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## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ANNOUNCES RENEWAL OF TITLE IV PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



PCC FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, READY TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH ANY STEP OF THEIR FINANCIAL AID JOURNEY

Palau Community College (PCC) is pleased to announce the successful renewal of its Title IV Program Participation Agreement (PPA) with the U.S. Department of Education. The PPA is a legally binding agreement that authorizes eligible postsecondary institutions to participate in federal student financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. Its renewal ensures that PCC can continue to provide eligible students with access to federal financial aid, helping them pursue their educational goals. To participate in Title IV programs, institutions must meet the requirements of the Program Integrity Triad, which consists of three key elements: state authorization, accreditation, and certification by the U.S. Department of Education.

PCC has maintained compliance with each component of the Program Integrity Triad. The College is the Republic of Palau's sole institution of higher education and is legally authorized to offer postsecondary education programs under Republic of Palau Public Law (RPPL) 4-2. PCC has maintained continuous accreditation with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), a commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), since 1977. Over the past 47 years, the College has successfully completed comprehensive accreditation reviews in 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2003, 2010, 2016, and most recently in 2023. Following the

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## FINAL RESPECTS



GRANDMASTER NAVIGATOR SESARIO SEWRALUR

On Friday, August 7, 2026, the community will gather to pay final respects to Grandmaster Navigator Sesario Sewralur. The morning will begin with his departure from the Palau Funeral Home to Malakal, where he will be placed onboard the traditional voyaging canoe, Alingano Maisu, for a brief period. Funeral proceedings will then continue with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Koror, followed by funeral services at the Palau Funeral Home & Chapel in Airai. Later in the day, the procession will move to Melekeok for a brief layover at the residence of High Chief Reklai Raphael Bao Ngirmang. Grandmaster Navigator Sesario Sewralur will then be laid to rest during his interment at Ngerkesouang Funeral Grounds (Odesongel ra Udes), marking the final journey for a master who dedicated his life to preserving traditional Pacific seafaring and navigation arts.

## PCC Library Expands Collection with Major Book Delivery Funded by IMLS-LSTA Grant



DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES CECIL METEOLECHOL (L) AND LIBRARY TECHNICIAN NIKITA ADACHI (R) PICTURED WITH THE NEWLY DELIVERED BOOKS

The Palau Community College (PCC) Library has reached a significant milestone in its ongoing effort to enhance educational resources, receiving a large shipment of 603 newly ordered books on Monday, August 3. This delivery represents the vast majority of a 618-book order dedicated to strengthening the library's holdings, with the remaining 15 titles currently pending delivery and expected to arrive in the near future.

The extensive acquisition was made possible through grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services - Library Services and Technology Act (IMLS-LSTA) Grants to States, awarded to the Palau Public Library library in partnership with the Ministry of Education. To ensure the funding addresses the most pressing educational requirements, PCC Library staff undertook a systematic assessment of the existing holdings prior to placing the order. This thorough review allowed librarians to identify specific gaps in the collection and pinpoint key areas where new, updated, and specialized materials were needed most. The newly arrived

materials span three primary categories, strategically selected to serve both campus and community needs: To directly enhance academic rigor and research capability, the library prioritized current and relevant reference materials. These up-to-date resources provide students and faculty with access to accurate, reliable information across various disciplines, with the vast majority of reference titles carefully chosen to align directly with the college's specific degree programs and course curricula.

Alongside specialized academic texts, the library introduced a broad selection of new fiction and non-fiction titles. These additions significantly expand the overall reading options available on campus, supporting both curriculum-based academic study and recreational reading for personal enrichment.

Recognizing the vital importance of preserving and promoting regional knowledge, the library made a deliberate effort to strengthen its specialized Micro-P Collection. The newly acquired inventory includes targeted titles focused specifically on

Micronesia that were not previously available in the collection, offering students, educators, and researchers deeper insight into regional history, culture, and contemporary issues.

This addition reflects the continuous commitment of the Ministry of Education and the PCC Library to improve access to high-quality learning resources. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to visit the PCC Library to explore and utilize the newly cataloged acquisitions.

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2023 peer review process, PCC's accreditation was reaffirmed for a full seven-year term. The College's next institutional review is scheduled for 2030. The final component of the Program Integrity Triad is certification by the U.S. Department of Education. To receive and maintain Title IV eligibility, institutions must demonstrate compliance with federal financial, administrative, and program integrity requirements. The renewal of the Title IV Program Participation Agreement reflects PCC's ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards of educational quality, institutional accountability, and regulatory compliance. Most importantly, it ensures that eligible PCC students will continue to have access to federal financial aid resources that support their academic success and future opportunities.



## BITS AND PIECES

### TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

#### 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:

##### POPULAR MECHANICS



The May/June 2026 of Popular Mechanics serves as a guide for hands-on enthusiasts, focusing on field-tested equipment for cutting, cleaning, and crushing tasks. The edition features in-depth evaluations of versatile multitools, high-performance vacuums, and essential garage technology designed for DIY projects.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**AUG 14 (F)**  
**LATE REGISTRATION**

**AUG 17 (M)**  
**FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION**

## EQPB and PCC Host Successful Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technicians Workshop



PARTICIPANTS OF THE RAC TRAINING WORKSHOP PICTURED AT PCC ASSEMBLY HALL

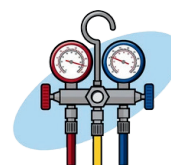
The Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) in coordination with Palau Community College (PCC) are pleased to announce the successful training of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) Technicians Workshop, held this week in Koror. The workshop brings together local technicians to strengthen their technical skills and knowledge in the safe handling, maintenance, and servicing of refrigeration and air conditioning systems.

The training was led by Mr. Bertoldo Esteban, from the College of Micronesia-FSM in Pohnpei, FSM. His expertise provides valuable regional insight and practical guidance. This collaboration highlights the importance of building capacity across Pacific Island nations to meet international standards and environmental commitments. The workshop emphasizes best practices in refrigerant management, energy efficiency, proper and safety handling of flammable refrigerants, and environmental protection. EQPB aims to ensure compliance with

national regulations, safeguard Palau's environment, and contribute to global efforts in reducing ozone-depleting substances and greenhouse gas emissions. Palau Community College extends its appreciation to Mr. Bertoldo Esteban, from the College of Micronesia-FSM and all the RAC Technicians who took valuable time out of their busy schedule to attend this workshop. We look forward to continued cooperation to strengthen technical capacity and promote sustainable development in Palau.



MR. BERTOLDO ESEBAN (L) AND PCC INSTRUCTOR ARIEL BACERO (R) PICTURED AT PRESENTING FOR THE RAC WORKSHOP



## A Note of Gratitude



THE GBEWONYO FAMILY

On behalf of the Gbewonyo family, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the PCC family for all your prayers, thoughtfulness, your generosity and enduring support you've shown to my family through this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Sincerely,  
Christabel Gbewonyo



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



# PCC ADMISSION

**OPEN FOR 2026**

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

## Celebrating Birthdays

August 07 - August 13, 2026



**Achilles  
Steven**

## ALUMNI NOTES

Auryn U. Benhart



Auryn U. Benhart earned an Associate of Science degree in Information Technology from PCC in Spring 2026. She currently is a summer intern at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC), working in the Plant and Technology Department. We wish her continued success in her future endeavors.



## 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

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