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APAFS CONDUCTS INVESTMENT GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS TRAINING AT PCC



PARTICIPANTS OF THE APAFS INVESTMENT GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS TRAINING PICTURED AT PCC ASSEMBLY HALL

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) hosted an impactful training session organized by the Asia Pacific Association of Fiduciary Studies (APAFS). The event took place in the PCC Assembly Hall and marked an essential stop in APAFS's regional rollout of the highly anticipated Country Training series, which spans eight island jurisdictions across Micronesia from January to July 2026.

This specialized, one-day Investment Governance Essentials (IGE) training was crafted to deliver invaluable insights for fiduciaries and trustees alike. With a commitment to accessible education, APAFS offered the program at a significantly reduced rate and extended deeper discounts for member organizations. The IGE

training concentrated on core fiduciary principles and the best practices for asset protection—a vital resource for both newcomers to fiduciary roles and seasoned professionals looking to refresh their knowledge.

Participants who completed the course are now well-prepared for upcoming advanced fiduciary courses scheduled for November 2026 during Fiduciary Events Week in Manila, providing a crucial stepping stone for continued professional development in this important field.

One of the training participants, Director Isumechraard Ngirairikl from PCC, spoke about the training's significance. "This experience has

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



STUDENTS FROM THE TAKITANI STUDY TOUR & PCC AT THE PCC THEATRE

Local youth organization Reng Collective partnered with the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) and EmeraldDreams, owned by Irene Olkeriil, to host an educational campus tour at Palau Community College (PCC) on June 25, 2026. Carol Li, the main coordinator for PAAC, along with local trip coordinator Ivory Vogt of EmeraldDreams, played a crucial role in organizing this visit, which was supported by Director Ida Kilcullen and the Ministry of Education (MOE) to promote similar types of tourism and cultural exchange in the future.

This initiative is part of the Takitani Study Tour, a program designed to foster regional understanding and cultural exchange by bringing together ten visiting high school students from Hawai'i and ten local Palauan high school students for a

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UBMS Hosts 2026 Senior Banquet at Palau Royal Resort



PRESIDENT TELLEI, DIR TADAO, AND UBMS STUDENTS
PICTURED DURING THE UBMS SENIOR BANQUET



THE AWARDS FOR UBMS STUDENTS FOR THEIR
COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM

The Palau Royal Resort's elegant Wooden Area served as the backdrop for an evening of reflection and academic achievement as Palau Community College (PCC) hosted its annual Upward Bound Seniors Banquet. The event brought together graduating students to honor the hard work and resilience of the Class of 2026.

Guided smoothly by Master of Ceremonies Mereng Yoshiwo, the formal program kicked off at 7:00 pm with a moving opening prayer delivered by Mitoko S. Charles. Following the invocation, the audience listened to special remarks from PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei shared personal stories about the history of education in Palau, emphasizing how vital it is for young Palauans to pursue higher learning, while leaving the graduates with a powerful charge to eventually return home and use their knowledge to benefit Palau.

The highlight of the evening began with the official presentation of awards. The awards were given to 44 graduating UBMS students, whose specific post-graduation academic tracks reveal a remarkably diverse range of local and international destinations:

- Palau Community College:
 - 20 students
- Taiwan-MOFA Scholarship:
 - 7 students

- University of Guam:
 - 4 students
- Eastern Oregon University:
 - 2 students
- Philippines:
 - 2 students
- Taiwan Scholarship thru RMI:
 - 1 student
- University of Hawaii at Manoa:
 - 1 student
- University of Hawaii at Hilo:
 - 1 student
- Arizona State University:
 - 1 student
- Alaska Pacific University:
 - 1 student
- University of California - Irvine:
 - 1 student
- University of California - Davis:
 - 1 student
- Waiting on Japan Scholarship:
 - 1 student

Afterwards attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet-style spread provided by PRR. As everyone ate, a slideshow highlighting fond memories of the UBMS program played across the projector screen, sparking plenty of laughter and nostalgic smiles. The memorable evening officially drew to a close with remarks from Director Tehuzie Tadao, Ed.D., who expressed immense pride in the graduating class, warmly commending the students for their perseverance and dedication in reaching graduation night.

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collaborative look into higher education.

During the visit, the students gathered at PCC's newly established theater for an introductory presentation on academic opportunities before embarking on a guided tour to gain firsthand insight into college life. In addition to the campus experience, the students met with local voyager Landon Moss Sewarlur and toured the Alingano Maisu, the historic traditional double-hulled voyaging canoe that recently completed its 20th Voyage, grounding their cultural exchange in ancestral seafaring traditions.

Led by a team of young local leaders—Kenley Rudimch-Kenneth, Janine Tewid, Ayanna Ramarui, Minelli Olkeriil, and Ubai Kingzio—the Reng Collective operates on four core pillars: Climate, Conservation, Culture, and Community. To date, the group has engaged more than 250 local youth through environmental clean-ups, empowerment workshops, and civic dialogue. By connecting local students with international peers and traditional mentors, the Reng Collective continues to expand its mission of nurturing youth leadership and cross-cultural unity across the Pacific.

Palau Community College thanks PAAC, EmeraldDreams, and the Takitani Study Tour for selecting the campus for this program. The PCC administration praised the young leaders for their commitment to connecting regional communities, emphasizing the college's dedication to promoting higher education and cultural pride in the Pacific.

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

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488-3540

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NATURAL HISTORY



The May 2026 issue of Natural History traces cosmic and earthly evolution, examining the ancient formation of solar system gold, avian survival of the Chicxulub asteroid impact, and human land management in Amazonia. Alongside a graphic history of the first atomic bomb, the issue bridges deep scientific history with environmental and cultural realities.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JUL 8 (W)

LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTIONS

JUL 9 (TH)

HOLIDAY: CONSTITUTION DAY

PCC Holds Recruitment Event at Surangel Supercenter in Airai



PCC STAFF FROM FINANCIAL AID, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT LIFE AND ADMISSIONS PICTURED AT THE PCC OUTREACH BOOTH, SURANGEL SUPERCENTER AIRAI

On June 26, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) recruitment team hosted a successful community outreach event at the Surangel Supercenter in Airai. Designed to bring college resources directly to working individuals and busy shoppers, the event provided on-site support for prospective and returning students looking to complete their application process. The event served a total of 34 individuals, with 29 visitors stopping by the primary PCC recruitment table to learn about academic programs, including significant interest in the college's first Bachelor of Science degree. Out of those visitors, 15 individuals successfully filled out applications to Palau Community

College, a group that included one dual enrollment student, two new students, eight returning students, and four readmitting students. Additionally, 13 individuals met directly with Financial Aid representatives to navigate the FAFSA process and discuss funding opportunities.

Representatives from multiple student and academic offices answered questions, and attendees received commemorative pocket fans celebrating PCC's Centennial. Given the positive response, PCC hopes to make this an annual event and plans to partner with various state offices for future recruitment across Palau.

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been immensely valuable in understanding fiduciary responsibilities and managing assets effectively," she noted. Ngirairikl highlighted the critical importance of informed leadership in decision-making, particularly in her role as a U.S. Title IV Administrator.

Her insights highlight the necessity of accurate student records and informed funding allocation to enhance student success and ensure compliance with U.S. federal laws. The training emphasized that a solid

grasp of fiduciary standards is essential, regardless of one's professional background. This knowledge empowers individuals to engage meaningfully in governance and promotes accountability in the management of public funds, paving the way for responsible stewardship of Palau's investments.

As we look forward to fostering more such educational opportunities, the impact of the IGE training at PCC serves as an inspiring reminder of the importance of continuous learning and responsible governance in our community.

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/>

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

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

July 03 - July 09, 2026



Randall L. Modechel

Happy Birthday

ALUMNI NOTES

Jay-Cee U. Jayson



Jay-Cee U. Jayson earned her Associate of Science degree in Nursing in the Spring of 2026. We extend our congratulations and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

PCC ENDOWMENT

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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.

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!

