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REAR ADMIRAL JOSHUA LASKY: PCC 63RD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ADDRESS



REAR ADMIRAL, JOSHUA LASKY, COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE-MICRONESIA, GIVING HIS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Standing before the Class of 2026, U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Joshua Lasky delivered a commencement address that was far more than a standard congratulatory speech. Lasky issued a profound “dual mandate”: a call for young Palauans to boldly venture out and gather knowledge from the world, while fiercely guarding the cultural heart of their home. By weaving strategic, global insight with a deep reverence for the traditional Palauan value of Omengull (respect), his words provided a timeless blueprint for leading with both strength and humility. “Your education has prepared you to lead in a complex and changing world. Whether you enter public service, military service, private industry, or

continue your studies, remember that part of your contribution will be remembering what it means to be Palauan.”

Beyond marking an academic milestone, Rear Admiral Lasky’s address reaffirmed the deep bond between two nations. By urging graduates to carry their Palauan identity onto the world stage, he proved that global progress never requires losing your roots.

Readers are invited to explore the full address in greater detail. To access the complete text, please scan the QR code or visit the link provided.



<https://tinyurl.com/AddressJoshuaLasky>

CLASS OF 2026



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH



EDUCATION - EARLY CHILDHOOD +
EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



ENVIRONMENTAL / MARINE SCIENCE



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CONGRATULATIONS PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

Palau Community College proudly recognizes and commends several employees for their outstanding academic achievements during the commencement exercises held on May 15, 2026. These accomplishments reflect their dedication to higher education, professional development, and lifelong learning while continuing to faithfully serve the institution and the community.

Six employees successfully earned their Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies across three departments. The graduates are Harrison Umang, Tracking and Data Coordinator for the Talent Search Program; Raven S. Kloulubak and Mary M. Banphis, Library Technicians; Volette S. Polloi and Marvin Yarofaisug, Instructional Assistants with the Academic Affairs Division; and Shaik S. Higa, Computer Technician for the Computer Services Office. Their achievements demonstrate exceptional commitment, perseverance, and the ability to balance academic pursuits with professional responsibilities.

The College also proudly recognizes Kaiulani Dilmewes Takeo, Administrative Assistant at Student Services, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication from Arizona State University. This accomplishment highlights the importance of advancing professional expertise and developing skills that contribute to effective communication, innovation, and student support services.

In addition, two employees completed their Associate degree programs at Palau Community College. Ms. Omlei M. Aderkeroi, Library Assistant, earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Hospitality Management, while Leleg S. Kioshi, Administrative Assistant at the Development Office, received an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration. Their achievements represent a strong commitment to academic excellence and professional growth.

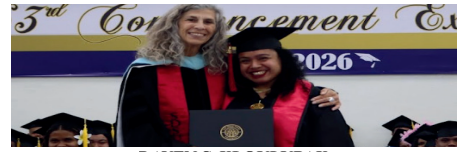
Previously, in May 2025, the College celebrated the achievements of Lyndon Masami, Director of R&D; Kate Oiph, Director of the Development Office; and Rosania D. Olegerill, Math Coordinator for UBMS, all of whom earned Master's degrees in Curriculum Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Furthermore, Leilani Miko, Administrative Assistant to the Office of the President, earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Administration from PCC in May 2025. Their accomplishments continue to serve as a positive example of dedication and lifelong learning.

Lastly, the Development Office would like to recognize Mr. Logan R. Decherong, who earned an Associates of Science degree in Information Technology. Although on a special short term contract, he has proven to be a valued asset to our office.

Palau Community College congratulates all of these employees on their remarkable achievements. Their dedication, perseverance, and pursuit of higher education exemplify the values and mission of the College.



HARRISON UMANG



RAVEN S. KLOULUBAK



MARY M. BANPHIS



VOLETTE S. POLLOI



MARVIN YAROFAISUG



SHAIK S. HIGA



KAIULANI DILMEWES TAKEO



OMLEI M. ADERKEROI



LELENG S. KIOSHI



LOGAN R. DECHERONG

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

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

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



NURSING



LIBERAL ARTS



BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



STEM DISCIPLINES



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY



TOURISM AND HOSP. - HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
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TOURISM AND HOSP. - TOUR SERVICES



GENERAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY



CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



ADULT HIGH SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA



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)

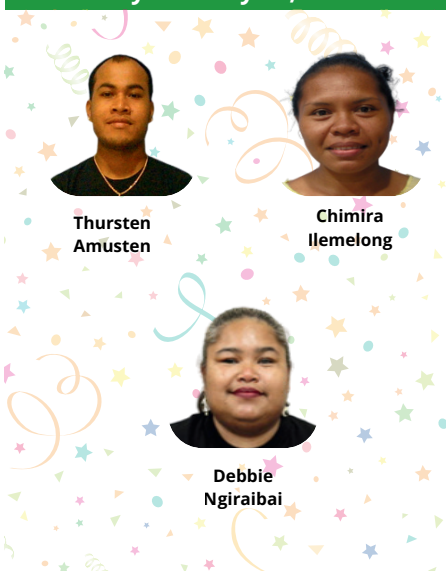
For more vacancies, detailed information, and to apply, please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

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Celebrating Birthdays

May 22 - May 28, 2026



ALUMNI NOTES

Marla Andrew



Marla Andrew earned her Associate of Science degree in Education - Elementary Education in the Spring of 2026 and was one of the recipients of the Outstanding Student Award. 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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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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