure the event ran smoothly.

In my assessment, the evening's success can be attributed significantly to the efforts of our APSCC secretary, Mr. Stan Tellei. His meticulous management of RQ's, effective vendor communications, and organizational strategies provided a solid foundation for a seamless experience. Stan was indeed the backbone of our endeavors, and I was honored to support him in gathering pricing information and coordinating details essential to actualizing our vision.

Collaborating with my talented teammates, Sophomore Representatives Mitoko and Auryn, on the decoration committee was a rewarding experience. Mitoko took the lead in gathering "olcheiul a beab" and ensuring our setup was

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# BITS AND PIECES

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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

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HOLIDAY: SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

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visually captivating. Meanwhile, Auryn and Evelyn excelled in managing the registration table, greeting guests with enthusiasm and efficiency.

On a personal note, it was a privilege to serve as one of the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening, alongside ASPCC President Righteous and President-Elect Paula. While I initially experienced some nerves, the lighthearted reactions from the audience helped alleviate my apprehension. President Righteous actively engaged with student organization booths, ensuring that everything operated smoothly, while Paula, our president-elect, adeptly

captured memorable moments through her photography and provided invaluable support throughout the event.

This experience marked my inaugural role as an MC, during which I gained considerable confidence and learned a great deal. Overall, I firmly believe that the PCC Fun Night was a resounding success, owing to the hard work and dedication of our ASPCC officers and student volunteers. Although the days leading up to the event were filled with challenges and stress, the exceptional teamwork and communication among our members were instrumental in bringing our vision to fruition. Here's to many more successful events in the future!

**ATTENTION**  
**GRADUATING PCC STUDENTS**  
*Class of 2026*

For those who choose to participate in PCC's 63<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises, we will have a very important meeting on

**Friday, May 08, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the PCC Assembly Hall**

Light snacks will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Volette Polloi at [volettep@palau.edu](mailto:volettep@palau.edu) or Director Cecil Meteolechol at [cecilm@palau.edu](mailto:cecilm@palau.edu)

## Announcement

THE PALAU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PBHAC) IS CONDUCTING AN IMPORTANT SURVEY ON SUBSTANCE USE. JOIN US ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE EWATEL BUILDING (NEXT TO CE AND ACROSS MIDTOWN MOBILE GAS STATION) TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND INSIGHTS.

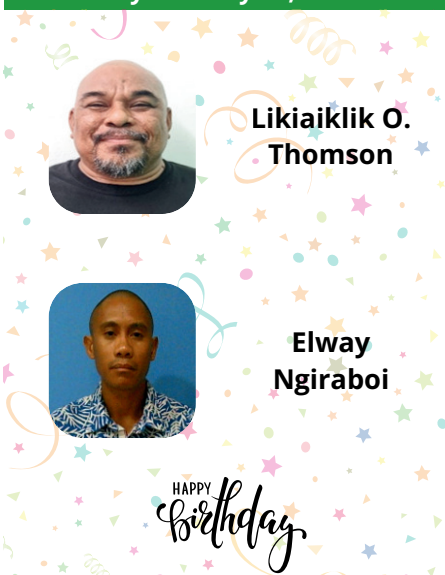
AS A THANK YOU, EVERYONE WHO COMPLETES THE SURVEY WILL RECEIVE VOUCHERS FOR GAS OR FOOD! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND GET REWARDED!



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

May 01 - May 07, 2026



## ALUMNI NOTES

Samantha Loli K. Mediola



Samantha Loli K. Mendiola earned her Associate of Applied Science degree in Tourism and Hospitality (Hotel Operations) 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

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

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## for Beginners & Intermediate

May 18<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> 2026  
(Monday - Thursday)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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