



Department for Enrollment Management & Student Services

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257 potential COM-FSM program completers, end-of-fall 2018

College to hold its 68th Commencement Exercises, December 19, 2018

The college's Registrar reported that there are 257 potential COM-FSM program completers, end-of-fall 2018, which is 22% higher (or 46 headcounts) compared to fall 2017. Of these 257 program completers: 158 are from the National Campus, 53 are from the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC), 33 are from Chuuk Campus, nine are from Kosrae Campus, and four are from Yap Campus.

According to the Registrar, "We also received advice from the program coordinator that there are three potential program completers, end-of-fall 2018, under the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, University of Guam and COM-FSM partnership program."



College awards \$3.5 Million Pell Grant to 1,285 students

Students received \$41,175.00 financial assistance from FSM National & State, including other scholarships

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that, as of November 21, 2018, it awarded \$3,550,946.50, Federal Pell Grant to 1,285 students (or 70%) of the 1,828 Pell eligible students registered this fall 2018 semester. Of the 1,926 (N) students enrolled this fall 2018, 1,828 (or 95% of N) students are Pell eligible.

Table 1.0. Fall 2018 Pell Grant, as of November 2018

Campus	Enrollment (N)	Pell Eligible (N1)	N1 in % of N	Pell Recipients (N2)	N2 in % of N1	Pell Award in US\$
National	920	876	95%	646	74%	\$ 1,871,602.50
CTEC	464	437	94%	328	75%	851,525
Chuuk	255	249	98%	138	55%	385,572
Kosrae	129	115	89%	84	73%	224,315
Yap	158	151	96%	89	59%	217,932
Total	1,926	1,828	95%	1,285	70%	\$ 3,550,946.50

If compared to fall 2017, the percentage of Pell eligible students who had been awarded Pell this semester as of November 2018 is lower by 16%. This semester, FAO started awarding Pell beginning the week of September 24-28, 2018.

According to the Director of FAO, "Some time in spring 2018, Business Office and FAO agreed on a timeline where the last day of the third week of the term as the cut-off schedule for all charges. This will allow timely postings of all fee assessments, bookstore charges, and other charge accounts, which will be fully completed by the end of the fifth week." Nevertheless, on November 20, 2018, Business Office and FAO met to discuss the low percentage of Pell eligible students who received their Pell as of reporting period, and to revisit the agreed timeline. To ensure the timely and just-in-time awarding of Pell, a new timeline was agreed where FAO will commence awarding Pell by the third week of the term.

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Agriculture and Water Quality by Johner Sehna. The full title of this presentation was "Agriculture, water quality and health in U and Madolenihmw municipalities." The study shows that a high percentage of people in the study area keep pigs which contributes to contamination of streams/rivers and resulting in high incidence of water-borne diseases. This reduces effectiveness of farming families in the two municipalities. The presentation recommended the promotion of dry-litter piggeries and the exploration of appropriate means of providing clean drinking water.



Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai was awarded a project titled "Enhancing Water Security and Climate Resilient Food systems for the Displaced Atoll Population in Yap" for a total of \$948,750.00 for the next three years. FSM Congress has yet to endorse the proposal, but is expected to do so in the special session in November 2018.

See a paper recently published on this theme at <https://bit.ly/2DfIX9B> in ENEA Journal: Energy, Environment and Innovation.



Dr. Lolita Ragus traveled to Pohnpei to participate in World Food Day 2018. Dr. Ragus conducted food demonstrations cooking more than ten recipes using local vegetables and food. The recipes included a kimchee appetizer, soup (sinigang, banana or breadfruit, or chicken tinola), breakfast dish (omelet with banana blossom), vegetable leaf chips from sweet potato, kangkong, and spinach), coconut cookies and pineapple jam and pineapple peel lemonade.



Yap Campus and FSM Fisheries & Maritime Institute

Academic Advisement/POW WOWs. POW WOWs were done in a much more structured way this semester. Each POW WOW meeting had its own set of objectives and outcomes. There were three POW WOW meetings this semester (At Risk, Early Warning, & Midterm). Attendance by students at these meetings were 81%, 80%, and 62% respectively. Advisors met at the end of each POW WOW to discuss ways to make improvements and have as many advisees in attendance. As a result, Yap has the lowest Mid-Term Deficiency rate around 27% while all other campuses are at 54% and higher.



2018 World Food Day. Yap Campus/CRE sponsored a booth at the 2018 World Food Day on October 19. The event is held annually on October 16, and people from around the world come together to declare their commitment to eradicate worldwide hunger from our lifetime. The theme of this year's event was "Our Actions Are Our Future: A #ZeroHunger World By 2030 is Possible." Yap CRE participated in the event showcasing a variety of locally produced fresh vegetables adopting small farm models. In addition to the CRE booth, the campus also shared information about the college programs and services as well as sold items from the bookstore.



FSM FMI faculty and staff are working and preparing for the SPC Audit at FMI December 10 – 12, 2018.

Fall 2018 course offerings and number of faculty

Campus	Number of Sections		Number of Faculty		
	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Full-Time	Part-Time	Volunteer
National	198	194	39	10	1
CTEC	114	100	25	3	
Chuuk	55	62	13	2	
Kosrae	43	40	8	5	
Yap	41	29	5	6	
Total	451	425	90	26	1

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Updates: Student Life

Co- and extra-curricular activities, SBA and clubs, social activities, and others

The Office of the Director of Student Life continues to coordinate and/or organize on- and off-campus co- and extracurricular activities geared at promoting students engagement. According to the Director of Student Life, "Student engagement, including extra-curricular activities, has a positive impact on student academic performance." From September 3 to November 12, 2018, Student Life organized the following co- and extra-curricular, including recreational activities, as follows:

- September 4, 2018, October 2, 2018, November 6, 2018, and December 4, 2018. **Trivia Night.** This activity is aimed at promoting friendly competition among students, interaction and engagement among and between students, faculty and staff, and new opportunities for learning.
- September 12, 2018. **Healthy Cooking Class.** Participated by 21 students and three staff members at Yap Campus, the activity is aimed at providing participants with opportunities to learning and knowledge about the value of fresh local food as compared to processed food, including learning how to cook with local food. The activity received an average rating of eight (out of 10) based on a survey administered.



- September 28, 2018. **Involvement Fair.** The activity is aimed at increasing student involvement and engagement, and providing opportunities for student organizations to showcase and promote their organizations, as well as recruit new members. Participated by 150 students at the National Campus, the activity received an average rating of 10 (out of 10) based on a survey administered.
- October 5, 2018, October 10, 2019, November 1, 2018, November 16, 2018, and November 30, 2018. **Campus Clean-Up.** The activity is aimed at promoting environmentalism and clean living on campus amongst and between student organizations.



- October 15-19, 2018. **Spirit Week-National Campus.** The one-week activity is aimed at promoting a sense of community among students, faculty and staff, which received an average rating of seven (out of 10) based on a survey administered.
- October 22-26, 2018. **Spirit Week-Kosrae Campus.** The one-week activity is aimed at promoting a sense of community among students, faculty and staff, which received an average rating of eight (out of 10) based on a survey administered.
- October 26, 2018. **Green Day, in collaboration with Kosrae State Government, Environment, Tourism and Health Sector.** This activity is aimed at promoting a sense of community between the college and Kosrae State government, environmentalism on and off campus, and student engagement and involvement.

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Meanwhile, FAO also reported that 42 students received \$41,175.00, of financial assistance from the FSM National & State scholarships, the Asian & Pacific Islanders American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), and the Rotary Club Scholarship. 22 students received \$21,250.00, from the FSM National Scholarship, one student received \$800.00, from Kosrae State Scholarship, 16 students received \$14,675.00, from Yap State Scholarship, two students received \$3,950.00 from APIASF, and one student received \$500.00, from Rotary Club Scholarship.



\$42,934.86 Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) to 49 students

576 students received \$100,813.50 received from the SEG Work Study Program

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that, as of November 7, 2018, it awarded \$42,934.86 Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) to 49 students enrolled this fall 2018. FAO further reported that 573 (or 29%) of the 1,969 students enrolled at the college and the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM FMI) this fall 2018.

Table 2.0. Fall 2018 SEG Work-Study Program

Campus	Enrollment (N)	Enrolled in the SEG Work-Study Program (N1)	N1 in % of N	SEG Work-Study in US\$
National	920	300	33%	\$ 60,424.50
CTEC	464	141	30%	20,208.25
Chuuk	255	46	18%	8,400.00
Kosrae	129	4	3%	194.75
Yap	158	42	27%	4,966.00
FSM FMI	43	43	100%	6,620.00
Total	1,969	576	29%	\$ 100,813.50

Meanwhile, FAO SEG Work-Study coordinator reported that nine US Veteran (VA) students enrolled in the US VA Work-Study Program at the National Campus, and received \$ 5,437.00, as of November 7, 2018. The US Work-Study Program is a program that pays an allowance to admitted and enrolled students who are using any VA Educational Benefit, such as Chapter 30 (or Montgomery Bill), Chapter 33 (or Post 9/11 GI Bill), Chapter 35 (or Dependents and Survivors Educational Assistance), Chapter 31 (or Vocational Rehabilitation), and Chapter 1606 (or Selective Reserve).

College completes 2018 Annual Campus Security & Safety Survey

Trainings on Clery Act, Title IX, interviewing witnesses, and incident report writing for campus security & safety officers

On September 18, 2018, the college completed the 2018 Campus Security & Safety Survey, in compliance with the The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and the Higher Education Act of 1965. The survey closed last October 17, 2018.

According to the college's Campus Security & Safety Supervisor, "The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or the Clery Act is a U.S. federal statute codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f), with implementing regulations in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at 34 C.F.R. 668.46. The collection of Clery crime and fire safety statistics is authorized by §485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §1092(f) and 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.46 and 668.49."

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- ▶ October 30, 2018. **Halloween Costume Contest-Kosrae Campus.** The activity is aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of foreign cultural celebrations.
- ▶ October 31, 2018. **Campus Clean-Up and Leadership Training.** Participated by 13 students and eight staff members, the activity is aimed at promoting environmentalism among students, faculty and staff at Chuuk Campus, and leadership for officers of the Student Body Association (SBA) and registered clubs. The activity received an average rating of seven (out of 10) based on a survey administered.



- ▶ October 31, 2018. **Halloween Monster Mash.** The activity is aimed at celebrating Halloween. 60 students and seven staff members at National Campus and CTEC participated in this activity. The activity received an average rating of seven (out of 10) based on a survey administered.
- ▶ November 12, 2018. **Halloween Fun Night.** The activity is aimed at fostering a sense of community among students, faculty and staff at Kosrae Campus. The activity received an average rating of seven (out of 10) based on a survey administered.



UPDATES Counseling & Tutoring Services

Counselors participated in the meeting on **Dropout Detective**, an application that can assist with identifying at-risk students so they can get timely assistance from faculty members, advisors, and support staff.

On October 13, 2018, counselors organized the **3rd Annual Tutors' Training/Workshop** in the Media and Instructional Technology Center (MITC). The training/workshop aimed to provide tutors a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities, and how their services impact the college's mission. Nine of the 11 tutors at the National and the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) participated in the training/workshop.

To provide assistance to students in various courses, such as English, Math, Social Sciences, Natural Science, Business, and others, seven tutors are contracted at the National Campus for fall 2018 semester.

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2018 Clery Crime Statistics and Fire Data report is available online, http://www.comfsm.fm/security/files/clery-stats/Crime_Data-National-2017.pdf.

Meanwhile, Timothy Fenlon of LawESS, Inc., and security & safety consultant, provided trainings on: (a) Clery Act and Title IX for campus security & safety officers at National Campus and the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC); and (b) interviewing witnesses and incident report writing for security and safety officers at Chuuk Campus.



Forum LECTURE SERIES

Student Life: Enrollment Management & Student Services

September 3, 2018, to November 12, 2018

- September 5, 2018. **Ryukyus University.** Representatives from Ryukyus University in Japan came and spoke with students about the study abroad opportunities available.
- September 7, 2018. **Inspi Concert.** Inspi, the visiting acapella group from Japan hosted a concert for students in collaboration and sponsored by the Japanese Embassy.
- September 12, 2018. **Coral Systems of Pohnpei.** Dr. Sonia Rowley, visiting biologist from Hawaii spoke with students about her research on coral reefs in the Pacific, highlighting the work she has been doing in and around the island of Pohnpei.
- October 1, 2018. **EducationUSA: Temple University.** Nathan Crowe, the Director of Overseas Admissions at Temple University in Japan Skyped with students about the university and its curricular offerings, including admissions and financial aid processes.
- October 3, 2018. **Kiribati.** As part of the "Diversity is Adversity Lecture Series," Tetaake Yeeting spoke with students about Kiribati, highlighting its cultural customs, holidays, and important historical items to note.
- October 10, 2018. **Micronesia Rising.** Yolanda Joab-Mori, Vidalino Raatior, and Shanty Sigrah-Asher spoke with students about PREL's efforts to expand Micronesian-driven projects for Micronesians.
- October 19, 2018. **University of Guam.** Dr. Sharam Khosrowpahah, Interim Dean and Professor of Civil Engineering, conducted a presentation about the programs offered by University of Guam's School of Engineering.
- October 26, 2018. **EducationUSA: Eastern Oregon University. (EOU)** Genesis Meaderds, a visiting admission counselor from Eastern Oregon University, came to speak with students about EOU's programs, and its admissions and financial aid processes.
- October 29, 2018. **Cybersecurity.** The US Embassy, featuring guest speakers: Robert Boylan, US Embassy Computer Management Specialist, and Robert Cole, Retired FBI Special Agent, spoke with students about the importance of cybersecurity, including social media, password security, identity theft, and others.
- November 7, 2018. As part of the "Diversity is Adversity Lecture Series," Pastor Walter John spoke with students about Sri Lanka, highlighting its cultural customs, holidays, and important historical items to note.



Center for Entrepreneurship

PWGB Program: Series of Business Skill Workshops

The Center for Entrepreneurship collaborated with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) to host a Tax Filing, Social Security and Customs Procedure Workshop under the Pohnpei Women Growing Business (PWGB) project. Over 80 individuals participated in the event including members from the local community, COM-FSM's Business Division students, and Associates from the Center for Entrepreneurship.

According to the Center's Executive Director, "We were privileged to have representatives from the offices of Social Security, Revenue & Tax, and Customs & Tax Administration present their offices' functions and roles in the local economy. Many questions were raised and suggestions were brought forth concerning the future of the FSM' economy and dependence on the Private Sector. This workshop marked the conclusion to a series of business skill workshops collaborated with SPC under the PWGB program."