

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES GENEROUS VEHICLE DONATION TO ENHANCE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



DIRRAKLTAEABED MENGIOR EMESIOCHL'S DONATION: 2004 SILVER TOYOTA VOXY 4-DOOR MINIVAN

Palau Community College (PCC) is proud to announce the receipt of a generous donation that will directly benefit student learning and hands-on training. DirraKltaleabed Mengior Emesiochl has donated a 2004 Silver Toyota Voxy 4-Door Minivan to PCC's Automotive Technology (AT) program for educational training purposes. The vehicle has already been transferred to PCC's AT Shop, where it is being prepared for use in instructional programs.

This donation will serve as a valuable resource for students, enabling them to apply classroom lessons in a practical setting. By working directly

with the vehicle, students will gain real-world experience in automotive technology, strengthening their skills and preparing them for future careers.

While DirraKltaleabed may view this donation as modest, PCC considers it to be profoundly impactful. Every tool and resource added to the College's programs enhances the quality of education and expands opportunities for students. Therefore, PCC extends its heartfelt gratitude to DirraKltaleabed for this meaningful gift. Her generosity ensures that our students continue to thrive through hands-on learning experiences that connect knowledge with practice.

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EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



MS. HILDA N. REKLAI

Palau Community College (PCC) extends its heartfelt gratitude and a bittersweet farewell to Ms. Hilda N. Reklai, who has retired after dedicating 25 years of exemplary service to the institution.

Ms. Reklai joined PCC in 2005 as a counselor in the Student Life department. After five years, she was promoted to Student Life Director, overseeing academic counseling and residence life. In 2020, following Dean Sherman Daniel's retirement, she became interim Dean of Students and was officially promoted to the role shortly thereafter due to her exceptional leadership and dedication.

The PCC community deeply appreciates Ms. Reklai's contributions to student learning and campus vitality. Her legacy will positively impact students and the institution. We wish her the best as she reaps the fruits of her labor and enjoys retirement.

Upward Bound Students Explore Agriculture and Aquaculture Programs at PCC-CRE

Article Contributed by: Sasha Kyota, Climate Change Extension Agent, PCC-CRE



PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE - UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM STAFF AND STUDENTS VISITS PCC-CRE @ NGERMESKANG

On July 3, 2026, the Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension welcomed a group of Upward Bound students, accompanied by Director Larry Wakakoro, for an educational tour of the PCC CRE Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang and the Multi-Species Hatchery, both in Ngeremlengui. The visit provided students with an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of Palau's agricultural and aquaculture initiatives while exploring future educational and career pathways in science, technology, agriculture, and environmental conservation.

The tour was led by Director Lyndon Masami, Extension Agent Sasha Kyota, and Research Assistants Matthew Keilan and Blesam Ngiltii, who introduced the students to the purpose and importance of each facility. At the Research and Development Station, students learned about the station's role in advancing sustainable agriculture through research, field demonstrations, and outreach programs that support local farmers

and communities. Staff explained how the station serves as a living classroom where innovative farming practices are tested and adapted to meet Palau's unique environmental conditions. Students also learned about ongoing efforts to improve local food production, strengthen food security, promote climate-resilient farming practices, and encourage greater self-sufficiency through agriculture.

The group then visited the Multi-Species Hatchery, where they were introduced to the importance of aquaculture in supporting Palau's marine resources and food systems. Staff explained how hatchery operations contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of important aquatic species while supporting research, education, and community development. Students gained a better understanding of how responsible aquaculture can complement traditional fisheries, protect natural ecosystems, and provide opportunities for future careers in marine science and resource management.

An important highlight of the visit was an introduction to the Science and Technology Education and Partnership Program, commonly known as STEP UP. Students learned that STEP UP is a nationally recognized program designed to encourage high school students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, agriculture, and health-related fields. Through mentorship, hands-on research experiences, leadership development, professional workshops, and college preparation activities, the program equips students with the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills needed to succeed in higher education and future careers. STEP UP also provides participants with valuable opportunities to work alongside researchers, scientists, and professionals while addressing real-world challenges affecting island communities throughout the Pacific.

During the presentation, Extension Agent Sasha Kyota encouraged students to take advantage of the many opportunities available through PCC- Cooperative Research and Extension. Students were invited to apply for internships, become student workers, and consider joining the STEP UP program if they are entering their junior or senior year of high school. Sasha emphasized that these experiences allow students to build valuable skills, gain meaningful work experience, and explore career interests while making positive contributions to their communities. Students were also informed that PCC-CRE staff are available to assist with the STEP UP application

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BITS AND PIECES

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Hours of Operation

Updated hours starting July, 20, 2026:

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

Saturday & Sunday
CLOSED

Regular semester hours will
resume on **Monday, August 17,
2026**

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Available To Interested

Readers:

PACIFIC STUDIES - HAWAII



The Pacific Studies-Hawaii journal is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal published by the Jonathan Nāpela Center for Hawaiian and Pacific Studies at Brigham Young University-Hawai'i. Established in 1977, it focuses on the social, economic, political, ecological, and cultural dynamics of the Pacific Islands and adjacent countries.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUG 03 (M)
FACULTY REPORT FOR DUTY

AUG 03-13 (M-TH)
PLACEMENT TESTING FOR FALL 2026

AUG 04 (TU)
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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process and provide guidance throughout the selection process.

The visit reflected the shared commitment of Upward Bound and PCC Cooperative Research and Extension to inspire the next generation of leaders, scientists, and community advocates. By exposing students to real-world research, agriculture, aquaculture, and STEM opportunities, the tour encouraged them to envision future pathways where they can contribute to the sustainable development and well-being of Palau and the Pacific region.

PCC Cooperative Research and Extension extends its sincere appreciation to Director Larry Wakakoro, the Upward Bound Program, and all participating students for visiting and engaging with our staff. We look forward to continuing our partnership in empowering young people through education, research, and hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for success in college, their careers, and their communities.





PCC ADMISSION

OPEN FOR 2026

CLASS REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
FOR ALL NEW, READMITTING AND
RETURNING STUDENTS.



ENROLL NOW

More Information:

☎ 488-2470/2471 ext 269

🌐 <https://pcc.palau.edu>

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ **Registration Dates**
 - July 13 – August 13, 2026
 - August 14, 2026 (Late Registration)
- ✓ **New Student Orientation**
 - August 4, 2026
- ✓ **Fall 2026 Semester Begins**
 - August 17, 2026



Start your journey
with us

Announcement

Pacific STEP-UP Summer Research Program

What: An 8-week paid summer biomedical research mentorship for high school students, ending with an August symposium.

Who: High school juniors and seniors (U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or residents of U.S.-affiliated Pacific territories).

Apply: October 15 – February 15

To Learn More Please Scan the QR Code below or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/StepUpFlyer1>



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 31 - August 06, 2026



Silas Kintaro



Ulai Ikesiil



Jolene Joseph



Johvanna Yaoch



Kesina Tadao



Evigan Sengebau

ALUMNI NOTES

Melusech A. Mobel



Melusech A. Mobel earned an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from PCC in Spring 2024. Shortly thereafter, he attended UH-Hilo, where he successfully obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice. Congratulations, and we wish him continued success in all future endeavors!

PCC ENDOWMENT

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
TO SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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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!

