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## Reminders

### CHUUK

January 25 – Feb 12 Recruitment/ Entrance Testing at State Campuses/High Schools  
February 1 Deadline for Applications for Graduation  
February 6 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from instructors  
February 27-28 Mid-term Evaluations

### KOSRAE

January 25 – Feb 12 Recruitment/ Entrance Testing at State Campuses/High Schools  
February 1 Deadline for Applications for Graduation  
February 8 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from Instructors  
Feb 29 – Mar 1 Mid-term Evaluations

### POHNPEI and NATIONAL

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### YAP

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### YAP FMI

February 3 Monthly Report Due  
February 7 Early Warning Deficiency Reports Due from Instructors  
February 9 Tutoring Start for Spring Semester  
February 13 Study Skills Workshop  
February 24 Staff Development Day

## Interim President Presents College's Future at the Fourth States and National Leadership Conference

Interim President Ringlen Ringlen presented the future of the college to the FSM leadership last February 3, 2012 at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. High ranking FSM government officials including the FSM President were in attendance during the presentation. During his presentation Interim President Ringlen discussed the major factors that will affect change at the college such as the JEMCO resolution that will reduce Education Sector Grant (ESG) funding for the college by \$2,800,000 over four years starting with \$700,000 in FY 2013, and the college's "Probation" Status on Accreditation. According to the interim president, the college is currently developing a new strategic plan to address improving programs and services while developing a sustainable



The COM-FSM leadership during the Fourth States and National Leadership Conference.

financial and physical structure for the college. He also added that this plan will need to take into account critical issues regarding the programs and services that will help provide a qualified and dedicated workforce and developing a financial and physical structure that is sustainable now and in the future.

## Town Hall Meeting Held in Kosrae Campus

A town hall meeting was conducted by the Interim President last January 9, 2012 at Kosrae Campus. The meeting was attended by faculty, staff, and students from Kosrae campus where the current issues of the college were discussed. During the meeting, the interim president shared his proposed plan to recommend that the positions of vice president for instructional affairs and the vice president for student services should be merged resulting in a saving of about \$50,000 - \$100,000.

Interim President Ringlen also shared the strategies that the college is currently working to respond to the recent JEMCO resolutions and the WASC recommendations. The hiring of the accreditation consultant Mr Floyd Takeuchi was also discussed and his recommendations. The DCR director handed out survey forms to gauge how well the community understands the college so the college can better address the needs of the community.

## College of Micronesia- FSM Endowment Fund

## You can make a difference!

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 currently working with our College's department and division heads to ensure a steady flow of news and information from the different areas of the College to the public. This would mean that future editions of this newsletter would carry more and different story flavors. This is a welcomed change which was implemented through the recommendation of the College's accreditation consultant. We are currently meeting with National Campus office heads and would eventually meet with the office heads from the state campuses.

As always, we continue to thank those who contribute to this publication. Contact the COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter at P.O. Box 159, Pohnpei, FM 96941; Phone: (691) 320-2480; Fax: (691) 320-2479; d Email: newsletter@comfsm.fm

## Campus-wide Briefs

### College and FSM Japan Embassy Interview Students for Konan City Tour

Students aspiring to go to Konan City Japan were interviewed last January 20, 2012, by Japanese instructor Yoriko Tanigawa together with Karen Simion, Resida Keller and a representative from the FSM Embassy in Japan. The FSM Japan Embassy participated in the interview through skype. Out of twelve applications, eleven students showed up for the interview. Ten students and interested faculty members were invited to visit Konan City from June to August 2012 for approximately one week. All accommodation expenses will be taken care of except for international airfares and personal expenses. Konan City has been sending 12 students to the FSM every year since 2007. Konan City was the city that hosted the FSM at the Expo Aichi in 2005 when FSM Ambassador Fritz recommended the FSM as an exchange partner for the city. As a result, Konan City has discontinued 10 years of sending students to Australia and started sending them to the FSM.

### College Appear Before Congress Education Committee

The College of Micronesia-FSM representatives appeared before FSM Congress on January 24, 2012, for budget consolidation.

Congressman Joseph J Urusemal, chairman for the Committee on Education notified the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM), FSM President's Office,

Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (SBOC), COM-FSM Board of Regents, and the FSM National Department of Education to attend a 1 pm hearing at the FSM Congress conference room.

The public hearing included topics such as the FY 2013 Budget for the College of Micronesia-FSM in light of the decrease in Compact funding, status of the evaluation of probation designation including any documents produced for the March 2012 submission to the accreditation body, and update on the new COM-FSM president, including goals and agenda set for him.

### Committee Minutes Now Available on Wiki

The minutes of the College's standing committees meetings are now available on the COM-FSM website. These can be accessed through the Wiki link on the homepage or directly at <http://wiki.comfsm.fm/>. All public documents can be accessed through the College's wiki while documents specific for each committee require COM-FSM usernames and passwords to access.

### College Community Thanks Bonzy Roby for Fixing Entrance Road to Campus

The College community members and visitors will not have to pass over a ditch before entering the College's National Campus anymore, thanks to Mr Bonzy Roby and his family. Mr Roby, as COM-FSM staff, was pouring concrete with members of his

family on his property across from the COM-FSM National Campus main entrance when they decided to pour the remainder of their concrete mix in the ditch. The ditch, located across from the main entrance, was made when contractors cut through the pavement to lay fiber optics cables leading to the College's National Campus last year. The College faculty, staff and students at the National Campus have expressed satisfaction with Mr Roby's charitable contribution and invite everybody to join them in thanking Mr Roby and his family.

### Interim President Announces the Arrival and Investiture of New President

In a memo to the College of Micronesia-FSM Community, Interim President Ringlen P Ringlen announced that President Joseph M Daisy would be arriving on February 4, 2012. According to Interim President Ringlen, President Daisy's first day in office will commence on February 6. An investiture ceremony is also scheduled for Monday at 1:00 pm at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. Invitations were sent to dignitaries and guests and the College community. The College has made arrangements for early release of classes so faculty, staff and students can be on time for the opening of the ceremony. A reception will follow in the evening for invited guests. Interim President Ringlen thanked everyone for supporting him during his tenure and invited the community to welcome

President Daisy "with our usual Micronesian hospitality" and to support him as president.

### Kosrae CRE: Integrated Sustainable Agriculture And Livestock Production Workshops

Dr. Virendra M. Verma, Project Coordinator organized two one-week workshops for participants for Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (WSARE) project on on-farm implementation and demonstration of integrated sustainable agriculture and livestock production systems for small-scale farmers. Eighty-one participants including agriculture college students, agriculture high school students, farmers and women attended the workshops. Extensive PowerPoint presentations and hands-on activities were organized to make participants acquainted with tissue culture multiplication, acclimatization, banana cultivation, soft taro cultivation, sweet potato cultivation, diseases and nutrient deficiency symptoms and control, insect and pest control, fertilizer and compost application, harvesting, storing and composting. Seven multi-colored cultivation guides on banana, soft taro, sweet potato, eggplant, papaya, composting and swine diet were prepared and distributed to participants.

#### More Information Online



[www.comfsm.fm](http://www.comfsm.fm)



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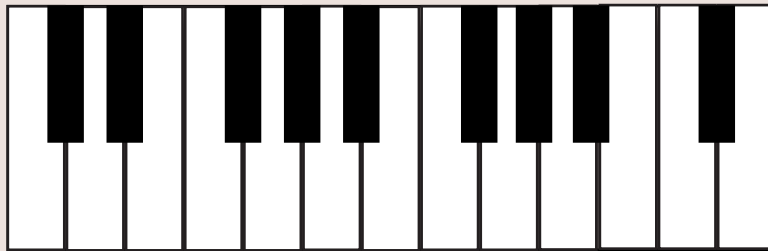
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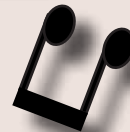


# Open Music Room

National & Pohnpei Campus  
Students, Faculty, and Staff are  
Invited to Come and visit the  
Music Room



Every  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
11:00 - 2:00pm



Play with the Keyboards

*Look For Dr. Kitty Pappas*



## Recognition Wall

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our Endowment Fund!**

1998  
to  
2010

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- Mr. & Ms. Founding Day 2002 Red Team
- Mr. & Ms. Founding Day 2002 White Team
- Mr. & Ms. Founding Day 2004 Purple Team
- Mr. & Ms. Founding Day 2004 Red Team
- Mr. & Ms. Founding Day 2004 White Team
- Mr. Kazuhiko Terakawa
- Mr. Shigeru Nakayama

To be continued on the next issue...

## GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

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

### Pohnpei Extension – First-Flush divergent technique can keep your rainwater safe!

Rainwater is an essential source of drinking water on many islands of the Pacific. Despite the widespread use of rain catchment systems, evidence suggests most catchment systems are poorly constructed and not properly maintained. Available safe drinking water is a problem in Palau, FSM, and the Marshall Islands. Environmental exposure of one or more of the system components (1) collection surface, typically the household roof (2) conveyance component, gutters or pipes or (3) storage tank would render the typical catchment system susceptible to microbial contamination (bacteria, protozoa, and viruses). For rainwater catchments to be safe and effective users required an understanding of the best construction techniques and materials, potential water contaminants, how to test for contaminants, and effective decontamination methods. The 'first-flush divergent' consists of an additional component to the rainwater catchment on the house. The additional component diverts the first flush of rain



*A sample of a rain catchment system*

on the roof effectively removing such contaminant as soil and plant particles, dusts, small animals and bird droppings. The divergent pipe, with a plug with a small hole at the bottom, is installed before the storage tank. Initial rainwater is washed into the pipe until it is filled up. The rest of the rainwater then travels to the storage tank. The volume of the divergent pipe should be equal to 10 gallons per 100 square feet of roof: For more information please call 320-8181.



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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

**National**

English Instructor  
Computer Lab Monitor  
Administrative Assistant

**Pohnpei**

Student Services Specialist III  
Student Services Aide

**Chuuk**

English Instructor  
Student Services Specialist II

**Yap**

English Instructor

For more information check our website: <http://www.comfsm.fm/jobs/>  
or  
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Dr. Ilongo is bringing to COM-FSM a wealth of experience in the area of Public Health having worked in the following places; State Health Department of Oklahoma City, Alief Independent School District of Houston Texas, Texas Department of State Health Services in San Antonio, Houston Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services in Austin, and Hostos Community College of The City University of New York City. He also held adjunct positions at various institutions including St. Francis College, St. Joseph College, and College of New Rochelle in New York. Doctor of Education, 1994 from Teachers College Columbia University, New York. Master of Public Health, 1988 from University of Oklahoma Health Services Center. Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Biology, 1986 from Texas Southern University.



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### Development & Community Relations

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Ms. Weires-Madsen is a returning faculty of the College of Micronesia-FSM. She started out with at the National Campus in 1993 then later moved to the United States in 1995. While studying for her Masters degree and taking care of her growing family, she expanded her work experience in her field by working with Lincoln Public Schools with gifted children, Catholic Schools of Lincoln, and St. Joseph School. She has published two books which can be found in the COM-FSM Learning Resources Center shortly. Prior to her return, she began taking courses toward a PhD degree. She returned home to FSM with two of her three children.

Master degree in Education, 1992 from Concordia University Bachelor degree in Public Secondary Education and Language Arts Field, 1989 from Concordia University.

Cut along the dotted line and mail it in an envelope along with donations to the College of Micronesia-FSM

## 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.

**YES!** I want to contribute to the College Financially.

\$ _____ COM-FSM Endowment Fund	
\$ _____ Student Scholarship	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ashby
<input type="checkbox"/> COM-FSM Endowment Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____
\$ _____ Other: _____	

**NO.** I don't want to contribute now.

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