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Reminders

CHUUK

November 3 Holiday - FSM Independence Day
November 11 Holiday - Veterans Day
November 16 - 20 Entrance Testing at the State Campuses
November 24 Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
December 6 Last Day of Instruction
December 7-9 Final Exams
December 12 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors/FallSemester Ends

KOSRAE

November 3 Holiday - FSM Independence Day
November 11 Holiday - Veterans Day
November 16 - 20 Entrance Testing at the State Campuses
November 24 Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
December 8 Last Day of Instruction
December 12-14 Final Exams
December 16 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors/FallSemester Ends

POHNPEI and NATIONAL

November 8 Holiday - Pohnpei Constitution Day
November 11 Holiday - Veterans Day
November 16 - 20 Entrance Testing at the State Campuses
December 6 Last Day of Instruction
December 7-9 Final Exams
December 12 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors
December 15 Mid-year Graduation/Fall Semester Ends

YAP

November 4 Holiday - FSM Independence Day (observed)
November 11 Holiday - Veterans Day
November 16 - 20 Entrance Testing at the State Campuses
December 5 Last Day of Instruction
December 6-8 Final Exams
December 12 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors/FallSemester Ends

Chuuk CRE Expands Collaboration with Community

The Chuuk Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) services worked with various Chuuk government agencies, private sectors and civil societies in promoting and implementing its programs in global food security and hunger, childhood obesity, climate change and community resource and development. Last September, Chuuk State was the first in the FSM to declare a "state of health emergency". The declaration was issued by Governor Johnson Elimo due to the alarming presence of non-communicable diseases among Chuukese. This local effort was spearheaded by the Non-Communicable Disease NCD Coordinator, Ms. Moria Shomour. Following the declaration, the Chuuk NCD coordinator requested assistance from World Health Organization (WHO) through the FSM National Department of Health and Social Affairs for a Food Security and NCD stakeholder consultation meeting. The WHO responded immediately by sending Dr Temo Waqanivalu, Dr Boris Pavlov and Mr Peter Hoejskov as resource persons to Chuuk. Mr Moses Pretrick from the FSM National Government was also present during the visit. The Chuuk CRE participated in the following events held in Weno on October 24-27 to rally for the reduction of



Chuuk, WHO, FSM and COM-FSM CRE participants discussing state of emergency

non-communicable diseases: Chuuk State Food Security and Non-Communicable Diseases Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, unveiling of Chuuk Hospital's "Tobacco, Alcohol and Betelnut Free Environment" signage and the opening of the Chuuk Wellness Center for the promotion of physical activities to the public. The Chuuk CRE also initiated its WHO-funded project "Adopt-A-Community Approach for a Healthy and Clean Chuuk" through the signing of a memorandum of understanding among 26 partner agencies and villages. Earlier this month, the Chuuk CRE expanded its networking when it joined the 24th Guam Island Fair held at Ypao Beach on October 14-16.

COM-FSM Contracts Services of Accreditation Consultant

The college has recently hired Mr. Floyd K Takeuchi on a short-term contract to provide consultation services on matters relating to accreditation. Mr Takeuchi is meeting with different people at the college's campuses and will be making recommendations. Mr Floyd K Takeuchi, who will be working closely with the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Frankie Harriss, has served as a commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) for many years. He is a writer-photographer who specializes in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. He has traveled to nearly every corner of Oceania, and has worked as a journalist in many of the islands. His experience includes serving as a reporter at the Pacific Daily

News on Guam, and managing editor of The Daily Post in Fiji. He has also been a reporter, editor, radio and television anchor and publisher in Hawaii and Japan. He also worked in Washington DC as a senior staffer for a member of the US House of Representatives. Floyd was born and raised in the Marshall Islands. He received a BS degree in journalism (cum laude) from Boston University, and a MA degree in Pacific Islands Studies from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. The college was placed on Probation by ACCJC last June 30, 2011 and will need to comply with all recommendations before all sanctions are removed. The college is submitting a follow-up report to the commission on March 15, 2012.

College of Micronesia- FSM Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was created for the purpose of generating income to support the future needs of the College.

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Editor's Notes

We are pleased to report that we have updated the Development and Community Relations Office assessment reports and plans as well as the 2013 performance and line item budget. This is a major accomplishment for us. We have also make arrangements with Rainbownesia to help us sell our 2011 Christmas Cards designs in Japan. The announcement for the design competition for this year's new card is out. As always, we continue to thank those who contribute to this publication.

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Campus-wide Briefs

Pohnpei Filipino Organization Awards Scholarship to National Campus Students

The STAP Filipino organization awarded scholarships to seven National Campus students on September 7, 2011. The ceremony took place at the administration building at the National Campus. During the ceremony, Interim



STAP Organization Officers with the Scholarship Recipients and Interim President Ringlen Ringlen.

President Ringlen Ringlen thanked the STAP officers on behalf of the college. Out of 19 scholarship applicants, seven were chosen and awarded \$500 each. They include Mercedes Tiningmow, Bernice Laaw, Christlynn Sappa, Lashauna Wilson, Georgia Tinag, Bertha Reyuw and Mylee Mario. The awards were presented by STAP President Ray Musada, incoming President Ramon Maglaqui and member Rafael Pulmano. The organization has been awarding scholarships to students since September of 2000. STAP stands for Samahang Tagalog ATBP at Pohnpei.

Indian Ambassador Pays Courtesy Visit to College

The Indian Ambassador to the FSM, Mr. Yogendra Kumar, visited the college on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

Ambassador Kumar met with the Vice President for Administrative Service, Mr Joseph Habuchmai who sat in on behalf of Interim



(From Left) DCR Director Joe Saimon, Indian Ambassador to the FSM Mr. Yogendra Kumar and VPAS Joe Habuchmai.

President Ringlen Ringlen. During the meeting, Ambassador Kumar discussed the possibility of establishing telemedicine and teleeducation opportunities between India and the FSM. According to the ambassador, a similar arrangement is available to Africa. Ambassador Kumar cited the FSM and India's

similarities as third world countries to be positive factors for the workability of such endeavor. The ambassador also said the Indian Embassy website lists several scholarship opportunities for students. Information about the scholarships can be found online at www.embindia.org.ph

All Campuses Now Have SBA Officers

The following are the student body association officers for each campus: The officers from the National Campus include President Johnny Hebel Jr, Vice President Sean Michael Cantero, Secretary Whiden Neth and Treasurer Marson Karl. The Pohnpei Campus officers include President Steneit Olmos, Vice President Ryan David, Secretary Jamine

Remoket and Treasurer PJ Peniknos. The officers from Yap Campus include President Owen Tharngan, Vice President Dukay Tairuwepiy, Secretary Brandy Yinug and Treasurer Jaylene Yilbuw.

From Chuuk Campus, the officers are President Sailin Cholymay, Vice President Atson Atnis, Secretary Renei Ezra, Treasurer Tersy Sauder and Sports Manager Jefferson Dungawin. For Kosrae Campus, the officers include President Artson S Talley, Vice President Anthony Y George and Secretary Delpina Charley. The officers for FSM-FMI Campus include President Tony Mailut, Vice President Paul Hatefalfil, Secretary Robert Sigras and Treasurer Xavier Ragilmwai

COM-FSM Presidential Candidate Backs Out
One of the two finalists for the presidential position for the college withdrew from consideration according to a statement released from the Board of Regents Chair. According to Chairman Kasio Mida, "the search for the

next president is taking longer than anticipated. The withdrawal from consideration for the presidency by one of the finalist and concerns about the other by the Board will prolong the search. The Board is continuing the search for a president that

has the skills and experiences to lead our efforts in meeting the major challenges currently confronting the college and who can motivate and move the college forward."

Dorm Students Receive SDA Visitors

Students residing at the National Campus Dormitory were visited on October 15 by a group of SDA Church members. The Seventh Day Adventist group was welcomed there to conduct outreach and Bible

study services until November 4, 2011. According to Student Life Director Reedson Abraham, the aim of these meetings is to promote fellowship among the students at the college. The meetings were held at the girl's dormitory from Monday to Sunday from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Table Tennis Instructor from US comes to National Camp
Richard E. McAfee a table tennis instructor from the mainland US was at National Campus from October 27 to November 2, 2011, teaching fundamentals of table tennis. McAfee has taught more than 50 students at both National and Pohnpei campuses.

Music Respite Held at National Campus

A musical respite was held at MITC at the National Campus last October 19, 2011. The performers were mostly



(From Left) Music Instructor Kitty Pappas, Mary Perman, and Japanese Instructor Yoriko Tanigawa

instructors from the college headed by Music Instructor Kitty Pappas. The performers were Zach Sands, Ross Perkins,

Yoriko Tanigawa, Noriko Lopez, Mary Berman and Kitty Pappas. Different types of music were played throughout the 45 minute respite such as classic rock, classical, instrumental and Broadway music.

More Information Online



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SLC Training Convened at the College of Micronesia-FSM

The second Strategic Learning Communities (SLC) training was held on October 10-14, 2011 in the COM-FSM MITC at the National Campus. The Vice President for Administrative Services, Joseph Habuchmai, welcomed the participants of the training on behalf of the Interim President. According to Jennifer Hainrick, the COM-FSM Learning Resources Director, the SLC project is a three-year training funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) that involves working with library staff in improving their libraries through mentoring, programming, advocacy, leadership skills and other key areas that impact libraries in the Pacific. The first SLC training was held at the National Campus on February 14 – 18, 2011. Members from the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), LAMP Association, Inc, and the College of Micronesia – FSM also took part in the training. Ms Jane Barnwell, Director of Library and Information Literacy Initiatives, from PREL office, Ms Grace Merong from Palau Community

College library, and Ms Karleen Manuel Samuel facilitated the one-week training with participants from various offices including the Pohnpei Public Library, FSM Congress Library, FSM National Archives, Culture, and Historic (NACH) Preservation office, PICS High School library, Pohnpei Port Authority Library, Pohnpei State Department of Education, Pingelap Community Hall Library, Nett Elementary School library, Salapwuk Elementary School library, Enimwan Sau Deleur Madolenihmw School library, Palikir Elementary School library, Nanpei Memorial School library, Kolonia Elementary School library, and the College of Micronesia-FSM Learning Resources Center. Workshops on three subject areas were disseminated during the week on Dewey Decimal cataloging, grant writing, and the Pacific Digital Library. At the end of the workshop, members of the LAMP Association, Inc held a special meeting to elect new officers and the following were elected: Lester Ezekias as President; Carmina Lihpai as Vice-President; Mary Kilmete as Secretary; and Dosihner Jose as Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ACADEMIC YEAR 2011 - 2012 and Faculty/ Staff Senate Executive Members

Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention Committee (RAR)

Chair: Yenti Verg-in; Vice chair: Ketiner Kenneth;
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Deva Senarathgoda-NTL F; Sven Mueller – NTL F
Lucia Donre Sam-NTL F; Marlene Mangonon-NTL F;
Ruci Yauvoli-NTL F; Karleen M. Samuel –NTL S
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Richardson Chiwi-CHUUK F; Xavier Yarofmal –PNI F (TT); Pablo Lamsis– PNI F (TT); Alan Alosima– PNI (TT); Santus Sarongelfeg-FMI; Cecilia Dibay –YAP Staff; Dokowe George-KOSRAE; Karleen Manuel–NTL S; Tetaake Yeeting -NTL; Yoneko Kanichy –PNI; Joyce Roby – PNI; Semens James _PNI; Francisco Simram –PNI; Edwin Sione-PNI; Marlou Gorospe-PNI; Ben James –FMI F

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Planning and Resources Committee (PRC)

Chair: Ross Perkins ; Vice Chair: William Haglelgam; Secretary: Mariana Ben Dereas
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Facilities and Campus Environment Committee

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Recognition Wall

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- Ju Kong Restaurant Co. Ltd.
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- Kosrae Campus Students (Founding Day 2008)
- Kosrae Women's advisory council
- Kosrae Students (Founding Day 1996)
- Kosrae Students (Founding Day 1997)
- Kosrae Students (Founding Day 1998)

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



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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

College Announcements

Employment Opportunities at COM-FSM

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English Instructor
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Instructor - Mathematics
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Chuuk

English Instructor

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Christmas Card Competition 2011

Join & Win
Cash Prizes

\$100 \$75 \$50

DIRECTIONS:

1. Open to COM-FSM Students Only
2. The design should reflect the FSM, the College and Christmas.
3. Designs should be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. Color is permitted, as well as computer-generated designs (besides paper copies, electronic copies submitted on a CD or thumb drive is also required for computer-generated designs).
4. Student's full name should be clearly written on the back only. Drawings with identifying information on the front will be disqualified. (Do not mention year)
5. Each student may submit a maximum of two entries.
6. Entries should be submitted to Joe Saimon, DCR Director by November 18, 2010 at 5 pm (students at other campuses besides the National may submit entries to the student service coordinators who shall notify the DCR Director).
7. All entries become the property of the COM-FSM. The top design will be used as the official COM-FSM Christmas card. The college reserves the right to modify the selected design(s) for any reason without the consent of the original designer. The top three designs could also be adopted to Christmas cards and sold for the Endowment Fund. This year's top three winning designs will be part of the Christmas Cards that will be sold in Japan.
8. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries as follows:
First Prize \$100
Second Prize \$75
Third Prize \$50

Deadline: November 18, 2011



Cut along the dotted line and mail it in an envelope along with
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Contribute TODAY to the Endowment Fund

Alumni and community support for the College of Micronesia-FSM and its initiatives is imperative to its success and financial sustainability. This support enables the college to build its endowment for the future needs of the college, to support new programs, technologies, infrastructure development and maintenance faculty/staff development and scholarships.

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