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## Reminders

### CHUUK

July 12 Last Day of Instructions  
 July 13-14 Final Exams  
 July 18 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors  
 August 1 Fall Semester Begins  
 August 1-5 Freshmen Orientation  
 August 1-5 Faculty Workshops  
 August 8 Freshmen Course Selection  
 August 9-11 Registration  
 August 15 First Day of Instruction  
 August 19 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
 August 22 Class List Due from Instructors

### KOSRAE

July 12 Last Day of Instructions  
 July 13-14 Final Exams  
 July 18 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors  
 August 1 Fall Semester Begins  
 August 1-5 Freshmen Orientation  
 August 1-5 Faculty Workshops  
 August 8 Freshmen Course Selection  
 August 9-11 Registration  
 August 15 First Day of Instruction  
 August 19 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
 August 22 Holiday - Kosrae Gospel Day  
 August 23 Class List Due from Instructors

### POHNPEI and NATIONAL

July 12 Last Day of Instructions  
 July 13-14 Final Exams  
 July 18 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors  
 August 1 Fall Semester Begins  
 August 1-5 Freshmen Orientation  
 August 1-5 Faculty Workshops  
 August 8 Freshmen Course Selection  
 August 9-11 Registration  
 August 15 First Day of Instruction  
 August 19 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
 August 22 Class List Due from Instructors

### YAP

July 12 Last Day of Instructions  
 July 13-14 Final Exams  
 July 18 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors  
 August 1 Fall Semester Begins  
 August 1-5 Freshmen Orientation  
 August 1-5 Faculty Workshops  
 August 8 Freshmen Course Selection  
 August 9-11 Registration  
 August 15 First Day of Instruction  
 August 19 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
 August 22 Class List Due from Instructors

### FSM-FMI

July 26 Last Day of Instruction  
 July 28-29 Final Exams  
 August 2 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

## National Campus is Venue for 27th PEC July Conference

The college's National campus was home for the 27th Pacific Education Conference (PEC) from July 19 – 21, 2011. The conference was sponsored by the Pohnpei Department of Education (DOE), Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) and COM-FSM. PEC is one of the largest educational conferences in the Western Pacific and a major source of professional development opportunities for educators with delegates from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM, Guam, Hawaii, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau. During the three-day conference, participants attended different workshop sessions. Skill-building sessions were available where participants were trained on developing skills that they



PEC delegates from the Marshall Islands parade with their flag during the opening ceremonies.

can immediately put to use in their work settings. Awareness sessions provided information on best classroom practices and current education legislation and programs. Networking sessions provided opportunities to exchange ideas and develop professional relationships.

## College Holds Staff Development Day for Kosrae Campus

The College of Micronesia-FSM recognized its Kosrae Campus faculty and staff during the July 22, 2011, Staff Development Day. Skipper Ittu, an Associate Professor of English, received the Faculty of the Year Award. According to information collected to justify his selection, Ittu was selected due to his dedication to teaching more English courses than required for many years. He also helps the Upward Bound program with its English curriculum for summer and Saturday classes. His involvement in college preparation programs was credited toward narrowing the learning gap of students enrolling at the college. Other faculty and staff were also recognized during the ceremony. They include Latika Raisinghani for Community Service Award, Tara Y Tara for Innovative Idea Award, Nena Mike for Students' Choice Award, Edna Martinez for Staff of the Year Award, Arthur Jonas and Dr Verinda Mohan Verma for



Staff from Kosrae Campus attending the Staff Development Day

Professional Recognition Award and Annie Esau, Kalwin Kephias, Dr Verma, and Teodoro Bueno for Good Health Award. Faculty and staff were also recognized for their terms of service at the college's Kosrae Campus. They include Latika Raisinghani, Nestor Acosta, and Teodoro Bueno for serving the college for five years, Rosalinda Bueno for serving the college for ten years and Ranson Tilfas and Kalwin Kephias for 15 years.

## College of Micronesia- FSM Endowment Fund

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## Editor's Notes

The 2011 – 2013 edition of the College of Micronesia-FSM General Catalog is currently with the printers in Guam. The estimated arrival schedule for the printed copies is during the first two weeks of August. Contributors were still requesting to make changes way beyond the submission timeline. All these last minute requests to make changes contributed to this delay. However, we are pleased to present you this edition of the COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter. I would like to thank Kioshy Phillip and Kalwin Kephars for directly contributing to this edition. I would also like to thank the members of the President's Cabinet who continued to share information prior to Cabinet meetings. Your information sharing is one of the major sources of information for this publication. We continue to thank our contributors and encourage others to consider doing the same.

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## Campus-wide Briefs

### FSM-FMI Enrollment Growing

The FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute is expecting an enrollment of about 60 students this year. This is a steady increase from last year's record enrollment of 53 students. More than 50% were new students. The same trend continues this year with an expected enrollment of 31 new students. On May 17, twenty-two students took part in a graduation ceremony. Eight majored in navigation, seven in marine engineering and seven in fishing technology.

### FACCSO and JEMCO Recommendations on Academic Programs Reviewed

Resolutions from the FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACCSO) and the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) for the separation of academic programs and career and technical programs were discussed by the college and the FSM Department of Education. Plans were formulated to address these recommendations which include scholarship allocations that take into consideration support for credit and non credit delivery of technical and trades training. The FSM Department of Education asked the college to submit costing for non credit delivery for trades and technology, agriculture, hospitality and tourism management programs. The Pohnpei Campus Trades and Technology Division is collaborating with the director of vocational and continuing education in this effort which is also aimed at encouraging

the continuity and alignment of programs from high school, to the college, then on to the Center for Micronesian Empowerment.

### National Campus Students Participate in PPA's Mock Airport Disaster Exercise

Seven students from the National Campus participated in an airport disaster exercise held last June 16, 2011, at the Pohnpei airport. The students, along with other volunteers, acted as crash victims during the exercise that was conducted by the Pohnpei Port Authority (PPA).

### College Installs Backup Power Generator for Classrooms

The college has installed a backup power generator for classroom buildings A and B at the National Campus

in response to the unexpected power outages on Pohnpei. According to Pohnpei State Governor, John Ehsa, the current outages have to do with the inability of the utility company to generate enough power to supply to the power needs of the entire island.

### College Bids Farewell to Former VPIA Jean Thoulag at Lunch

Faculty and staff from the national and Pohnpei campuses attended a farewell luncheon for Jean Thoulag last July 29, 2011, at J's Ocean Side Restaurant in Mwalok, Sokehs. Jean was the vice president for instructional affairs until July 29, 2011,

the effective date of her resignation. Jean intends to return to the college later as a teaching faculty.

### Old SSSP Building Becomes New Nursing Lab and AHEC Office

The Nursing Program staff has converted the old Student Support Services Program office at the National Campus into a modern training laboratory for nurses. This new change is made in preparation for the commencement of Nursing Program during the fall 2011 semester. Hospital beds, maternity labor beds and other hospital equipments were installed in the new lab. According to the Nursing Program Coordinator and

Instructor, Kathleen Benjamin, most of these hospital equipments were donated by MAHI International, a Christian-driven non-profit organization based out of Southern California, with the

mission to increase the quality of life of the people in underdeveloped communities.

### Construction of National Campus Covered Walkways Continues

The college has commenced the construction of covers over its walkways at the National Campus. This project aims to ensure that access between the National Campus buildings is not hindered by extreme weather conditions. The project will continue at different sections of the campus simultaneously in order to ensure that access to all buildings is not obstructed. Construction has commenced at all inter-building walkways

except at the walkways between the Learning Resources Center and classrooms A & B. Faculty, staff, students and the general public are urged to follow warning tapes and signs to avoid personal injuries or unnecessary delays to the project.

### The Latest Edition of Catalog is Online

The 2011-2013 edition of the College of Micronesia-FSM General Catalog is available online at <http://www.comfsm.fm/publications/index.html>. This new edition includes the new sexual harassment policy for students and the addition of an index and maps sections for the national and state campuses. Printed copies will be made available during the month of August.

### Interim President Appoints Harriss as new ALO

The COM-FSM Interim President, Mr Ringlen Ringlen, has appointed Frankie Harriss as the new Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for the college effective July 11, 2011. Ms Harriss is a member of the college faculty at the National Campus, where she also serves as the chairperson for the Math and Natural Sciences Division. According to the interim president, the new ALO will discontinue her teaching and chairpersonship responsibilities until April 2012, to focus on her new duties as ALO. Ms Harris succeeded Mr Jon Berger, who became ALO August of last year.



*The newly installed generator at the national campus with its newly constructed housing.*

## News & Information

### College Hosts Farewell Dinner for President James

The College of Micronesia-FSM hosted a dinner party for former President Spensin James at J's Ocean Side Restaurant in Mwalok last July 22, 2011. Over 30 participants from the board of regents, administration, faculty and staff on Pohnpei attended the event. The former president thanked everybody who attend the event and reiterated a comment given by Regent Kasio Mida that the college focuses its efforts on removing itself from the probation sanction. Spensin James served as president of the college for almost seven years. He started working at the college as a science instructor back in July 1977, up to August 1980, before becoming the chairperson of the Math and Natural Science Division in August 1982, up to November 1992. Spensin served the college as vice president for instructional affairs back in November 1992, up to March 2004, before becoming president. Spensin is now an instructor at the college and will be teaching under the Math and Natural Sciences Division as a marine science instructor.



Executive Assistant to the President Norma Edwin presents the token of appreciation to Spensin James



Master of Ceremonies Joe Saimon reads the message written to the card given to Spensin James by the college community.

### Accrediting Commission Places College on Probation

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior (ACCJC) placed the College of Micronesia-FSM on probation and required the college to submit a follow-up report by March 15, 2012. According to ACCJC policies, the accreditation status of the college continues during the probation period. The decision to issue a sanction to the college was made by the commission during their June 8-10, 2011, meeting where the commissioners reviewed the follow-up report submitted by the college and the report of the team that visited the college on April 11-13, 2011. The effective date of the probationary period was June 30, 2011, and

will continue until the commission reviews the college's March 15, 2012, follow-up report and arrive at another decision. According to the action letter from ACCJC President, Barbara Beno, probation is issued when the commission finds that an institution deviates significantly from the commission's eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, or policies or fails to respond to conditions imposed upon it by the commission. The reports by the college, the visiting team and the commission's action letter are available online at <http://www.comfsm.fm/accreditation/archives.html>.

### Four Complete Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Program

The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management at the National Campus announced that it has recently produced four graduates. The four earned their Associate of Science degrees this semester in General Agriculture and Natural Resource Management. They include Elfred Albert, Betty Edwards, Rosa Silbanuz and Meryln Elias. This program prepares graduates for careers in agriculture, environmental management and for other related fields.



Kiyoshi Phillip(top middle) with the graduate students of agriculture division.

## Recognition Wall

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- FSM Dept. of Transportation Communication & Infrastructure
- FSM Development Bank
- Former FSM President Jacob Nena

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## GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

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## Our Mission

Historically diverse, uniquely Micronesian and globally connected, the College of Micronesia-FSM is a continuously improving and student centered institute of higher education. The college is committed to assisting in the development of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic, career and technical educational opportunities for student learning

## Human Resources

### Employment Opportunities at COM-FSM

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President  
 Vice President for Instructional Affairs  
 Instructor- Nursing Program  
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 English Instructor(2 Positions)  
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**Pohnpei**

English Instructor  
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**Chuuk**

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**Yap**

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# Presidential Search

## Announcement

The College of Micronesia-FSM, an institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, is seeking a visionary, dynamic, and inspirational leader who can make a difference at the college and in the communities it serves. The larger community is the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), a nation of 607 islands scattered across approximately a million square miles of the western Pacific Ocean. Each of four states of the federation – Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae – has its own unique language, culture, and needs. The college has a key role in the development of the Federated States of Micronesia. Like the nation, the college is geographically extensive. The national campus located in Palikir, Pohnpei, and the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute located in Yap state serve students from all four states, while the four state campuses, one in each state, primarily serve the residents of that state.

**Confidential inquires may be made to Norma Edwin or Rencelly Nelson at (691) 320-2481 or visit:**

<http://www.comfsm.fm/jobs/positions/2011/2011-050.html>

### New Hires at the College

<p><b>FMI</b>                  Michael Mailau - Instructor</p> <p><b>YAP/UB</b>                  Serphin Ilesuyalo, Student Services Specialist II</p>	<p><b>Chuuk/UB</b>                  Elaine Billimon, Administrative Assistant</p>
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