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FAICHUK WINS ACADEMIC TALENT SHOWDOWN

Congratulations to the Faichuk students for winning the Academic Talent Showdown last week Friday afternoon, December 1. They won 1st place with 61 points, just 4 points ahead of both Southern Namoneas and Northwest students who amassed 57 points each region.

It was a revival of two prior showdowns — in 2013 and 2014. So, bonus congratulations go to the Faichuk students because they won the 2014 showdown and were runners-up in the 2013 competition. It shows that Faichuk has staying power!

The Showdown coordinators were Wilson Bisalen and Ryian Raymond. Quizmistress was Lynn Sipenuk, and the three judges were Mixon Jonas, Miuty Nokar, and Robertson Albert. Scorekeeper was Danie Mamangon, with two assistants Reckson Reitaun and Lucia Sana.

About 100 students (more than 40% of our entire student body) participated in the two-hour event. Good show!☺

PLACE	2013	2014
1st	MK	FK
2nd	FK	NW
3rd	NN	MK



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Dec)

- Dec 5 (T): **Last Day of Instruction**
- Dec 6-8 (W-F): **Final Exams**
- Dec 9 (Sat): **SBA Christmas Barbecue and Party**
- Dec 12 (T): **Final Grades Submission Deadline**
- Dec 25 (M): **Christmas Day (no holiday for students)**
[Just joking — It's a holiday. Have a good one!]

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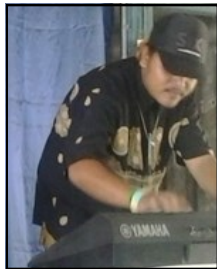
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Chuuk Campus News

SBA EQUALITY DAY: A TIME OF JOY AND HAPPINESS

You should have attended the SBA Equality Day event at the Student Center! If you did not, you really missed out on something grand. Held on Friday, November 24, 12noon to 1pm, it went 45 minutes over until 1:45pm, by demand of students in attendance. They did not want their time of joy and happiness to end so soon.

Theme = Gender Equity. SBA Treasurer Kachuo Matus took the lead as master of ceremonies. Most of the other SBA officers did their share of hosting the event: opening remarks by Secretary Jackie Trye, recitation of the mission statement led by Sports Manager Kaseler Manny, declaration of Equality Day by President Ryian Raymond, and closing remarks by Vice-President Ioster Ifenuk. The highlight was a duet-singing competition. Winners were Rampus Oikawa and Daisy Robert. Live entertainment was provided by our own campus-based band: Robert Rayphand, Jercy Nowell, and Vin Decola Frank Robert. A few bold students went onto the stage as well to dance! T-shirts were also distributed to many lucky persons.



A tidy luncheon of bread, ham, and turkey salad was served to as many students as possible. Food was available for 60 persons, not quite enough for 80 persons who attended the event. That was a bit disappointing, but everyone present was filled with and satisfied by the spirit of post-Thanksgiving and pre-



Christmas. Remember: Man does not live by bread alone (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3). Thanks, SBA!@



COM-FSM Chuuk Campus CORE VALUE: EXCELLENCE

Excellence! Sounds like an A+. Like A+ staff, A+ faculty, A+ students, A+ campus. It may seem like an impossible dream, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?

So, **dream big, set goals, and take action** — we will achieve excellence.

How? Well, we are lucky that one of COM-FSM's core values is "excellence" — a worthy principle or standard for us to accept and follow. Moreover, there are three best practices of excellence:

- Aim to meet or exceed standards of best practices;
- Hold yourself accountable to high performance standards; and
- Set goals and endeavor to exceed them.

Let's apply these practices at Chuuk Campus — for students and also for instructors.

First, students. You are called "students" because your task is to study. You have a choice — to study a little bit, or to study a lot. If you study just a little bit, then your aim is to get a passing grade of C. If you study a lot, then your aim is to get an excellent grade of A. Choose — and choose wisely. If you aim low, then you do not hold yourself accountable to high standards. You are satisfied with minimum achievement of low personal standards. Under-achiever. Your goals in life are low, and you will do little to help your family or your community in the future.

"The Impossible Dream"

(from the play "Man of La Mancha" (1972))

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star.

This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far.
To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march into Hell
For a heavenly cause.

And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest.
And the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable star.



"Ah, but a man's reach
should exceed his grasp.
Or what's a heaven for?"

Robert Browning (1812-1889)
English poet



Now, instructors. You are called "instructors" because your task is to instruct. You also have a choice — to instruct a little bit, or to instruct a lot. If you instruct just a little bit, then your aim is to earn a salary. If you instruct a lot, then your aim is to help students succeed in life. Choose — and choose wisely. If you aim low, then you do not belong at Chuuk Campus. You are satisfied with minimum achievement of low personal standards. Leave Chuuk Campus. Your goals in life are low, and you will do more harm than help.

Two English words come to mind — "**satisfied**" and "**satisfactory**". The first word means to be happy, contented with what you do or have. The second word means adequate, good enough. If you feel satisfied with satisfactory results, then you do not strive to be excellent. After all, excellence is much higher than satisfactory.

There are people on campus — students and faculty, as well as others — who are satisfied with satisfactory. They do not strive for excellence. They do not believe in the COM-FSM core value of excellence. Sad.

Always strive for excellence, and never be satisfied with satisfactory. ⊕

12x12 WORD SEARCH by Alton Higashi

L	A	I	G	E	L	L	O	C	C	I	E
D	A	M	N	X	R	A	M	O	U	N	T
E	P	N	O	T	R	A	M	S	O	T	A
V	A	M	O	R	R	M	H	I	M	E	C
E	T	U	E	I	U	I	T	S	A	R	I
L	H	N	B	N	S	A	N	O	J	A	N
O	W	I	I	S	V	S	D	S	I	C	U
P	A	T	R	I	N	S	E	O	I	T	M
M	Y	Y	T	C	O	M	D	F	J	C	M
E	V	O	R	P	M	I	I	M	O	J	O
N	M	L	R	U	F	N	U	O	M	R	C
T	R	A	I	N	I	N	G	R	O	U	P

There are 19 words, each five letters or more, in this word search —
all related to our five Core Values — plus MOJO.

Find and circle all 20 words:

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| AMOUNT | COLLEGIAL | COMMUNICATE | COMMUNITY | DEVELOPMENT |
| EXTRINSIC | GROUP | GUIDED | IMPROVE | INTERACT |
| INTRINSIC | MOJO | MOTIVATION | PATHWAY | PROFESSIONAL |
| SHARE | SMART | TRAINING | TRIBE | UNFURL |

DREAM BIG

talk the talk

SET GOALS

talk the walk

TAKE ACTION

walk the walk

I AM GOOD FOR YOU!

BEANS

by Robert Rayphand (PY 101, Fall Semester 2017)

(1) I'm super-brainy!



(2) In fact, my entire family is the No. 2 "brain food".



(3) Who am I?



(4) If you eat me, you'll be brainy too.



(5) I am, of course, your friendly Bean. ☺



MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: MCAHNY (?) PARTY

Our first Chuuk Campus party of 2018 is already scheduled for Saturday, January 13, next year! It is the MCAHNY Party for administrators, staff, and faculty. Thinking ahead — that is good.

Our Chuuk Campus Management Council met on Wednesday, November 29, in the Dean's Conference Room and agreed to have the party. Yosko Kim has tentatively been assigned to coordinate plans for the party.

Also, thinking and planning ahead — Roger Arnold spearheads an ad hoc committee to plan for Chuuk Campus activities in celebration of the 25th anniversary of COM-FSM. He reported to the Management Council that the committee has ideas for a number of possible activities. One will be the Fishing Derby. Although the Fishing Derby was originally scheduled for December 13, it is being postponed until next year when it becomes a campus-based activity as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration.

A point is explained. MCAHNY means Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Members of the Management Council are Chairman Kind Kanto, Mixon Jonas, Marie Moripitiol, Ben Akkin, Roger Arnold, Wilson Bisalen, Memorina Yesiki, Mike Abbe, and SBA President Ryian Raymond. ☺

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chuuk Campus Assessment Committee met on Thursday, November 30, in the Dean's Conference Room. The primary discussion was on the Committee's Terms of Reference (TOR).

The TOR is similar to by-laws. Our policy is that every committee must prepare and adopt its own TOR. Members reviewed a draft TOR and scrutinized several articles (sections). Of major concern was Committee membership — how many members, their selection, and tenure.

The draft TOR will be re-drafted by ex-officio Secretary Alton Higashi and submitted back to the Committee by email for review and further discussion in January 2018.

Another discussion point was on planning for training of all Chuuk Campus employees. An essential conclusion was that employees' performance of duties and responsibilities does not measure student learning. To say that a person does his job is not a guarantee that students learn anything from what he does. We need to transform duties and responsibilities into measurable student learning outcomes.

Members of the Assessment Committee are Chairman Miuty Nokar, Vice-Chairman Wilson Bisalen, Kind Kanto, Mixon Jonas, Rick Chiwi, and Danie Mamangon. ☺

BEST WISHES TO STUDENTS ON THE FINAL EXAMS

Life is always filled with choices. Students, your final exams are scheduled December 6-8, and you have a choice between doing well on the finals or not doing well. So, which **emoji** (right) reflects the way you feel about yourselves on the outcome of your final exams?

If you studied hard and well during the entire semester, then you may look just like the smiling emoji. However, if you did not study hard, then you may look like the frowning emoji.

Remember — the smiling emoji gets As and Bs, while the frowning emoji gets Ds and Fs.

Ah, yes, life is always filled with choices — to have a safe and joyous MCAHNY and to return to Chuuk Campus for the Spring Semester 2018, eager to learn more; or to waddle through life, never knowing the straight road to success and excellence. The choice is yours to make. ☺



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