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SY 2026-2027 NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS



FRONT L-R: ARIANNE BENHART, PAULA SADANG, DEDAES SIKSEI, MARLEY BULTEDAAB, DESTINY ETPISON, BRIANA RAYMOND.
BACK L-R: SARINA MASAICHI, KARL ESQUIVEL, LEIS ILEK, JERZY TEWID, BURT YAROFALGAM, UNGILDIL ADACHI, ROMILA GOLD.

Palau Community College (PCC) proudly congratulates its newly elected student leaders following the election of the Student Trustee and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC), PCC's official student government organization representing the general welfare and interests of the student body. The election was held on September 17, 2026, followed by the official Swearing-In Ceremony on October 2, 2026, marking an important milestone for student leadership at PCC.

PCC extends its heartfelt congratulations to **Ms. Arianne Benhart**, the newly elected **Student Trustee**, who will represent the student body on the PCC Board of Trustees. PCC also congratulates and recognizes the newly elected ASPCC Officers: **ASPCC President Ms. Paula Sadang**; **President-Elect Ms. Dedaes**

Siksei; **Secretary Ms. Marley Bultedaob**; and **Treasurer Mr. Karl Esquivel**. Joining the ASPCC leadership team are the following student senators: **Sophomore Representatives: Ms. Leis Ilek and Ms. Sarina Masaichi**; **Freshman Representatives: Ms. Destiny Etpison and Mr. Jerzy Tewid**. The student leadership team is further strengthened by representatives of PCC's Student Organization, **Presidents: Mr. Burt Yarofalgam** representing students from Yap; **Ms. Romila M. Gold** representing RMI students; **Ms. Ungildil Adachi** representing students from Palau; and **Ms. Briana Raymond** representing students from Chuuk. PCC commends these student leaders for their commitment and looks forward to their meaningful contributions and positive impact throughout the academic year!

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI WITH DR. GENA ROJAS, DR. SHARLENE SANTOS-BAMBA, AND HARLEY EDELUCHEL, JR. OF UOG

While in Palau for the 33rd Mechesil Belau Conference, Harley Edeluchel, Jr., Professional Workforce Specialist within the Enrollment Management & Student Success (EMSS), joined Dr. Gena Rojas, Dean of EMSS, and Dr. Sharlene Santos-Bamba, Senior Vice President and Provost (SVPP) of the University of Guam (UOG), for a courtesy visit to Palau Community College (PCC).

The team met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei for a brief and meaningful discussion on areas of mutual interest, including student success initiatives, educational partnerships, and opportunities for future collaboration. The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships between the two institutions and explore ways to support students and expand educational opportunities across the region. Palau Community College appreciates the visit by UOG's delegation and looks forward to building upon the discussions.

Members of PCC-CCC at KSG Night Market



MEMBERS OF THE PCC-CCC AT KSG NIGHT MARKET

On October 2, 2026, members of the Community & Alumni Subcommittee of the PCC Centennial Celebration Committee (CCC) participated in the Koror State Night Market to share and promote this memorable centennial year with the community.

At the booth, visitors were introduced to the 100 Years of History: Mokko 1927 to PCC 2027 brochure, engaged in a Q&A session about the college, and explored a variety of centennial merchandise including bags, pen cases, hachimaki, hand fans, and stickers. Committee members also had the announcer announce about the PCC booth including some highlights of the institution's milestone and its significance to the public.

CCC also distributed a survey form to help jumpstart their efforts in trying to revive alumni engagement. More than 50 alumni signed up during the night, showing great enthusiasm to become more active in the local community. Participation in the Night Market is part of a broader Centennial campaign—a series of activities and events leading up to May 2027. These initiatives honor PCC's history, celebrate its achievements, and highlight its impact across Palau and the wider

Melekeok State and PCC Establish New Scholarship to Support Higher Education



L-R: HON. HENARO POLLOI, GOVERNOR MELEKEOK STATE; DR. PATRICK TELLEI, PCC PRESIDENT; RENGUUL VICKRY SNGEBARD, NGIRAINGAS VILLANY THOMAS & GRANDSON, AND RULUKED MARCELLO NGIRKELAU OF MELEKEOK

On September 29, 2026, Hon. Governor Henaro Polloi, Vice Speaker Jefferson Thomas, and Floor Leader Collin Joseph of the 11th Melekeok State Legislature joined PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to formalize a new partnership between the Melekeok State Government and Palau Community College (PCC). Through this new partnership, the Melekeok State Government and Palau Community College (PCC) will provide scholarship assistance to eligible Melekeok students pursuing post-secondary education at PCC. The partnership recognizes the financial challenges that some students may face after high school and reflects Melekeok State's commitment to helping its students

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Pacific region. On behalf of the entire College, the Community & Alumni Subcommittee invites the community to join the events celebrating **100 Years from Mokko to PCC!** (Article by Yoko Morisaki)

access and successfully pursue higher education. Following the formal signing, Governor Polloi, together with traditional leaders Renguul Vickry Sngebard, Ngiraingas Villany Thomas, and Ruluked Marcello Ngirkelau, presented a \$10,000 contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund. Rather than providing one-time assistance, the contribution is designed to create a lasting source of support for Melekeok students. Earnings generated from the endowment will help fund the Melekeok State Scholarship in perpetuity, allowing eligible students to apply for the scholarship each school year. PCC extends its sincere gratitude to the Melekeok State Leadership for its commitment to investing in the future of young leaders and for establishing a scholarship that will continue to support eligible students for years to come. Interested applicants may pick up applications at PCC Development Office or email: pccdev@palau.edu

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

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

OCT 05 - 09 (M-F) : MIDTERM PERIOD
OCT 23 (F): UN DAY (OBSERVED)
OCT 24 (SAT) : UN DAY HOLIDAY

OCT 30 (F) : LAST DAY TO REMOVE
CONTINUING PROGRESS GRADES FOR
SPRING 2026

CENTURY OF BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES



2026-2027 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP
DR. JOEL E. MILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JAN STANISLAW KUBARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
KAZUO PETER MIYASHITA CENTENARIAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY INC. SCHOLARSHIP
MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP
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PNCC SCHOLARSHIP
PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP
PRINCE LEBUU SCHOLARSHIP
TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
WILHELM R. RENGIL SCHOLARSHIP
YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
MELEKEOK STATE SCHOLARSHIP

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 OCTOBER 12, 2026.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS

**2026
Student
Trustee
Ms. Arianne
Behnart**



**2026
ASPPC
President
Ms. Paula
Sadang**



**ASPPC
President Elect
Ms. Dedaes
Siksei**



**ASPPC Secretary
Ms. Marley
Bultedaob**



**ASPPC Treasurer
Mr. Karl Esquivel**



**ASPPC
Sophomore Rep.
Ms. Leis Ilel**



**ASPPC
Sophomore Rep.
Ms. Sarina Masaichi**



**ASPPC
Freshman Rep.
Ms. Destiny Etpison**



**ASPPC
Freshman Rep.
Mr. Jerzy Tewid**



**YSO Pres.
Mr. Burt Yarofalgam**



**RMISO Pres.
Ms. Romila M. Gold**

**RPSO Pres.
Ms. Ungildil
Adachi**



**CSO Pres.
Ms. Briana
Raymond**



Celebrating Birthdays October 09 - October 15,



Ariel Bacero



Siama Mitsuru

ALUMNI NOTES



Dr. Patrick U. Tellei graduated in 1980 with an Associate of Science degree in Carpentry from the Micronesian Occupational College, now known as Palau Community College (PCC). He has served as President of Palau Community College since 1999.

PCC ENDOWMENT

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