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OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR THE CREW OF THE ALINGANO MAISU



THE CREW OF THE ALINGANO MAISU PICTURED WITH THEIR GIFTED OARS

On May 29th, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted the official welcoming ceremony for the historic Alingano Maisu voyaging canoe and its crew members. While the traditional vessel and its courageous sailors originally arrived in Palauan waters on May 11th, this designated event served as the official, formal reception to honor their voyage and cultural significance to the region.

The memorable day began at the docks of the Drop-Off Restaurant and Marina, where the Alingano Maisu was brought alongside the pier. Before the crew could step onto land, they were greeted with the vibrant sights and sounds of the Palauan Airai dancers. In keeping with deeply rooted maritime customs, an age-old

traditional blessing was performed on the dock, officially granting the sailors safe passage to disembark onto Palauan soil.

Once the blessing was complete, a formal roll call took place. One by one, each sailor was introduced to the gathering crowd as they walked up the docks to their designated seats. While the ship's captain, Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, unfortunately had to miss the ceremony, leadership remained in the family; his son, Landon Moss Sewralur, was proudly presented as acting Captain in his father's absence. The ceremony then transitioned into a shared feast, accompanied by reflections from distinguished guests.

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MOMENTS FROM THE WELCOMING CEREMONY



THE BLESSING OF THE CREW AND CANOE



YAPESE PERFORMERS



PALAUAN AIRAI DANCERS



HANDCRAFTED OARS MADE FOR THE CREW



ALINGANO MAISU BEING ESCORTED TO THE DOCKS

Among the prominent voices of the day was Paramount Chief Reklai Raphael Bao Ngirmang, who shared profound words of unity, traditional navigation, and the enduring bonds across Pacific island communities.

A central highlight of the event was a special presentation organized by PCC. Handcrafted wooden oars, meticulously carved to commemorate the journey, were presented to the voyagers. In a powerful moment of cultural respect, Chief Reklai Raphael Bao Ngirmang personally handed an oar to each crew member.

As the afternoon drew to a close, the celebration of shared heritage continued through dance. The Palauan Airai dancers returned to the floor with powerful performances, which were beautifully followed by a series of dynamic dances from Yapese performers—a perfect cultural finale to honor the Alingano Maisu Crew.

Pickleball Guam Association Donates Supplies to Support Local Pickleball in Palau



PALAU PICKLEBALL AND PGA MEMBERS

On May 29, 2026, the Palau Community College Recreation Office and Palau Pickleball welcomed Elwin Quitano, President of the Pickleball Guam Association, along with his wife, Jane Quitano, and

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Annual 2nd HR Training Conference with SHRM

Article by: Siama Mitsuru, PCC HR Division Admin Assistant



PCC IS A MEMBER OF THE PALAU HR PROFESSIONALS GROUP, AND SIAMA MITSURU FROM PCC HR ATTENDED THE EVENT. HE IS PHOTOGRAPHED HERE (FRONT-CENTER) WITH OTHER MEMBERS. INSET: DR. JOHN RIVERA, THE TRAINING FACILITATOR.

On May 28th, 2026, an HR Training Session was hosted by CPL Pacific LLC’s Director of HR and Corporate Development, Dr. John Rivera. The training began with an introduction on the importance of partnerships. It highlighted how collaboration allows individuals and organizations to achieve far more collectively than they could on their own. By pooling resources, expertise, and networks, partnerships accelerate growth, spark innovation, and make it possible to reach shared goals more efficiently. This perspective set the stage for the rest of the session, emphasizing that success is rarely a solo endeavor.

The core of the training focused on emotional intelligence (EQ). Participants explored how the ability to perceive, understand, and manage emotions both in ourselves and in others directly influences our capacity to overcome challenges and resolve conflict. Emotional intelligence was presented not just as a personal skill, but as a critical factor in professional success, shaping how we lead, collaborate, and build relationships.

Alongside EQ, trainees also examined their own intelligence quotient (IQ), which measures cognitive abilities

such as reasoning, memory, and problem-solving. While IQ provides insight into intellectual capability, the training emphasized that EQ complements it by addressing the human side of performance by how we connect, empathize, and adapt in complex situations.

An activity brought these concepts into a practical context. Each participant was asked to prioritize how they would begin their day, ranking tasks from most to least important. What seemed like a simple exercise revealed deeper insights into personal values, habits, and decision-making. It encouraged reflection on how daily routines align with broader goals and how self-awareness shapes productivity.

Overall, the training blended theory with practice, offering a holistic view of success. It reinforced that while intelligence is valuable, emotional awareness and the ability to work effectively with others are equally essential. The session left a clear message: growth and achievement come from balancing intellect with empathy, and from recognizing the power of collaboration.

BITS AND PIECES

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TEMPORARY HOURS
MAY 06 - JUNE 05, 2026

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

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*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
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Available To Interested

Readers:

MOTOR TREND



This issue details the Toyota GR GT, dropping the "Concept" label to introduce Toyota's full-production, road-legal flagship supercar alongside its track-only twin, the GR GT3. MotorTrend highlights how Toyota's Gazoo Racing (GR) flipped the traditional manufacturing script. Instead of modifying an existing street car for racing.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JUN 5 (F)
LATE REGISTRATION

JUN 8 (M)
FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION

JUN 8-9 (M-F)
CREDIT BY EXAM PERIOD
DROP/ADD PERIOD

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association members Anita Feria and Reina Yano. The delegation engaged with local pickleball enthusiasts at the PCC Mesekiu Gym, where they generously donated rolls of Pickleball Court Marker Tape and whiteboard magnets.

The Palau Community College extends its heartfelt gratitude for this in-kind contribution, assuring that these supplies will be utilized to further the development of the sport. Currently, the courts are marked with painter's tape; however, the introduction of the new marking tapes is anticipated to establish semi-permanent and durable court markers.

Furthermore, following a previous donation of a whiteboard by Reina Yano, the addition of whiteboard magnets will enhance player organization. These magnets will assist in identifying players and facilitating a fair rotation system by allowing players to be efficiently organized in a queue for each court.

We appreciate the collaborative efforts and support from the Pickleball Guam Association, which contribute to the growth of the pickleball community in Palau. Si Yu'os ma'ase and mesulang Pickleball Guam Association President Quitano and PGA Members for your courtesy visit and donations!

UPCOMING COURSE BY PCC CONTINUING EDUCATION

JAPANESE COOKING COURSE

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\$75 per person

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence
Instructors: Yoko Morisaki & Katsuyama Hisanori

6 sessions

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 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

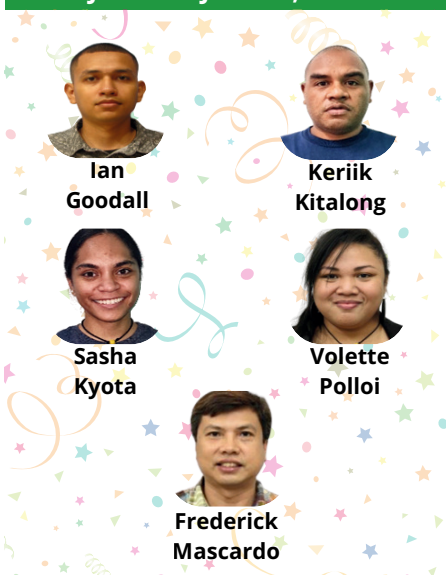
For more vacancies, detailed information, and to apply, please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

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Celebrating Birthdays

June 05 - June 11, 2026



ALUMNI NOTES

Weber Santiago



Weber Santiago held the position of PCC Student Trustee during the 2023-2024 academic year and completed his Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts in Spring 2024. He subsequently transferred to UH-Mānoa in the same year and has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Congratulations to him, and best wishes for his future endeavors!

PCC ENDOWMENT

INVEST IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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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.

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 Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30PM
 Location: PCC CE Training Room
 Fee: FREE

Open to the Public
Limited Seats

Who Should Attend?

This program is perfect for family members and caregivers looking after loved ones who require at-home care.

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