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PCC HOSTS 26TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY HONORING PALAU'S 9/11 FALLEN HEROES



Palau Community College (PCC) hosted its 26th annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2026, honoring the five Palauan soldiers who were among the fallen heroes of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States. PCC has held its 9/11 Memorial Ceremony annually since 2001, the year of the attacks.

The memorial brought together Gold Star Families, distinguished guests, veterans, military representatives, community leaders, students, and members of the public to remember those who lost their lives and to honor the service and sacrifice of the Palauan soldiers. Among the special guests were U.S. Army Retired SFC and President of the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Association of Palau, Mr. Gregorio Ngirmang; Mr. Jack Richter, ENS, CEC, USN, Officer in Charge of Civic Action Team

(CAT 01-27); and members of the United States Coast Guard Band.

Special remarks were delivered by Mr. Shankar Rao, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United States of America in Palau. A special message from His Excellency Surangel Whipps Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, was also shared during the ceremony. Following the closing remarks by U.S. Marine Corps Retired Master Sergeant and Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Association of Palau, Mr. Clarence Masayos, attendees lined up to sign the Memorial Book, adding their names to the continuing record of remembrance.

PCC extends its sincere appreciation to all Gold Star Families and everyone who joined in commemorating the 9/11 fallen heroes.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



Mr. Harvey Hao-Wei Lo, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of China - Taiwan with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC students & staff

On Friday, September 4, 2026, Third Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Mr. Harvey Lo, visited Palau Community College (PCC) and brought along boxes of a special snack to share with the PCC students and staff.

The snack, labeled "Ocean Taro Five-Spice Flavored Rice Puff," was a limited-edition treat made especially for Palau. According to Mr. Lo, locally grown taro from Palau was shipped to a company in Taiwan, where it was processed into taro powder/flour. The taro powder was then used to flavor the rice puff snacks, creating a unique product that connects Palau's local agriculture with Taiwan's food-processing expertise. PCC extends its sincere appreciation for the generous gesture and for sharing this delicious treat with the PCC community.

Pioneering the Future: A 1st Year Student in the First PCC B.S. in Science Program



MS. FRANCES HANNAH PARDO YUTIS

Frances Hannah Pardo Yutis, affectionately known as “Angel” by her family and friends, is beginning a new chapter in her academic journey as a student at Palau Community College (PCC). She graduated alongside Palau High School’s Class of 2026 after transitioning to the school following three years of homeschooling during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

This fall, Angel chose to enroll at PCC not only to remain close to her family while pursuing higher education, but also because of the college’s newly opened Bachelor of Science in Science program. As a matter of fact, she is the very first Year 1 student majoring in PCC’s very first Bachelor Degree program. Although she does not consider science her strongest subject, she describes it as a field she enjoys challenging herself in and finds especially rewarding to understand. She further noted that Palau High School’s (PHS) block schedule helped ease her transition into PCC’s academic environment. PCC’s Bachelor of Science in Science Program officially began in Fall 2026,

ALINGANO MAISU RETURNS TO THE DOCKS FOR MAINTENANCE



Four months after safely returning home to Palau from its 20th voyage, the traditional voyaging canoe Alingano Maisu was hauled onto the docks at Malakal on September 15, 2026, for its regular post-voyage maintenance and repairs. One of the major repairs planned this time involves a beam beneath the canoe’s flooring that broke during the most recent voyage. As a temporary measure during the voyage, the damaged beam was replaced with a metal beam. The canoe will now undergo the necessary work to repair and restore the original structure. After **Alingano Maisu** was safely secured on the dock, members of its crew joined fellow members of the Micronesia Voyaging Society (MVS) for the organization’s regular

meeting.

This month’s MVS Board meeting was held at the PCC Diangel (Dock), a facility that has recently been expanded to provide additional space for traditional canoes. The expansion supports the preservation of traditional voyaging while improving accessibility and encouraging healthier lifestyles through physical activity and community engagement.



MVS Board meeting with traditional leaders and local partners held at PCC Diangel

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welcoming mostly continuing 2nd and 3rd Year PCC students. Being the program’s only first-year student, Ms. Yutis is a pioneer of this new academic program. PCC proudly supports all the students and wishes them success throughout their academic journey



**PCC Talent Search Grant
Proposal Awarded Funding
For New Cycle! See pg. 4**

BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
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Friday
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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488-3540



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEPT 17 (TH) ASPCC ELECTION

SEPT 30 (W)

LAST DAY TO REMOVE INCOMPLETE
GRADES FOR SPRING 2026

CELEBRATING U.S. CONSTITUTION DAY AT PCC LIBRARY



In celebration of the 239th U.S. Constitution Day, the College featured a special display of books on the U.S. Constitution and government at the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library. The display also included visual slides connecting principles of the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the Republic of Palau to PCC policies, helping make constitutional rights and responsibilities relevant to students and the community. Happy Constitution Day, USA!



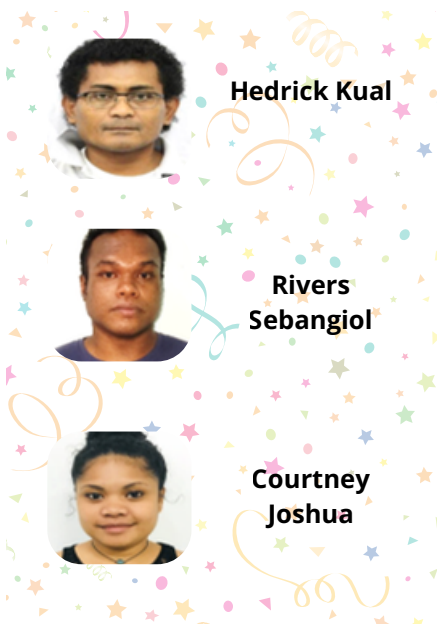
The Palau Community College (PCC) Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program has been awarded a new five-year grant cycle to continue providing educational support and opportunities to students throughout Palau.

As part of the new grant cycle, ETS has expanded its program by adding four new target schools, Aimeliik, Ngeremlengui, Ngardmau, and Ngaraard and increasing the number of students it plans to serve from 500 to 600. The program serves students in grades 6–12 who are from low-income families or may be the first in their families to attend college. ETS provides academic advising, tutoring, counseling, educational workshops, college and career guidance, and educational field trips to help students prepare for success in high school and pursue postsecondary education.

With this new grant cycle and expanded reach, the ETS Program looks forward to working with more students, families, schools, and community partners across Palau. The program will continue helping students set educational and career goals while providing information about college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and career opportunities. Through these services, ETS is committed to reaching more students, expanding access to educational opportunities, and encouraging young people to pursue higher education and achieve their future goals.

PCC congratulates ETS Director Jolene Joseph and the entire ETS team on this achievement and remains committed to supporting their continued efforts.

Celebrating Birthdays September 18 - September 24, 2026



Hedrick Kual

Rivers
SebangiolCourtney
Joshua

ALUMNI NOTES

Esichang A. Mongami



Esichang A. Mongami earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Construction Technology from PCC in May 2025. She currently works at Surangel & Sons Company.

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.

2026-2027 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE PCC WEBSITE AND AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH PCC, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT 488-2470 OR 2471, EXTENSIONS 251 OR 252.

ENSURE THAT A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

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