

MESEKIU'S NEWS




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63rd COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Today marks the 63rd Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College (PCC). A total of sixty-seven (67) students are receiving their degrees. This includes four (4) graduates from the PCC Adult High School, twenty-five (25) receiving their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies from San Diego State University, and one (1) student from the University of Hawaii at Manoa who will receive a Bachelor of Social Science in Economics.

The ceremony will be officiated by PCC Board of Trustees Chairperson Ms. Alvina R. Timarong, Vice-Chairman Governor Dr. Emais Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer Ms. Romana Wong, Trustee Leo Ben Teriong, Trustee Vereete S. Minor West, Student Trustee Kara E. Rechelulk, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, additional guests include ROP President H.E. Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., Senator Kazuki L. "Topps" Sungino, Delegate Stephanie Ngirchoimei, Rear Admiral Joshua Lasky, SDSU Professor Emerita Dr. Caren L. Sax, PCC Vice President of Administration and Finance and Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Jay Olegeriil, and PCC Dean of Continuing Education Pastor Hedrick Kual.

This year's valedictorian for the PCC Class of 2026 is Ms. Mitoko S. Charles, who majors in Criminal Justice. She is also the recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award for her contributions to the college's Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter.

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) is proud to present awards to three (3) students: Ms. Mitoko S. Charles, Ms. Phillolla B. Blesoch, and Ms. Tiara D. E. Chinn. Additionally, the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society -



PCC VALEDICTORIAN OF 2026

Mitoko S. Charles

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Mitoko S. Charles

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Marla Andrew

Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Phillolla B. Blesoch

Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Tiara D. E. Chinn

Associate of Science in Nursing

Darral U. Elwais

Associate of Science in Education - Early Childhood

Ann Myra Hollingshead

Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Mechereng Miko

Associate of Science in Education - Early Childhood

Victor N. Rechirei

Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Vanilly J. William

Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

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Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter (BOZ) is pleased to announce that three (3) members will be graduating this Spring 2026 (see list on Page 2). The PCC Adult High School Exemplary Award goes to Ms. Lia Mochimaru.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

**FACULTY SENATE
ASSOCIATION AWARD**

Mitoko S. Charles
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Phillolla B. Blesoch
Associate of Science in Education - Elementary Education

Tiara D. E. Chinn
Associate of Science in Nursing

**ADULT HIGH SCHOOL
EXEMPLARY AWARD**

Lia Mochimaru

**PHI THETA KAPPA SOCIETY
BETA OMICRON ZETA
CHAPTER**

Mitoko S. Charles
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Kaylee D. Yusim
Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology

Dara B. Sikyang
Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology



Brief Overview of Student Awards

Outstanding Student Award

This award is given to students who have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 and above upon completion of their degree programs.

Outstanding Citizenship Award

This award is given to students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student's participation in recreational, social, and student government activities.
2. The student's participation in and contribution to community service activities.
3. The student's conduct in all phases of campus life.
4. The student's contributions to the welfare of fellow students.
5. The student's academic record.

Faculty Senate Award

The Faculty Senate Association gives awards to the top 3 students of the graduating class. The first award of \$300.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the highest cumulative GPA in a degree program. The Second Award of \$200.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the second-highest cumulative GPA in a degree program. The Third Award of \$100.00 and a certificate of Academic Excellence goes to the student with the third-highest cumulative GPA in a degree program.

**PHI THETA KAPPA
INTERNATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY**

PCC Chapter: (BETA OMICRON
ZETA CHAPTER)
Chartered March 3, 2006

Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society for Community Colleges. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service; an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals; lively fellowship for scholars; and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918 by two-year college presidents in Missouri. The founders were seeking to recognize scholastic achievement by their students, and to establish a common purpose and standard for honors organizations on their different campuses.

Eligibility Requirements:

A Student must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5, and has completed at least 12 credit hours at Palau Community College.



**PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY**

BITS AND PIECES

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Hours of Operation

TEMPORARY HOURS
MAY 06 - JUNE 05, 2026

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Closed On Weekends

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested Readers:

MARSHALL ISLANDS JOURNAL



The Marshall Islands Journal is the sole independent weekly newspaper in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), offering comprehensive coverage of local news, politics, and culture since 1970. Published in English and Marshallese, it is a vital source of information based in Majuro, covering issues such as climate change, nuclear legacy, and US-RMI relations.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MAY 15 (F)
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MAY 18-29 (M-F)
PLACEMENT TESTING FOR SUMMER 2026

MAY 30 (SA)
LAST DAY TO REMOVE CONTINUING
PROGRESS GRADES FOR FALL 2025

CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT!

President's List [4.0 GPA]

NAME	MAJOR	NAME	MAJOR
1. ADNREAS, SELAINE M.B.	BA-AS	9. MOSES, CHRISTOPHER J.	SD-AA
2. AUGUSTINE, DOMINAPILLAR A.	AG-AAS	10. RINGANG, MORENLEE	CJ-AS
3. CALSON, JARED N.	AG-AS	11. SIKYANG, DARA BRENGES	CT-AAS
4. ETPISON, KING. BISMARCK	IT-AS	12. TKEL, COOPER N.	LA-AA
5. JOVILLONAR, CLARENCE A.	IT-AS	13. TKEL, KAY	BU-AS
6. KEIJI, KAILANI, JOY REYAUS	ES-AS	14. UCHARM, KITANA K.	SD-AA
7. KETEBENGANG, KIERRA K.	SD-AA	15. VINCENT, AKEELA G.	LA-AA
8. LASHLEY, GARETT N.	IT-AS	16. WEST, MOUANA A.	CPH-AS

Dean's List

HIGH HONORS [3.8 – 3.99 GPA]

NAME	MAJOR
1. IDELKEI, BRIENNA K.	THFB-AAS

Dean's List

HONORS [3.5 – 3.79 GPA]

NAME	MAJOR	NAME	MAJOR
1. ADERKEROI, OMLEI M.	THHM-AS	14. MARQUES, NALANI O.	LA-AA
2. BORJA, TAVON ROBERT KOSHIBA	NU-AS	15. MOBEL, NOREEN FIDILARI C.	LA-AA
3. BURTON, KURT K.	CPHS-AS	16. NGIRBLEKUU, TANAKA GOMEZ	LA-AA
4. CHIN, MEIYOK Y.	CPH-AS	17. NICKY, RENGUDELUNGIANG	SD-AA
5. CHINN, TIARA D.E.	NU-AS	18. PEDRO, DESA	BA-AS
6. EBERDONG, PARISHA S.K.	CJ-AS	19. RAUS, LAVERNIE	EDEC-AS
7. ESQUIVEL, KARL BRYAN T.	BU-AS	20. RENGULBAI, BILAL R.	IT-AS
8. FRANCISCO, MOTOL M.	AG-AS	21. RODUK, JOSELLY OTERIIL	AG-AS
9. FRANCISCO, SYDNEY D.	LA-AA	22. SHERMAN, DANIEL K.	LA-AA
10. IGNACIO, MICAH D.	SD-AA	23. SHIPRIT, DEDLIL BELLA C.	LA-AA
11. KEBEKOL, HUMIO T.J.	CJ-AS	24. TADAO, UCHELIU R.	ES-AS
12. MALSOL, HAZEL PROI	THTS-AAS	25. TATINGAL, EMESIOCHL R.C.M.	ES-AS
13. MARQUES, LANA O.	LA-AA	26. TECHUR, LESAI B.	IT-AS



Vacancy Announcement

(1) 5 Part Time Instructors for Summer 2026 & 2 Tutors Upward Bound Program
 Salary Range for Instructors: \$400 - \$600 Bi-weekly
 Salary Range for Tutors: \$100 - \$250 Bi-weekly
 Duration: June - July 2026

(2) 8 Part Time Instructors for Summer 2026
 Upward Bound Program
 Salary Range: \$600 - 900
 Duration: June - July 2026 (6 Weeks)

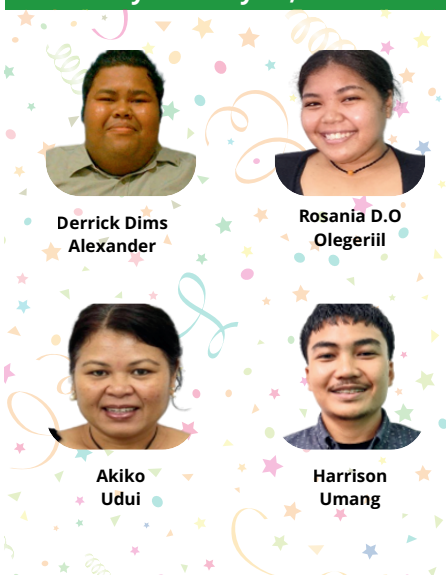
For more vacancies, detailed information, and to apply, please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

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

Celebrating Birthdays

May 15 - May 21, 2026



ALUMNI NOTES

Sammy Jo Yoder



Sammy Jo Yoder 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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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.

FABRIC DESIGN COURSE

for Beginners & Intermediate



May 18th - June 4th 2026
(Monday - Thursday)



5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Chibokill Training Room
Palau Community College



*Sewing machine required





- Build your confidence with using a sewing machine
- Learn how to design, measure, cut and sew garments
- Upcycle old garments to make new garments

\$50 per person

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