

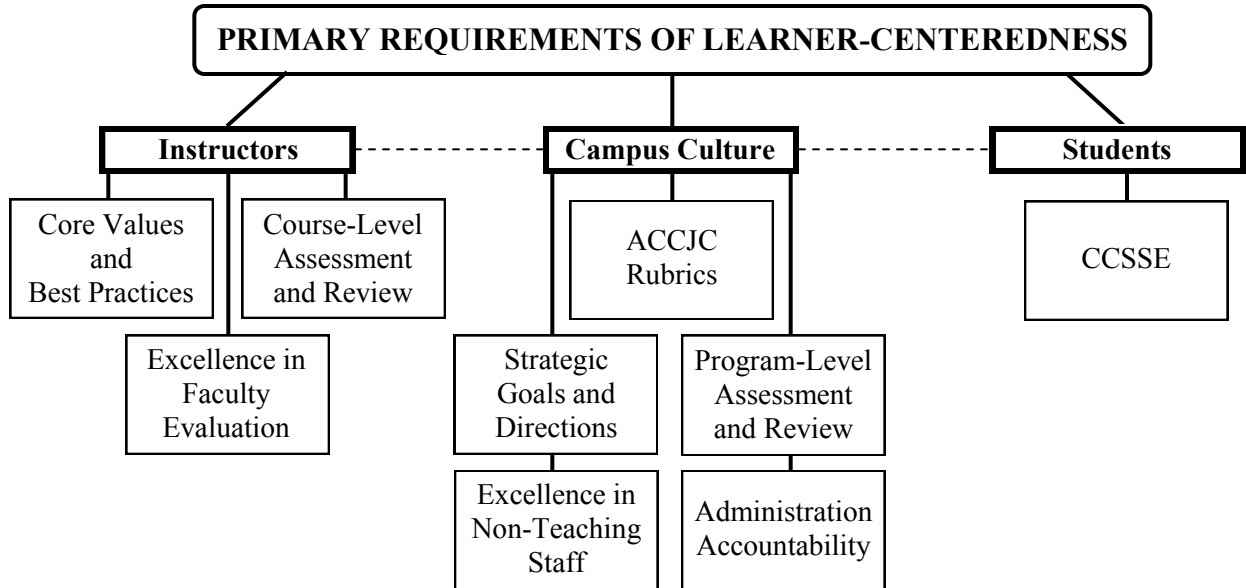
# COM-FSM CORE VALUE: LEARNER-CENTEREDNESS

*The College of Micronesia-FSM is a **learner-centered** institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.*

One of COM-FSM’s five core values is **learner-centeredness**. What is it, and why is it a value? Two simple questions with complex answers.

- First, **it is an educational approach in the teaching-learning relationship**. Whatever we do on campus, we must always ask ourselves, “*How do our attitudes and actions help students?*” For instance, when we want a pay raise, we must justify it as a benefit for STUDENTS.
- Second, the importance or usefulness of learner-centeredness is spreading throughout the world. That is why the importance of our actions can only be measured by how much students learn from our attitudes and actions. For instance, employees (such as instructors) cannot say that we are performing our duties and responsibilities, if and when students fail to learn from us.

COM-FSM now has policies, procedures, and regulations to move us toward learner-centeredness. Look at the diagram below. It is an overview of COM-FSM’s primary requirements of learner-centeredness.



To succeed at Chuuk Campus, all of us — administrators, staff, faculty, and students alike — must fulfill these requirements. Let us hope that we all understand the information in the chart. So, students, if you need help in understanding the chart, (1) ask your instructors, (2) ask all employees, and (3) ask yourselves. If we are failing, do not point fingers at others. Better to succeed — all of us. ☺

Failure is not an option when success is your destination.

## DO YOU POINT YOUR FINGERS AT OTHERS?

Are you a finger-pointer? Is that the way you blame others for something gone wrong? That is a nasty habit common to some people on campus. You may be angry or upset because something goes wrong. So, you blame others. Well, be careful. Every time when you point your finger at someone else, you have three hidden fingers pointing right back at you!

Maybe you should blame yourself three times before you blame someone else once. ☺



**10x10 WORD SEARCH** by Morean Meyshine (PY 101, Psychology)

I	G	L	I	T	E	R	A	C	Y
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N	H	C	O	R	T	E	X	E	T
Y	R	O	E	H	T	I	Y	U	I
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There are 16 words, each with 6-9 letters, in this word search. They come from PY 101 (Psychology). Find and circle all 16 words from the list below:

- ACTION
- ACTIVITY
- ANXIETY
- APATHY
- CORTEX
- IMAGERY
- LECTURE
- LITERACY
- NEURAL
- PHYSICAL
- SEARCH
- SENSATION
- SPEAKS
- SYNAPSE
- TALENT
- THEORY

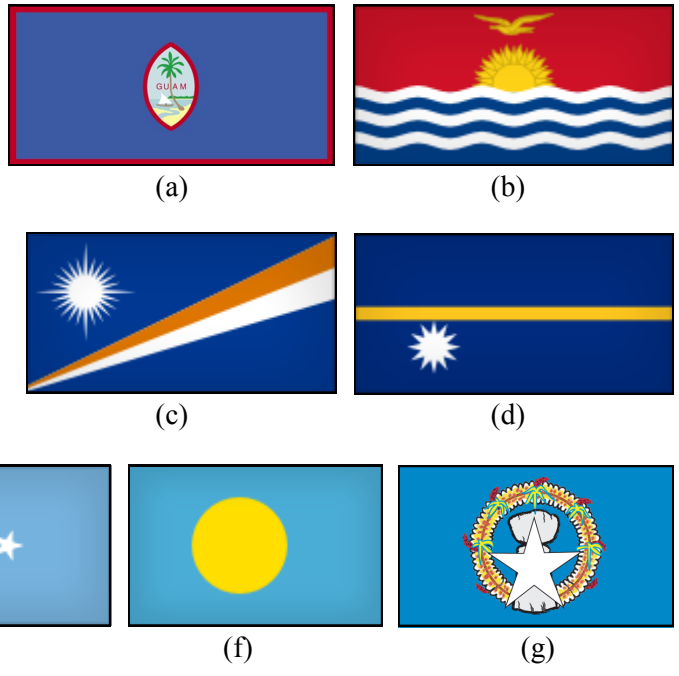
**MICRONESIAN FLAGS**

There are seven political entities in the region called Micronesia. They are, as follows:

- Republic of **PALAU** (ROP)
- U.S. Territory of **GUAM**
- U.S. Commonwealth of the **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS** (CNMI)
- Federated States of **MICRONESIA** (FSM)
- Republic of the **MARSHALL ISLANDS** (RMI)
- Republic of **NAURU**
- Independent Republic of **KIRIBATI**.

Each entity has its own official flag, as shown here. Now, identify each entity by its flag. Find out if you know Micronesia.

The correct answers are found on page 6. ☹



# I AM GOOD FOR YOU!

## APPLE

by Kachuo Matus (PY 101, Fall Semester 2017)

(1) I'm the best fruit in the world. Can you find me below?



(2) I'm the Apple.



(3) Everybody likes me! No, everybody LOVES me!



(4) After all, I'm delicious and nutritious. My friends love me!



(5) Now, eat me!





## MORE ABOUT PLAY — AT ANY AGE

“Let them play!” So it was written in an article in Meseiset (Vol. 5, No. 7, October 25, 2017, p. 6). Who will play? Children, of course! Only children? Well, there is a COM-FSM instructor at the National Campus in Palikir, Pohnpei, who would claim that adults play as well. He is, of course, correct. The instructor is Dana Lee Ling (in the Math and Science Division). He says in an email message to the Meseiset editor, “*Play is not just for children. When I run and juggle here in Pohnpei, I am playing, and having fun....Play keeps us young.*”



Dana

Run **and** juggle? Well, Dana calls it “**joggling**” — jogging and juggling at the same time. Look at the photo of Dana’s joggling (right) in the streets of Kolonia. He does it, and he does it well!



Shaw

To bolster his claim, Dana also sent an engaging quotation (left, below) from a British writer, George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925. In line with Shaw’s idea, maybe that is why 58-year-old Dana plays to stay young. At any age!



Maybe that is why our own Kind Kanto and Danie Mamangon both look young — they play tennis. It is doubtful that they joggle, but they enjoy playing (tennis). Maybe that is also why our own Alton Higashi looks old — he does not play anything, except watching DVD movies at home.

Now, let us go back to playing. Pre-school children play — naturally. Parents need to make available to their own children at home a variety of toys. These are not at all expensive toys, because we can make them, as Third-Year students in Teacher Preparation learn in ED 301a. What appears to be just having fun for pre-school children is actually learning self-regulating and social skills. Never underestimate the value of play! ☺



### MICRONESIAN FLAGS (page 4)

(e) FSM, (f) Palau, and (g) Northern Marianas.  
(a) Guam, (b) Kiribati, (c) Marshalls, (d) Nauru.

#### Scores on the Flags Quiz

- All 7 correct: You might be qualified to become the FSM president-elect!
- 5-6: You might be able to serve one-term as the FSM ambassador to Washington, D.C.
- 4 correct: You deserve an F in SS 150 (History of Micronesia).
- 3 or fewer: How did you pass the COMET to enroll at COM-FSM? Did you cheat?

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