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Reminders

CHUUK

September 1 Deadline for Applications for Mid-Year Graduation
September 12 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from Instructors
September 30 Holiday - Chuuk Constitution Day (observed)
October 3-4 Mid-term Evaluations
October 7 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors
October 21 Last Day to Withdraw with "W"
October 24 Holiday - United Nations Day
Oct 31 - Nov 4 Early Registration for Continuing Students

KOSRAE

September 1 Deadline for Applications for Mid-Year Graduation
September 8 Holiday - Kosrae Liberation Day
September 12 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from Instructors
October 3-4 Mid-term Evaluations
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October 24 Holiday - United Nations Day (observed)
Oct 31 - Nov 4 Early Registration for Continuing Students

POHNPEI and NATIONAL

September 1 Deadline for Applications for Mid-Year Graduation
September 13 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from Instructors
September 12 Holiday - Pohnpei Liberation Day (observed)
October 3-4 Mid-term Evaluations
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October 24 Holiday - United Nations Day

YAP

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College Holds Nursing Program Open House at the College's National Campus in Palikir

The College of Micronesia-FSM held an open house ceremony for its Nursing Program at the college's National Campus on September 9, 2011. The program now has a nursing laboratory located at the old Student Support Service Program facility. Government and health officials, foreign dignitaries and members of the college community were present during the ceremony. According to former Vice President for Instructional Affairs, Jean Thoulag, the nursing program is the product of a six-year planning and development effort between many parties. Most of the funding for the program was provided through the Area Health Education Center (AHEC). According to Jean, there is still need for support from the governments and health sectors to maintain the program's stability. The COM-FSM Career Pathways in Nursing is a multi-entry, multi-exit program that prepares practical nurses (PN) and registered nurses (RN) with the theoretical and clinical foundations for educational and career mobility in nursing, including advanced placement for currently licensed practical nurses. The Associate of Science Degree prepares nurses with the fundamentals to articulate into baccalaureate and masters degree education. The program also prepares graduates to practice nursing in a variety of health care settings in the Pacific Islands. The core competencies integrate evidence-based practice with health promotion, acute, and chronic care of individuals across the lifespan, families, villages, and communities. The nursing curriculum is adapted from the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE.org) model. The emphasis on culture and



Nursing Program Coordinator Kathy Benjamin demonstrates how to use some of the nursing program equipment.



Former VPIA Jean Thoulag addresses the crowd during the Open House celebration.

caring is adapted from the work of American Indian tribal college nursing programs. The philosophy and organizing framework for the programs are published in the COM-FSM Nursing Student Handbook. Also present at the ceremony were Marcus Samo of the FSM Health Department, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Mr Peter Prahar, Japan Ambassador to the FSM Mr Eiichi Suzuki, staff from the People's Republic of China Embassy, COM-FSM Interim President Ringlen Ringlen, faculty, staff and students. Participants at the event were given the opportunity to enter the nursing lab and to observe the students showcase what they have learned.

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Editor's Notes

The 2011 – 2013 edition of the College of Micronesia-FSM General Catalog is finally printed and copies are distributed at all campuses. We at the Development and Community Relations Office are shifting our focus toward completing our assessment reports and work planning as part of the implementation of the new job audit. In the meantime, we will continue to update you on the current affairs of the College through this newsletter, our press releases and online news and information, the College of Micronesia – FSM (Official) Facebook page and the College of Micronesia Alumni Facebook group. An electronic copy of the current edition of the general catalog is available online at <http://www.comfsm.fm/publications/index.html> and archived copies of this newsletter are available at <http://www.comfsm.fm/dcr/camppub.html>. We continue to thank our contributors and encourage others to consider doing the same.

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Campus-wide Briefs

National Campus Now has New Shuttle

The shuttle bus for transporting students between National and Pohnpei campuses arrived last August 12, 2011. The bus will be repainted with the college's colors and a "Campus Shuttle" sign will be placed for easy identification.

Interim President Inaugurates Open Forum at National Campus

Interim President Ringlen kicked off the first ever open forum at the college's National Campus on August 19, 2011. The interim president met with college faculty, staff and student to inform them of the current affairs of the college. Ringlen said that the open forum is to encourage an on-going dialogue or open communication between the administration and the rest of the college community.

College bids farewell to Pohnpei Campus Director Penny Weilbacher

Last August 12, 2011, the college hosted a farewell dinner for Pohnpei Campus Director Penny Weilbacher at J's Ocean Side Restaurant in Mwalok. Over 100 guests were present during the occasion representing the board of regents, college staff, faculty and students. Penny has served the college for 35 years. **COM-FSM Completes 2011 Presidents Retreat**

The college held this year's President's Retreat from August 24 – 26 in the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center at the National Campus. Representatives from all areas and college campuses attended the annual retreat. Current issues of the college were discussed during the retreat from the college's probationary

sanction to the proposed JEMCO budget reduction for the college.

Japanese High school Students visit COM-FSM

Last August 22, a group of Japanese high school students from Japan's Koonan City junior high school visited the college's national and Pohnpei campuses.

The group arrived in Pohnpei during the midnight of August 22 from Japan. The high school students attended Yoriko Tanigawa's FL102, Basic Japanese class. They presented traditional Japanese dances and songs in front of the class wearing their traditional Japanese attires. COM-FSM students sang Japanese and Micronesian songs. After the class, COM-FSM students toured the visitors around the National Campus.

COM-FSM's McCaffrey Represents FSM in the 2011 World Universiade Games in China

McCaffrey Jason Gilmete, a student from COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus represented the FSM in the most recent

2011 World Universiade Games in Shenzhen China. Representatives from 152 countries participated in different types of sporting events. McCaffrey participated

in the 200 and 400 meter dash men's division. The student was accompanied by COM-FSM's Sports and Recreation Coordinator Castro Joab.

Japanese Fishing Company Recruits 4 FMI Graduates

A visit from the Japanese purse seine fishing boats association resulted in the recruitment of 4 FSM-FMI graduates. The recruits will be placed on the association's boats soon. All required documents for the four were submitted and are now awaiting their call from the association.

CRE Welcome Researchers from UH Manoa

The Cooperative Research and Extension services hosted a team of six research and extension staff from the University of Hawaii offering workshop training to CRE staff, collaborating agencies and some farmers. The training focused on livestock management, piggery assessment, water quality, soil science and composting. The visitors from UH include:

Dr Mark Thorne, Pasture and Livestock Specialist – Team Leader
Dr Jonathan Deenik, Soil Fertility Specialist
Dr Ashley Stokes, Extension Veterinarian
Mr John Powley, Livestock Extension
Ms Melani Abran, Pasture and

Rangeland Research Associate
Mr Glen Fukumoto, Agriculture Specialist, Pigs and Water Management
Mariana Ben Dereas Completes 2011 HERS

Denver Summer Institute

Professor Mariana Ben Dereas, Chairperson for the college's Social Science Division, recently graduated from the HERS Denver Summer Institute, held July 24-August 7 at the University of Denver. Seventy-two participants selected for this year's Denver Summer Institute represented 62 institutions from 26 states across the U.S and six other countries. Among the participants were vice presidents, a president, associate vice presidents, faculty members, deans, directors and chairs of academic and administrative departments. The broad range of experiences across disciplines, sectors and positions offered a unique environment to evaluate critical issues confronting higher education today.

Chuuk Campus Director Accepts Doctoral Study

The Chuuk Campus Director, Joakim Peter, has left Chuuk on August 17 to begin a four-year doctoral program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Director Peter is one of the six individuals recruited by the UH Manoa Department of Special Education to devote four years of full-time doctoral study to become highly qualified special education professors/teacher-educators with expertise in distance education technologies, multicultural issues, evidence-based practices and universal design for learning.



Visiting Japanese students sing Japanese songs with National Campus students



(Left) McCaffrey, at the tracks in Shenzhen. (Right) McCaffrey with Sports & Recreation Coordinator Castro Joab.

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News & Information

JEMCO to Reduce College Compact Education Sector Grant Funding by 74 Percent

JEMCO resolved at its September meeting to reduce compact grant funding by \$2.8 m over four years. The college currently receives \$3.8 m from the compact grant annually. This resolution was passed with three votes in favor from the U.S. representatives and two votes against it from the FSM members of the JEMCO. The Joint Economic Management Committee resolved that effective FY 2013, Compact Sector funds provided to the college will be reduced at a minimum annual rate of \$700,000. The reduction will be implemented over a four-year period or until the annual Compact funding for the college is reduced to \$1m per year. This change constitutes a 74 percent reduction in the area of education sector funding to the college. The JEMCO recommended the college to increase its "capture rate" for Pell Grant or to find ways to depend more on Pell Grant funding to make up for the decrease in Compact support. During the same meeting, JEMCO resolved that project proposals for the college infrastructure projects will not be

considered for approval during the fiscal years period 2012-2016. JEMCO also resolved that a comprehensive review of the educational priorities and resources of the FSM should be undertaken involving all appropriate leaders, officials and community leaders. The review should determine the most appropriate funding resources, in light of decreases in compact funding over the remaining years of the Compact, and should take into account additional funding resources such as local revenues, increased fees and PELL grant revenues. National recommendations shall be made and presented to the FSM President and Congress and to the JEMCO prior to June 1, 2012. In his letter to Chairman Pula of JEMCO, FSM President Mori asked whether the FSM and the U.S. have moved to a point in their bilateral relationship where major policy and budgetary decisions can be presented without any significant prior discussion with FSM leaders and voted on in a forum where the U.S. always carries the majority.

Recognition Wall

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- In memory of Flora Edwina Simons (Pinos, Altos, New Mexico)
- In memory of John Rockford Norby (Sisseton, South Dakota)
- James Staub

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GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION : CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING : QUANTITATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC REASONING : ETHICS AND CULTURE : WORKFORCE READINESS

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Clotilda Dugwen – FMI; Rosemary Manna – YAP Staff; Alik J. Phillip-KOSRAE; Arleen Yamaguchi-NTL S; Juan Paulo Santos –NTL S; Eugene Edmund – NTL S(maint.); Alivios William-CHUUK F; Twyla Poll –PNI; Adleen Shed –PNI; Anna Dela Cruz-PNI; Sincerlynn Pemet –PNI; Derrita Cark – PNI; Bolle Ludwig-PNI; Phyllis Silbanuz-PNI

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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

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English Instructor

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New Hires at the College



Professor Spensin James
Math and Natural Sciences Division
National Campus

Professor Spensin James spent 34 years with the College of Micronesia-FSM in a number of positions in the Instructional Department. He started out in 1977 as an instructor of Math and Science, then division chair until he was promoted to Vice President for Instructional Affairs in 1992. He served 12 years as VPJA before he was promoted to President in 2005 after having served 5 months as Interim President. In April of this year, his contract ended. This fall 2011 he returned to being a full-time professor of science.



Jennifer Hainrick
Director of Learning Resources Center
Based at National Campus

Ms. Jennifer Hainrick has been with the College at the Learning Resources Center for 14 years since 1997 where she started as a Technician I. In 2005 she was promoted to Technician II. Her previous work experience included working under the Title III program as a coordinator and tutoring with the Talent Search Program. Last week, she assumed the Director position.



Bollie L. Taulung
Administrative Specialist, Gear Up
Pohnpei Campus

Bollie began with the College in 2005 at the Sports and Recreation Office at the National Campus. She has an AS degree in Liberal Arts from COM-FSM, completed a number of trainings in area of sports, bookkeeping and grants management. Her previous work experience from 1989 to present included working in areas such as tutoring services, accounting, PE instruction, office administrative support, etc.



Sean Poll
IT Technician
Pohnpei Campus

Sean Poll graduated from COM-FSM/National Campus with an AS degree in CIS in May 2010. From 2009 till he assumed the position with IT, he has been working at Upward Bound Program in areas of information technology, administrative support and tutoring services in CIS. While a student at the National Campus, he did his work study program at the Business Division, Computer Island, and Business Office.



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