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CONVOCATION



PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PCC WELCOMES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Palau Community College will kick off the 2026–2027 Academic Year with its **Annual Convocation** on Friday, **August 14, 2026**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the PCC Auditorium (formerly Cafeteria). The event will highlight institutional achievements, accreditation updates, and student success standards. It will also mark a milestone—the first graduation ceremony for Fisheries Compliance Training participants, a program led by the PCC Continuing Education Division.

Attendance is required for all faculty and staff as the College gathers to celebrate progress and set the tone for the year ahead. Offices throughout campus will be closed and will resume shortly after the program concludes.

"Palau Community College is an accessible comprehensive public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence."

Protecting Our Ancestry, Preserving Our Heritage, and Inspiring the Next Generation



(LEFT PHOTO) MS. KAILANI J. R. KEIJI (RIGHT PHOTO) MS. KEIJI AND COHORT RESEARCHING AT THE LAB

Palau Community College is proud to highlight Kailani Joy Reyaus Keiji, an Environmental/Marine Science student who recently participated in the Summer Internship for Indigenous People in Genomics (SING) Micronesia program. This prestigious initiative, hosted at the University of Guam, aims to immerse indigenous students in the world of genomics while addressing key issues of cultural sovereignty and community health.

Kailani's participation in the SING Micronesia internship provided her with a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of genomics and environmental science. Throughout the program, she engaged in critical discussions about how genomic research can positively impact Pacific Island communities, particularly in relation to environmental challenges. She emphasized the importance of Indigenous Data Sovereignty, advocating for communities like her own to retain control over their biological data and research related to natural resources.

Reflecting on her experience, Kailani noted, "The program reinforced my

belief that science must respect and incorporate indigenous knowledge. We need to address climate change and preserve our marine ecosystems while honoring our cultural heritage."

Kailani also appreciated the hands-on workshops and mentorship she received from esteemed researchers and professionals in the field. These interactions fueled her passion for merging her studies in Environmental/Marine Science with the principles of ethical genomic research, furthering her commitment to sustainable practices in her community.

As a representative of PCC, Kailani Joy Reyaus Keiji stands as a testament to the potential of young indigenous leaders. Her insights from the SING Micronesia internship not only reflect her personal journey but also showcase the importance of empowering indigenous voices within the realms of science and technology.

PCC celebrates Kailani's achievements and looks forward to her continued contributions to both science and the community.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT



DR. KONISHI AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHARLES

On August 5, 2026, Palau Community College Music Associate Professor Howard Charles met with visiting ethnomusicologist Professor Junko Konishi, Ph.D., of the Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts, to discuss the preservation of Palau's musical heritage. Their conversation centered on the profound history of the national anthem, whose melody shares similarities with several Japanese songs and a Christian hymn. The anthem features music composed by Imesei Ezekiel and Inglore Lengling, with words crafted by Kebekol Alfonso, Riosang Salvador, Kodep Kloulchad, Imesei Ezekiel, Jonathan Olsingch Emul, Father Felix Yaoch, Rev. Hubert E. Charles, and Hermana Umetaro. When combined, the anthem brings the story of Palauan ancestors to life. The scholars' collaboration is part of a decades-long lineage connected through the International Council for Traditional Music, tracing back to pioneers like Barbara Smith and Professor Yamaguchi, who dedicated their academic careers to documenting Palauan sounds for future generations. Next March, Dr. Konishi will give her final lecture before retiring. To honor her dedication to Palauan music, Professor Charles and local coordinators are seeking grants to enable PCC students and choir members to perform Palauan traditional and folk songs internationally, preserving this rich cultural legacy.

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2026**

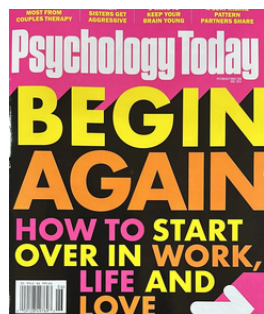
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUG 17 (M)
FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION

AUG 17 - 20 (M-TH)
CREDIT BY EXAM PERIOD

AUG 17 - 21 (M-F)
DROP/ADD PERIOD

Palau Fellowship Award Summer 2026 Internship Forum



PALAU FELLOWSHIP AWARD – SUMMER 2026 INTERNS WITH SENATOR KAZUKI SUNGINO, PNSB BOARD CHAIR JOE ANASTACIO, BOARD MEMBER SYLVESTER ALONZO, CHIEF OF STAFF LANDISANG KOTARO FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND PNSB INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR MORISANG UDUI

On July 29, 2026, the Palau Fellowship Award Summer 2026 Internship Forum was held at Palau High School, organized by the Palau National Scholarship Board. This year's forum showcased the accomplishments of over 20 interns, who represented various schools from both the United States and the Republic of China-Taiwan. Notably, many of these interns are alumni of Palau Community College (PCC), with one individual returning for a second internship with the Computer Services Division.

The Palau National Scholarship Board plays a crucial role in this internship initiative, overseeing everything from application management to job placements. Interns receive bi-weekly stipends throughout their internships, along with round-trip airfare for returning students and one-way tickets home for recent graduates. This support aids students in gaining practical experience while continuing their education.

Among the interns was Dean Jr. Rudimch, a recent graduate of Eastern Oregon University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management. He is currently assigned to the Computer Services office at PCC, where he collaborates

with Director Johvanna Yaoch and Computer Technicians Alik Ulechong and Shinchi Higa. Together, they are making significant advancements in updating the Human Resources Division's Orange system and conducting an annual inventory of PCC's computer systems. This inventory includes laptops, printers, scanners, and classroom televisions. Dean's contributions to these ongoing projects were highlighted during his presentation at the forum.

The forum featured several PCC alumni who interned in the Palau Fellowship Award program. Weber Santiago, a former PCC student trustee, graduated with a degree in Economics from UH-Manoa. Melusech Mobel graduated from PCC and then pursued a degree in Administrative Justice at UH-Hilo. Jeyda Titimel, initially a CPH major at PCC, transferred to EOU for a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Omkedelad Ito graduated from PCC and earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration at UH-Hilo. As the summer program concludes, we congratulate all interns, including Berchman Ruluked, Ilab Marques, Kaeb Chin, and Yuji Chibana, wishing them success as they continue their academic journeys. The internship experience enhances their education and lays a foundation for their future careers.

Vacancy Announcement

(1) Instructor, Information Technology

Academic Affairs

Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

(2) Library Assistant - Two (2x)

PCC Library

Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum

(3) Field Assistant - Two (2x)

Cooperative Research & Extension

Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum

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Celebrating Birthdays

August 14 - August 20, 2026



Dodd Meltel

Angie Fuentez

John Masao

Merii Besebes

ALUMNI NOTES

Omkedelad Ito



Omkedelad Ito earned an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from PCC in Summer 2024. Shortly thereafter, she attended UH-Hilo, where he successfully obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Congratulations, and we wish her continued success in all future endeavors!

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