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A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND OPPORTUNITY: HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. KUYE BELELAI



With profound sadness and heartfelt gratitude, Palau Community College (PCC) honors the life and legacy of the late Ms. Kuye Belelai, an extraordinary leader and tireless advocate for educational opportunity whose upward vision and commitment impacted the lives of many students.

Ms. Belelai began her career at PCC in 1983, pioneering the Upward Bound Program. Through her dedication and perseverance in securing continued funding, she sustained the program for 39 years, serving as Director until 2021.

In 2001, she played an instrumental role in securing funding for the Educational Talent Search Program, and, in the following year, in 2002, she brought the Upward Bound Math and Science Program to PCC, expanding opportunities of academic support for students throughout Palau. In addition to her leadership in outreach programs, Ms. Belelai contributed to the institutional development and continued advancement of the College. Prior to 2009, she served as a member of the College's Accreditation Steering Committee, continuing her involvement until shortly before her retirement.

Her lifelong commitment to education and student success impacted almost 1,200 students over the years. Palau Community College will forever remain indebted to Ms. Kuye Belelai for her outstanding contributions, progressive initiatives, and enduring influence on the College community and the broader public. As we mourn her passing, we also honor her with gratitude, remember her with respect, and carry her legacy forward with the same commitment to educational opportunity and student success that defined her remarkable career.

BOOK DONATION TO PCC



(L-R) DIRECTOR CECIL METEOLECHOL, DR. HUNTER H. FINE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM AND HIS SON, OCEAN AT PCC LIBRARY

On October 13, 2026, Dr. Hunter H. Fine, Associate Professor of Communication at the University of Guam, and his son Ocean visited Director Cecil Meteolechol at the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library to donate a copy of Dr. Fine's book, Traditional Seafaring in Oceania: A New Theory of Maritime Resistance and Advocacy.

A synopsis on the back cover explains that Dr. Fine examined traditional seafaring practices in Oceania to develop a fuller understanding of critical theory, Indigenous knowledge, and everyday practices contribute to our understanding of power, representation, and truth. The book has been included into the PCC Micro-P collection where it will serve as valuable resource for readers and researchers.

PCC extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Fine for his generous contribution to the library.

Bilung Gloria Salii Donates $1000 to the Prince Leeboo Scholarship



BILUNG GLORIA SALII

On October 12, 2026, Bilung Gloria Salii donated $1,000 to Palau Community College (PCC) in support of the Prince Leeboo Scholarship, continuing her family's longstanding commitment to promoting higher education for Palauan students.

Since 2000, Bilung Gloria G. Salii and her family have generously contributed $1,000 each school year to support the post-secondary educational pursuits of students attending PCC. Their continued generosity reflects a strong commitment to helping Palauan students pursue their academic goals and prepare for future opportunities.

The Prince Leeboo Scholarship is awarded to two eligible PCC students pursuing any major, provided they maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. In 2025, the scholarship recipients were Ms. Kalea D. Gibbons, a second-year Nursing major, and Mr. Omisong M. Sikyang, a second-year student majoring in Tourism and Hospitality.

PCC sincerely appreciates Bilung Gloria Salii and her family for their continued generosity and dedication to supporting Palauan students.

PCC TH222 Students Gain Practical Insights into Hotel Design and Quality Service



L-R: OMISONG SIKYANG, JANIELLE DEMEK, PCC INSTRUCTOR YOKO MORISAKI, PALAU CENTRAL HOTEL -RESERVATION LEAD MS. IRENE CLAVERIA, BRIANA BELTAU, AND SARINA MASAICHI

On October 7, 2026, students from the TH222 Managing for Quality in the Hospitality Industry course, accompanied by their instructor, Ms. Yoko Morisaki, visited Palau Central Hotel.

During the visit, Reservation Lead Ms. Irene Claveria shared insights on designing the concept and structure of hotel facilities, as well as delivering quality service in the hospitality business. Students toured various areas of the property, including guest rooms, the pool area, Canoe House Bar, the gift shop, and the spa.

They gained valuable ideas on how service settings and the effective use of space contribute to creating memorable guest experiences. Opportunities such as this highlight the importance of connecting classroom instruction with the local community. They provide aspiring hospitality professionals with practical knowledge and skills to carry into their future careers, while underscoring the vital role of shaping the next generation of hospitality leaders in Palau.

The class extends its sincere appreciation to General Manager Ms. Rose Ann Tijano, Reservation Lead Ms. Irene Claveria, and Palau Central Hotel for making this opportunity possible.



Ms. Claveria showing students the "Starlight Room," explaining the benefits of natural lighting

Thank You

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

2026 PCC ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISER
NOVEMBER 25, 2026 (WED)
@ MESEKIU BAI

Tickets on SALE now!
$10 per ticket

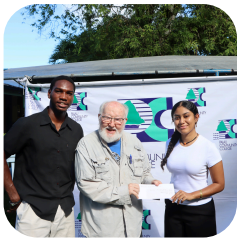
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Grand Prize: 14x24 Summer House!

2025 ENDOWMENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



2025 Grand Prize Winner!





PCC-CRE UPCOMING EVENT



Please join us to celebrate Palau's rich botanical diversity and discuss how to protect and preserve it.

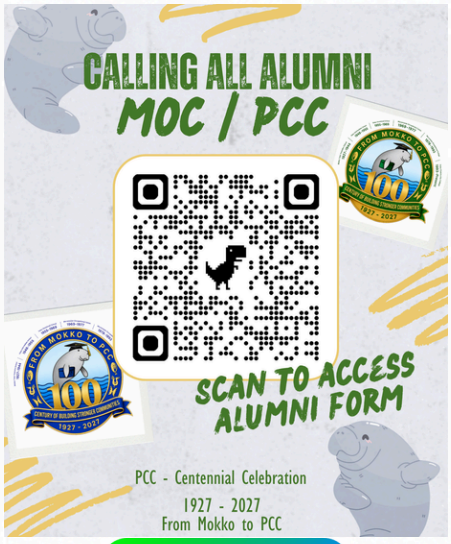


Workshop November 11-12th, Rock Islands Field Trip November 13th

Day	Wednesday & Thursday	Time	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Date	November 11-12	Location	Palau Community College Cafeteria
Day	Friday	Time	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Date	November 13	Location	Field Trip to Rock Islands

This workshop is hosted by PCC Continued Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) and partners. To register for this event:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQsBVm8oO9C-bage0AKEBECpjtTNKuebX2VQwtfwEvTrlVNQ/viewform



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Celebrating Birthdays
October 16 - October 22, 2026



Vacancy Announcement

(1) Bookstore Clerk
Bookstore
Salary Range: $10,101 - $17,983 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

For more vacancies and to apply, please visit: https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/

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ALUMNI NOTES



Ms. Debbie O. Ngiraibai graduated from PCC in Spring 2002 with an Associate of Science Degree in Accounting. She currently serves as the Director of the Finance Division at Palau Community College. Since then, she has earned a Master's Degree in Accounting and is now pursuing her second Master's Degree through the PACMED Palau Cohort 2.

PCC ENDOWMENT

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Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.