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## Reminders

### CHUUK

April 2 COM-FSM Founding Day (observed)  
April 3 Staff Development Day (no classes)  
April 4-5 Easter Recess for Students  
April 6 Holiday – Good Friday  
April 21-23 Vocational Education Exhibition Week

### KOSRAE

April 2 COM-FSM Founding Day (observed)  
April 3 Staff Development Day (no classes)  
April 4-5 Easter Recess for Students  
April 6 Holiday – Good Friday  
April 21-23 Vocational Education Exhibition Week

### POHNPEI and NATIONAL

April 2 COM-FSM Founding Day (observed)  
April 3 Staff Development Day (no classes)  
April 4-5 Easter Recess for Students  
April 6 Holiday – Good Friday  
April 21-23 Pohnpei Campus Program Exhibition

### YAP

April 2 COM-FSM Founding Day (observed)  
April 3 Staff Development Day (no classes)  
April 4-5 Easter Recess for Students  
April 6 Holiday – Good Friday  
April 21-23 Vocational Education Exhibition Week

### YAP FMI

April 1 COM-FSM Founding Day  
April 6 Monthly Report Due  
May 4 Monthly Report Due  
May 10 Holiday – FSM Constitution Day  
May 11 Last Day of Instruction  
May 15-17 Final Exams  
May 18 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

## College's Celebration of the 19th Anniversary of its Founding a Success

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (April 5, 2012) - The College of Micronesia-FSM celebrated the 19th anniversary of its founding with the Mister and Miss Founding Day competitions on March 29 and track and field games on April 2, 2012. The theme for this year's celebrations was "Celebrating our Success." Student groups representing the four FSM states at the National Campus and students from Pohnpei Campus organized themselves in five fund raising groups represented by colors: blue for Pohnpei students from National Campus; green for Kosrae students from National Campus; purple for Pohnpei Campus students; white for Chuuk students from National Campus; and red for Yap students from National Campus. Each group named their coronation contestants as follows: Mr Jaefrey Ioanis and Ms Roxann Moya represented Blue Team; Mr Leonard Benjamin and Ms Chelsea Nena represented Green Team; Mr Joakim Walter and Ms Julaine Pablo Imanuel represented Purple Team; Mr Tolofa



The Mister and Miss Founding Day contestants with President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D.

Aitaro and Ms Angie Syrin Gouland represented White Team; and Mr Pascol Taiweryango and Ms Beverlyn Buw represented Red Team. During the coronation ceremony, Mr Ioakim Walter and Ms Julaine Pablo Imanuel representing the Purple Team were named Mister and Miss Founding Day 2012 for raising the largest funds. **CONTINUATION ON PAGE 2**

## College Receives Generous Gift From Friends of Micronesia

The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) received a gift of \$4,644.66 toward its Endowment Fund from the Friends of Micronesia. President Wayne Johnson of the Friends of Micronesia organization sent the donation to the College. In his letter to COM-FSM, President Johnson expressed his organization's "hope that this will be used in educating the young people of the islands we remember with great fondness." The Friends of Micronesia was a group of returned Peace Corps volunteers who served in Micronesia, beginning in the late 1960s--when it was still the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands--to the present day. The purpose of the organization

is to represent Micronesia volunteers in the National Peace Corps Association, and to help the work of the Peace Corps in Micronesia as well as the citizens of the FSM. The organization was recently disbanded but it still had funds remaining in its treasury. It was decided that the funds should be donated to the College of Micronesia-FSM's Endowment Fund. According to President Johnson, it was felt that their decision to donate the fund to the College would benefit all of the citizens of Micronesia by helping educate young men and women from throughout the area. Johnson also noted that steps are underway to restart the group.

## 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 currently developing a process for managing the College's online updates and postings. The developed processes should include information on who at which campus will be responsible for posting updates to the website. This process will identify the kinds of updates that will be posted on the College's website and their frequency. The point for making these changes is to make the College's website a communications hub where faculty, staff and students think of first to learn more about the College. It should be the place that community stakeholders go to first to learn about developments at the College, to get an understanding of the college's culture, and perhaps to learn about employment opportunities, as well as the achievements of their friends and family members. Our new website is currently up and we are receiving feedbacks from viewers for improvement.*

As always, we continue to thank those who contribute to this publication.

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## News Feature

### College's Celebration..From page 1

The combined amount raised by all student groups was \$27,654.65; the Purple Team raised \$18,891.21, Blue Team raised \$4,302.89, Red Team raised \$2,000, Green Team raised \$1,410, and the White Team raised \$1,050.55. The Founding Day 2012 celebrations concluded with the track and field games at the PICS track and field on April 2, 2012, in Nett, Pohnpei. Morning activities included long and short distance races while the afternoon games were mostly on infield games such as easy dizzy relays, coconut husking and tug of war. Members of the College Community, friends and guests of the College attended the April 2nd celebration. Among the guests were

Ambassador Eiiching Suzuki from Japan and Deputy Chief of Mission from the People's Republic of China Embassy in the FSM, Mr Wen Zhencai. Both diplomats donated generously toward the College's Endowment Fund.



Mister and Miss Founding Day 2012: Mr. Ioakim Walter and Ms. Julianne Pablo Imanuel.



Top: Men's Track & Field participants battle it out. Bottom: YSO students participate on tag of war.



## Campus-wide Briefs

### Pell Grant Eligibility for Summer 2012

Students who have used up their Pell Grant entitlement for Summer 2012 will receive assistance from the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG). However, the SEG may only cover 60 to 80% of Summer 2012 expenses. Each student should pay for the remaining balance. For more information, please consult with the Financial Aid staff at your campus.

### Recycling Project At National Campus Continues

The recycling of aluminum cans and plastic bottles that started by the Environmental Studies (SC-111) students is well under way at the National Campus. Forty recycling baskets were placed at strategic locations around the National Campus. Some of the baskets were bolted alongside the large brown or black garbage bins that were distributed throughout the campus grounds. The

other recycling baskets can be found inside some of the buildings. The students have now completed their third week of collecting. A total of 415 aluminum cans and 99 plastic bottles were collected to date. The project is gaining momentum. In fact, in the third week alone, a total of 287 aluminum cans and plastic bottles were disposed of in the recycling bins, a 26% increase from the previous week (212 recyclable items).

**NOAA Representative Lectures on Geographic Information Systems in Fisheries Management**  
A lecture on Fisheries Management using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was conducted by Robert O' Connor of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service last April 28, 2012 at the MITC. According to O' Connor, GIS is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present

all types of geographical data. Through this technology, mapping of fishery and the resources should be among the priority tasks when planning for fisheries management. Faculty, staff and students attended the lecture.

### President Daisy Meets National Campus Community

President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. continued the monthly campus meetings with the College Community as inaugurated by Interim President Ringlen P. Ringlen. The president met with the National Campus faculty, staff and students in front of the Learning Resources Center on March 26, 2012. During the meeting the President discussed the latest developments at the College including the Accreditation and JEMCO funding issues. The President also reported to the college community the outcome of his site

visits at FSM-FMI, Yap and Chuuk campuses.

### Chinese Ambassador Lectures on Relations between China and the FSM

His Excellency Mr. Zhang Weidong the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM gave a lecture on the relations between China and the FSM last March 21, 2012 at the MITC. During his lecture the ambassador discussed the economic progress of China for the past years. The ambassador also discussed the history between the two nations and the development projects that China has provided to the FSM. Students, faculty and staff of the National Campus attended the lecture.

### More Information Online



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## News & Information

### College Submits Follow-Up Report to ACCJC

The College of Micronesia-FSM submitted a Follow-Up Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC) on March 15, 2012. The report was submitted in response to an Action Letter sent by the Commission to the College on June 30, 2011. According to the letter by ACCJC President Barbara A Beno, the Commission placed the College on Probation and required the College to submit a Follow-Up Report. The commission arrived at its decision after a review of another Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team that visited the College on April 11 – 13, 2011. 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 accredited status of the institution continues during the probation period. Probation was issued to the College of Micronesia-FSM for deficiencies identified in the team report and associated with Recommendations 1, 2, 6, and 8. Recommendation 1 is about improving institutional effectiveness and leadership; Recommendation 2 is about improving institution effectiveness; Recommendation 6 is about physical resources; and Recommendation 8 is about Financial Resources. The Follow-Up Report and the Action Letter are available online. Other reports from the Commission are also available online.

### YES! is Newest Student Club at COM-FSM

By: Rafael Pulmano, Business Instructor

Young Executives Society. That's the name of the newest student club that business majors formed at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus on March 9, 2012. Also known as YES!, the group held its organizational meeting at the MITC and elected its charter officers, headed by Amelia Antreas as President, Shirley-Ann Pelep as Vice President, Kenye Rosemarie Jonas as Secretary, and Leola Susaia as Treasurer. In addition to these key officers, YES! members also gave a resounding "Yes!" to Antreas' suggestion that they likewise choose two representatives from each state to facilitate communication and ensure wider participation among them. They then grouped themselves according to their state of origin, and named the following as representatives: Miklyn Paul and Meyer Rieuo for Chuuk, Ernest Phillip and Melten Leopold for Pohnpei, Brucelene Ileyangbung and John Fagalyinug

for Yap, and Arnold Moody and Arthy Welly for Kosrae. In accepting her mandate, Antreas vowed to do her best to serve the association, and called upon everyone to cooperate and support future projects of YES! under her leadership. The other officers also expressed their commitment, and thanked their fellow students for their trust. Speaking at the start of the meeting, Business Division Chair Joseph Felix, Jr. congratulated the students for their determination to form this club. Felix, Jr. said that the students "will make history in this college, because today will be born a group of business students who have come together to bind themselves into an association that will be our partners in shaping a better economic future for you and the FSM. We at the Business Division will always be here to support you and your association," he said.

### COM-FSM's Angelbur Igemera to Represent College at Conference

Angelbur Igemera will be representing the College of Micronesia-FSM at the 3rd Annual Conference on Island Sustainability, scheduled for April 18-19, 2012, at the Hyatt Resort in Tumon, Guam. Mr. Igemera wrote a winning essay that placed him among other winners and conference participants such as Asomaliu Lotovale from the American Samoa Community College, Destiny George from the College of the Marshall Islands, Vince van der Gouwe from the Kapi'olani Community College, Severino Alforega from the Northern Marianas College, and Elsei Tellei from the Palau Community College. Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (DOI/OIA),

the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC), a consortium of higher education leaders in the U.S. and U.S. affiliated nations, in collaboration with the University of Guam, sponsored a Student Essay Contest, for a chance to attend the 3rd Annual Conference on Island Sustainability. Eighteen students from six PPEC member institutions submitted their essays elaborating on what they believe is a "sustainable island community." The essays, evaluated based on relevance, technical merit, and creativity, showcased our emerging regional scholars' knowledge and understanding of sustainable island communities.

## Recognition Wall

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- Pingelapese Students (Founding Day 1997)
- Pohnpei & Kosrae Upward Bound Program
- Pohnpei Campus Students (Founding Day 1997)
- Pohnpei Campus Students (Founding Day 1998)

To be continued on the next issue...

## GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

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QUANTITATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC REASONING :  
ETHICS AND CULTURE : WORKFORCE READINESS



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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

#### Pohnpei

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Extension Agent I  
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#### Yap

Extension Agent I [Home  
Economics]

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Mr. Tuala while attending BYU was also working in various positions at the Polynesian Cultural Center in marketing, student activities and as a demo guide in the Samoan Village. He also worked as a youth counselor at the Bobby Benson Center in Kahuki, Hawaii. Prior to his studies at BYU, he served as a volunteer representative to Guatemala under The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints teaching, training and supervising others for two years.

Upon completion of his studies, he moved to Chuuk with his family from Weno. He began in this post effective February 22, 2012.

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Brigham Young University Hawaii, 2011



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Mr. Assito following his graduation from Pacific Islands University, stayed on to serve as a staff in the Dormitory from 2008 until February 2012. During his work at PIU, he served as coordinator and co-leader of the Guam Collegiate Ministry trips to Asia, Thailand and Indonesia.

Mr. Assito is a returning resident and citizen of Chuuk State. He began in his post effective February 27, 2012.

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, Pacific Islands University, 2008. He also completed 18 credits in the area of teaching and evangelism following his BA degree.

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Name: **Benjamin Akkin**  
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Mr. Akkin graduated from PATS in 1984 in Construction, completed 2 courses with the College of Micronesia-FSM, completed a number of trainings locally and aboard in areas that included:

- 1) Carpentry,
- 2) Entrepreneurship training,
- 3) Construction Supervisor,
- 4) Computer,
- 5) Electrical construction,
- 6) Air conditioning and Refrigeration,
- 7) Solar Power Generation and Application,
- 8) Higher Vocational Education Management,
- 9) NCCER Instructor Training.

He began in his post at Chuuk Campus on March 8, 2012.

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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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