

# MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## FAMILY OF THE LATE MASA-AKI EMESIOCHL DONATES VAN TO PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE



DIR. CLEMENT KAZUMA (R) RECEIVING KEYS OF DONATED VEHICLE FROM ROMALDA EMESIOCHL (L) AND FAMILY

The family of the late Masa-aki Emesiochl recently donated a van to Palau Community College in recognition of his many years of dedicated leadership and service to the institution and the people of Palau. Mr. Emesiochl served as Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees from 1993 to 2013, where he played an important role in supporting the growth, development, and long-term vision of the College. His commitment to higher education and community advancement left a lasting impact on both the institution and the nation.

The donated vehicle will be used by the Academic Affairs Office to support instructional trainings, educational outreach activities, faculty and staff development programs, and other academic

initiatives that benefit students and the campus community. The van will also support the PCC Cafeteria Catering Service with the transportation of equipment, supplies, and food services for College functions, outreach programs, and community events.

This meaningful contribution reflects the Emesiochl family's continued commitment to education and public service in Palau. Through their generous donation, the family honors the enduring legacy of Mr. Emesiochl and his unwavering dedication to the advancement of higher education. Palau Community College sincerely expresses its gratitude to the family for their thoughtful support and generosity toward the College and its mission.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



EBHS CLASS OF 2026 PICTURED AT PCC CAFETERIA

On May 27, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria hosted a momentous occasion: the Emmaus-Bethania High School (EBHS) 10th Commencement Exercises. This milestone event celebrated a decade of academic achievement and the bright futures of the graduating class.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished PCC guests, including:

- Ms. Akiko Udoi (Assistant Director, Upward Bound Classic)
- Ms. Jolene Joseph (Director, Talent Search)
- Dr. Tehuzie Tadao (Director, Upward Bound Math & Science)

Following the ceremony, graduates and their families gathered at the PCC Mesekiu Gym for celebratory photos, capturing the joy of their hard-earned success. PCC extends its warmest congratulations to the EBHS Class of 2026. We wish these resilient graduates continued success as they embark on their next chapters in higher education and their future professional careers. Your journey has only just begun!

## Academic Affairs Division Concludes Spring 2026 with Key Faculty Updates



PCC STAFF GATHERED AT ASSEMBLY HALL FOR THE END-OF-SEMESTER MEETING

As the current term concludes, the Academic Affairs Division held its final seasonal meeting to coordinate upcoming transitions. The session served as a central hub for faculty to align on administrative expectations and prepare for the approaching academic cycle.

The meeting highlighted several fast-approaching milestones essential for closing out the semester. Faculty were reminded to prioritize their workload documentation and finalize all student evaluations before the month concludes. Looking ahead, preparations for the next session are already underway, with instructional materials expected to be finalized shortly before the new term (SU' 26') begins in early June.

The upcoming summer 2026 session is scheduled to run for approximately six weeks, spanning from early June through mid-July. A major focus of the gathering involved departmental mapping and alignment. All academic departments are required to verify their program structures, ensuring that any necessary updates are submitted to the curriculum committee via the designated digital channels.

Even in instances where no changes are required, formal confirmation is mandatory to maintain institutional records. Standardization remains a priority for the division. Faculty were briefed on updated requirements for course documentation, emphasizing:

- **Format Compliance:** The use of approved institutional templates is mandatory for all course documents.
- **Individual Responsibility:** Instructors are tasked with the original development of their course materials to ensure specific learning objectives are met.

The division also addressed several procedural updates designed to streamline campus operations. These discussions covered a range of topics including credit-by-examination protocols, grade adjustment procedures, and the necessary standards for maintaining student documentation. Staff were also given updates regarding committee assignments and upcoming leave schedules for the next academic year.

The session concluded with a review of student withdrawal policies and the collection of departmental evidence, ensuring the college remains prepared for future accreditation and internal reviews as the spring term officially transitions into the summer break.



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## Palau Development Symposium



PCC PRESIDENT TELLEI KEY TAKE-AWAY

The 2026 Palau Development Symposium brought together government leaders, retirees, youth, and community stakeholders to discuss national development priorities, with a major focus on reforms to the Civil Service Pension Plan (CSSB) and the Republic of Palau Social Security Administration (ROP SSA). The symposium provided a platform for open dialogue on the long-term sustainability of retirement and social security systems and the need to protect future generations.

During the event, presentations outlined financial concerns affecting both programs and examined possible solutions, including contribution increases, retirement policy adjustments, and broader public participation in reform efforts. President Surangel Whipps Jr. emphasized the importance of shared responsibility and informed decision-making in securing Palau's economic future.

In his closing remarks, Palau Community College President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei stated, "Let us debate fiercely, but execute the chosen solution with single-minded purpose."

# BITS AND PIECES

## TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

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MAY 06 - JUNE 05, 2026

Monday - Friday  
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#### MOTHER EARTH NEWS



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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**JUN 1 (M)**  
**HOLIDAY: PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**JUN 4 (TH)**  
**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**JUN 5 (F)**  
**LATE REGISTRATION**

**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 29 - June 4, 2026



**ALUMNI NOTES**  
 Tiara D.E. Chinn



Tiara D. E. Chinn earned her Associate of Science degree in Nursing in the Spring of 2026 and was one of the recipients of the Outstanding Student Award and the FSA Award. 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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- PROMOTE COMFORTABLE CARE AND DIGNITY IN A HOME SETTING
- BUILD CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO CARE FOR LOVED ONES

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Dates: June 8th - June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026  
 Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30PM  
 Location: PCC CE Training Room  
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**Limited Seats**

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