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CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP FOR PCC'S IT STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF





PNCC Representatives with PCC Students, Faculty, & Staff at Ptaches Building

In celebration of Cybersecurity Month in October, the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC), in collaboration with PCC's Information Technology (IT) Program and the Computer Services Division, conducted a cybersecurity workshop for IT students, faculty, and staff on October 16, 2026.

The event was led by Hannah Fakatou, Arianne Benhart, and Okeriil Kazuo of PNCC, along with PNCC interns and PCC graduates Auryn Benhart, Bilal Rengulbai, Tristan Bautista, and Righteous Adaba. The workshop included a brief lecture on cybersecurity awareness and a hands-on activity that focused on topics such as social engineering tactics and identifying threats, including phishing, ransomware, and other cybersecurity vulnerabilities. A special thank you to the PNCC team for an excellent workshop. We look forward to future collaborations.

(By: Director Yaoch and Computer Services Division)

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



PARENT DONATES FISH TO PCC CAFETERIA

The Palau Community College (PCC) community extends its sincere gratitude to the parents of PCC student Mr. Emil A. Leeman for their generous donation of a 21-pound wahoo to the PCC cafeteria on October 20, 2026.

According to Cafeteria Supervisor Gurney Umang, the fish was prepared and served that same evening to the 33 students residing in the PCC dormitories, providing them with a fresh and nutritious meal to enjoy.

This thoughtful contribution is especially appreciated given that quality fish, such as wahoo, has become increasingly difficult to find and expensive in local markets. The donation reflects the generosity and community spirit that help make PCC a caring and supportive environment for its students. Thank you for your generosity and for helping nourish the PCC community!

Palau Teachers Pathway workshop at PCC



REL PACIFIC MEMBERS WITH PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS FROM ACROSS PALAU

Educators and school leaders from private schools in Palau met for the seventh coaching session of the Developing a Schoolwide Data Environment to Support Teacher Effectiveness project, facilitated by the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Pacific. In this session, participants learned practical ways to use data and academic standards to improve teaching and help students achieve better results.During the workshop, participants learned the process of unpacking standards to better understand the knowledge and skills students must demonstrate. Through discussions and hands-on activities, school teams examined how standards-aligned data can support lesson planning, classroom instruction, and student assessment. The session reminded educators to keep using data to improve their work. By sharing ideas and working together, participants were encouraged to find ways to make teaching better and create a school culture that values using data to make decisions. This training is part of the ongoing partnership between REL Pacific and Palau's private schools to help local schools grow and support student success.

By: Dr. Sinton Soalablai, EdD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL 2026 BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS TEAMS!



TOP PICTURE: TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS--TEAM BALLERS--WITH COACH & PLAYER MCLANE MASAO
BOTTOM PICTURE: 2ND PLACE WINNERS--TEAM DUGONS--WITH COACH & PLAYER RIGHTEOUS ADABA

The Fall 2026 Basketball Intramural Tournament at Palau Community College (PCC) brought together students, staff, and alumni for an exciting display of teamwork, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit. The tournament opened with six determined teams ready to compete for the championship title: Team Voyagers, Team Spartans, Team Alins, Team Ballers, Team Dugons, and the Adult High School (HS) Team.

On October 19, 2026, the tournament entered the playoff round, featuring the top four teams: Ballers, Voyagers, Dugons, and Spartans. With a place in the championship game on the line, each team battled hard to advance. Following the playoff matchups, Team Ballers and Team Dugons secured their spots in the championship game, while Team Voyagers and Team Spartans went on to compete for third and fourth place.

The excitement continued on October 20, 2026, as Team Ballers faced Team Dugons in the highly anticipated championship match. Led by Coach and player Mclane Masao, Team Ballers delivered an impressive performance, defeating Team Dugons with a final score of 81–59 to claim the Fall 2026 Basketball Intramural Championship title. Team Dugons earned an admirable second-place finish after a strong tournament run.

Congratulations to Team Ballers on their championship victory and to Team Dugons for their outstanding performance! Congratulations also to Team Voyagers and Team Spartans for reaching the playoff round and competing for the tournament's third- and fourth-place positions.

PCC extends its appreciation to all participating teams, coaches, organizers, and supporters who helped make this tournament a success.

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

Closed On Sundays

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Online magazine available thru FLIPSTER





Dystinct Magazine focuses on publishing inspirational stories, coping experiences, and evidence-based content from experts for families and educators of children and adults with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, and dyspraxia.
Interested readers, stop by your PCC Tan Siu Lin Library to find out more on how to access Flispter.

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

CRE Celebrating World Food Day 2026





On October 16, 2026, PCC Continuing Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) joined the annual World Food Day celebration in Ngchesar State alongside local partners, the Palau Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environment (MAFE) and the Technical Mission of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Palau (TTM).The event brought together community members and students from across Palau, including Palau High School students and teachers, who enjoyed interactive games, activities, food sampling, and prize giveaways. PCC-CRE also distributed a variety of plants to interested farmers, including cacao, tomatoes, eggplants, and citrus.
World Food Day is observed annually on October 16 to commemorate the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945.

2026 PCC ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISER
NOVEMBER 25, 2026 (WED)

Tickets on SALE now!
$10 per ticket

@PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
OR CALL 488-2470 ext.251/252 FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Grand Prize: 14x24 Summer House!

PCC-CRE UPCOMING EVENT



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

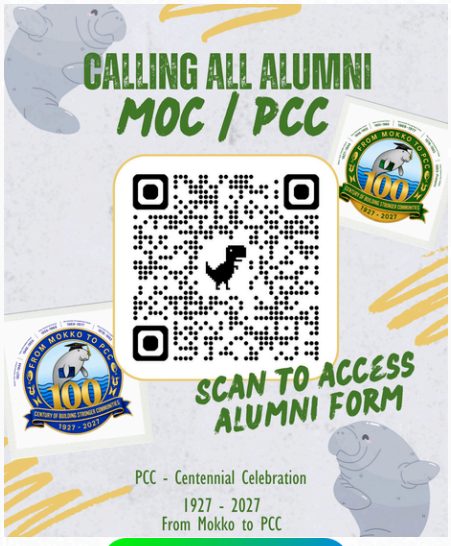


Workshop November 11-12th, Rock Islands Field Trip November 13th

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 23- October 31, 2026



Shaik Higa



Mary Banphis

Vacancy Announcement

(1) Administrative Assistant
Upward Bound Math & Science
Salary Range: $12,001 - $21,312 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



Mr. Harrison Umang graduated from PCC in the Spring of 2019 with a Degree Liberal Arts . He is currently the Data Tracking Coordinator at PCC's Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) and successfully earned a Bachelor's Degree from Sand Diego State University this May 2026.

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.