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PCC-CRE ATTENDS PALAU CONSERVATION DAY CELEBRATION: A COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR SUSTAINABILITY



PCC-CRE SENIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT ROSE CHAMBERLAIN AND STUDENT WORKERS AT PCS DAY

On June 11, 2026, the Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) proudly participated in the Palau Conservation Day celebration, joining forces with partner organizations like PCS, EQPB, KSG, and BOA. This event drew together community members, students, and conservation advocates, all united in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices throughout Palau.

PCC-CRE showcased its ongoing efforts in conservation through engaging presentations and interactive games. These activities

were designed to educate participants of all ages about the important aspects of conservation, research, and extension initiatives. Attendees not only enjoyed a day of fun but also walked away with a deeper understanding of environmental stewardship.

A highlight of the celebration was the plant giveaway, where PCC-CRE distributed a variety of plants, including king kang, soursop, dragon fruit, okra, and more. This initiative encouraged residents to grow nutritious and beneficial plants at home, supporting local sustainability efforts.

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ENDOWMENT DONOR HIGHLIGHT



DR. MARKUS REX

Professor Dr. Markus Rex, a leading climate scientist and head of Atmospheric Physics at the Alfred Wegener Institute, recently visited Palau to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Palau Atmospheric Observatory (PAO), which he helped establish. Known for his leadership in the historic MOSAiC Arctic expedition, Dr. Rex is also a professor at the University of Potsdam in Germany.

During his visit, Dr. Rex made a generous donation of \$1,500 to the PCC Endowment Fund, demonstrating his commitment to advancing higher education in Palau. His support plays a vital role in enhancing educational opportunities for students, and we extend our sincere gratitude for investing in the future of our nation's only higher education institution.

Palau Community College Celebrates New Caregivers at 42nd Training Awards Ceremony



42ND CYCLE OF CAREGIVER TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

On June 17, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) Continuing Education Office proudly hosted the 42nd Caregiver Training Awarding Ceremony, celebrating the dedication and achievement of new caregivers within our community. This integral program has been made possible through the longstanding partnership between PCC and the Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a collaboration that has flourished under the leadership of AHEC Director Dr. Greg Dever and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

Since the inception of the first cohort in 2013, this program has certified over 800 individuals, fulfilling a critical need for trained caregivers to support our vulnerable, elderly, and disabled populations.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation by Dean Hedrick Kual, setting a tone of gratitude and reflection. Following this, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Jay Olegeriil, delivered welcoming remarks. He expressed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dever and his team for their commitment to fostering this essential program, highlighting the positive impact on our community as newly certified caregivers step forward to uplift those in need.

Dr. Dever provided an insightful overview of the training program, discussing details on funding and the significance of sustaining efforts to assist local caregivers. Dr. Osarch, representing her team, further emphasized the importance of regularly updating training modules and fostering collaboration among trainees, which is important for providing exceptional care to the elderly.

In a heartfelt speech, Sergio Ngiraingas, one of the cohort participants, shared his personal experiences throughout the training. He conveyed appreciation to the instructors and highlighted the important roles that he and his colleagues are preparing to undertake in the caregiving field.

This year's cohort proudly awarded and certified 25 participants: Welma Weber, Monaliza Vallaso, Carlota Rinon, Susan Fuetebella, Recjone Ranque, Dahlia Katosang, Bedesil Dachelbai, Connie Bantug, Jennifer Peralta, Judy Ann Peralta, Melody Santos, Eloisa Ducut, Jomer Saligumba, Weiling Sked, Benjamin Lapuz, Glen Libre, Ma Jesusa Lapuz, Berlenard Dela Cruz, Jose Linao, Analiza Victorio, Annabelle Valdez, Wilfredo Jason, Sergio Ngiraingas, Mere Talanoa, and Hasinta Tmatk.

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Research Assistant Rose Chamberlain for her exceptional coordination and supervision of the student workers throughout the event. Special thanks are also due to the student workers for their dedication, enthusiasm, and indispensable support in making the event a resounding success.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with our community, strengthen partnerships, and emphasize the importance of conservation and environmental responsibility in Palau. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this celebration memorable!



PCC-CRE PLANT GIVEAWAY STATION



BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed On Sundays

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested Readers:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS



National Geographic Kids (originally launched in 1975 as National Geographic World) is an award-winning, ad-free educational magazine designed to spark curiosity about the natural world in young explorers. It delivers a vibrant mix of wildlife photography, wild science discoveries, history, and interactive entertainment.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JUL 3 (F)

LAST DAY FOR ALL WITHDRAWALS

JUL 8 (W)

LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTIONS

"PCC Holds Recruitment Event at Surangel Supercenter in Airai"

Palau Community College will hold its Recruitment Event this week! Join us to get accurate information, academic guidance, and application forms—all in one place.

PCC Recruitment

We Offer:

- ✓ Accurate Information
- ✓ Academic Guidance
- ✓ Application Forms

Where: Surangel Supercenter at Airai
When: June 26, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

OPEN TO ALL NEW, RETURNING AND READMITTING STUDENTS

Event Details:

Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Surangel Supercenter, Airai

This event is open to all new, returning, and readmitting students. Our team will be available to assist with questions about programs, admissions, and enrollment steps.

New Opportunity: PCC is proud to introduce its Bachelor of Science in Science program, offering students the chance to pursue advanced studies right here at home. Come and chat with us; don't miss your chance to take the next step in your academic journey!

JAPANESE COOKING COURSE

SIGN UP NOW!

\$75 per person

JULY 20TH TO JULY 31ST 2026
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence
Instructors: Yoko Morisaki & Katsuyama Hisanori

6 sessions

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

Contact Info: (680) 488-6223 | Continuing Education, PCC | @ce@palau.edu

Vacancy Announcement

(1) Library Assistant

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

Celebrating Birthdays

June 26 - July 02, 2026



**Omlei
Aderkerori**



**Alexies
Ruiz**

*Happy
Birthday*

ALUMNI NOTES

Jollidee Derrick



Jollidee Derrick earned her Associate of Science in Criminal Justice in the summer of 2022. This spring 2026, she graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. We extend our congratulations and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

PCC ENDOWMENT

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
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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.

Announcement: Enrollment Now Open at Palau Community College CTE Lab School

Palau Community College CTE Lab School invites interested students to apply for our Construction Technology program. We are dedicated to admitting students who aspire to achieve a degree in this field.

The program spans four years, with the first two years focused on secondary education before transitioning into the Construction Technology, Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in the final two years.

To ensure a smooth application process, applicants are reminded to prepare a complete application form alongside all required documents.

Important deadlines and application requirements can be found on our website or by contacting us directly. For questions, please reach out to us at 488-2470/2471 ext. 281 or contact Teacher Bradley R. Augustine at 775-8065.

For more info, scan the QR code:



We appreciate your interest in the PCC CTE Lab School and look forward to welcoming new students!

