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Reminders

CHUUK

June 1 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
June 1 Faculty Meeting
June 4 First Day of Instruction
June 5 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
June 6 Class Lists Due from Instructors
June 8 Deadline for Applications for Summer Graduation
June 14 Early Warning Deficiency Report Due from Instructors
June 15 Deadline for 2012 Fall Sem. 3rd Yr Teacher Prep.-Elem. Apps.
June 21 Mid-term Evaluations
June 22 Mid-term Break (no school)
June 25 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors

KOSRAE

June 1 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
June 1 Faculty Meeting
June 4 First Day of Instruction
June 5 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
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June 8 Deadline for Applications for Summer Graduation
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June 15 Deadline for 2012 Fall Sem. 3rd Yr Teacher Prep.-Elem. Apps.
June 21 Mid-term Evaluations
June 22 Mid-term Break (no school)
June 25 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors

POHNPEI and NATIONAL

June 1 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
June 1 Faculty Meeting
June 4 First Day of Instruction
June 5 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
June 6 Class Lists Due from Instructors
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June 21 Mid-term Evaluations
June 22 Mid-term Break (no school)
June 25 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors

YAP

June 4 & 5 Registration
June 8 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
June 8 Faculty Meeting
June 11 First Day of Instruction
June 11 Add/Drop Courses
June 13 Class Lists Due from Instructors
June 15 Deadline for Applications for Summer Graduation
June 15 Deadline for 2012 Fall Sem. 3rd Yr Teacher Prep.-Elem. Apps.
June 21 Early Warning Deficiency Report Due from Instructors
June 28 Mid-term Evaluations

National and Pohnpei Campuses Celebrate 55th Commencement Exercises

The National and Pohnpei campuses celebrated the college's 55th Commencement Exercises on May 15, 2012, at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center with the theme "Moving Forward, Together." Over 400 people attended the ceremony and witnessed 136 National Campus students and 29 Pohnpei Campus students receive their diplomas. For his commencement address, COM-FSM President, Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., read to the graduates a piece titled "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by the famous children's writer, Dr. Seuss. In the words of Dr. Seuss, President Daisy bid farewell to the graduates as they set off to great places. The president cautioned the graduates that they might encounter a state of helplessness in their journeys as Dr. Seuss referred to as the "Waiting Place." President Daisy advised the graduates to be careful and cautious



Graduates from National & Pohnpei Campuses at the 55th Commencement Exercises.

in everything that they do since this is the way to greatness as referred to by Dr. Seuss as the "Great Balancing Act." Among the graduates, Ms. Jasmine Mendiola was the valedictorian while Ms. Shirley Ann Sohl Pelep was the salutatorian. Other academic awards were also issued to the following graduates: Robert Albert, Certificate

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FSM-FMI and Yap Campus Students Complete Programs

The FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute and Yap Campus held celebrations to mark the completion of studies for 35 College of Micronesia-FSM students. At Yap Campus, 13 students completed their studies and were hosted by the campus director, faculty and staff to a luncheon on May 17, 2012, at the Small Business Development Center in Colonia. Vice President for Student Services, Mr. Ringle P. Ringle, was at the luncheon to welcome the graduates, faculty, parents and staff on behalf of the COM-FSM president. On May 18, the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute, also in Yap, held its Tenth Commencement Exercises at the Seamanship Shelter at 10 am. Twenty-two graduates received their certificates in areas such as engineering, navigation, and fishing. Among the graduates, 20 were from Yap and two were from Kosrae. The graduates were joined by parents, friends, family



FMI campus graduates with Director Ewarmai and VPSS Ringle Ringle.

members, faculty, staff and the FSM-FMI underclassmen. Vice President Ringle also represented President Daisy as the keynote speaker. Assistant Secretary Leo Lokopwe of the FSM Department of Transportation Communication and Infrastructure (TC&I) attended the ceremony and accepted the graduates on behalf of the TC&I secretary.

Editor's Notes

During this summer, we will be taking the opportunity to implement major improvements in the areas of online postings and the college's branding. An implementation plan will be developed during this summer which will include the development of the Pohnpei Campus website and training for key personnel at that campus in the areas of content development and upload from the campus. The work will be extended to the other campuses after the implementation at Pohnpei Campus is complete. Work on the development of the college's brand started earlier this year. A focus group will be assembled during the summer to review the work done on the college's brand and make recommendations. A report of the work is expected at the end of the summer.

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

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News & Information

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of Achievement in Trail Counseling; Mike Lawrence, Certificate of Achievement in Motor Vehicle Mechanics; Robernita Agbo, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts; Claralyn Thomas, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts/HCOP; Cory Kustin, Associate of Arts in Teacher Preparation; Kimbert Route, Associate of Arts in Micronesian Studies; Shirley Ann Sohl Pelep, Associate of Science in Business Administration; Rihp A. Lengsi, Associate of Science in General Agriculture; MacArthur James, Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems; Jasmine Mendiola, Associate of Arts in

Marine Science; Mitchell Charlemagne Johnson, Associate of Applied Science in Telecommunications Technology; and Yasko Weilbacher, Third-Year Certificate of Achievement in Teacher Preparation-Elementary. At the college's campus in Chuuk, 15 students were expected to graduate. At the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute in Yap, 22 graduates took part in a ceremony on May 18, 2012. Kosrae and Yap campuses held their commencement exercises during summer 2012.



President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. delivering his commencement speech to the graduates at the 55th Commencement Exercises.

Campus-wide Briefs

STAP Now Accepting Applications for Scholarship Assistance

The Samahang Tagalog Atbp. sa Ponape (STAP) is now accepting applications for this school year's scholarship assistance. This was announced by Mr. Ramon Maglaqui, president of the association. STAP is a regional association of Filipinos in Pohnpei whose primary purpose is to encourage Micronesian citizens to pursue a post secondary school education by providing scholarship assistance to eligible applicants. According to Mr. Maglaqui, any Micronesian citizen who is a high school senior, currently-enrolled college student, or high school graduate (or GED recipient) accepted to attend an institution of higher education in the State of Pohnpei, FSM during the upcoming academic year will be considered. A total of \$500 (or \$250 per semester) will be awarded to the scholars selected.

Application for scholarship and accompanying requirements must be submitted on or before June 30, 2012. Those interested may see or call Professor Rafael Pulmano at the Business Division, COM-FSM National Campus, or visit <http://rafaelpulmano.com> (go to Opportunities page) and download the application form.

COM-FSM Concludes its Annual Fun Walk/Run

The College of Micronesia-FSM held its annual fun walk/run last May 5, 2012. The walk/run was held at the Palm Terrace parking lot. With over 200 participants, the runners completed a 5-kilometer walk from Palm Terrace to the airport via COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus, then returned to Palm Terrace parking lot via the Spanish Wall. All the finishers received

t-shirts from Palau Shipping Co. Amcres Shipping Agency, the major sponsor for this year's event. Trophies, awards and door prizes were also given away to the participants of the event. Proceeds from this event were donated to the college's Endowment Fund. The College of Micronesia-FSM Endowment Fund was established by the College and is maintained for the purpose of providing support for the future needs of the College.



Winners of the Fun Walk/Run with Acting President Mariana Ben-Dereas.

National Campus Welcomes Close Up Students

The College of Micronesia-FSM received students from FSM high schools who

participated in the Close Up program on May 21, 2012. Close Up students include of one or two top students from all high schools in the

nation who were sent on a mission to observe how work is done in the government. The students came together to learn from each other's differences and share their cultures to foster unity. Three of the college's VP's including VP for Students Services, VP for Instructional affairs and VP for Administrative Services gave presentations for the students about the college. Close Up students were selected from the 11th and 12th grades from high schools in the FSM. Not all high schools were represented. However, there were student participants from all the FSM states. The students were given a tour of the National Campus by the college's Peer Guide students.

More Information Online

-  www.comfsm.fm
-  <http://com-fsm.blogspot.com/>
-  College of Micronesia-FSM (Official)
-  College of Micronesia Alumni

News & Information

Jasmine Mendiola of National Campus Named Valedictorian for the Second Time

For Jasmine Mendiola, giving valedictory speeches is not something new to her since this was her second time to be named Valedictorian for the College of Micronesia-FSM. She gave her first valedictory speech when she graduated with an AA degree in Liberal Arts last Fall semester of 2010 and again when she graduated with an AS degree in Marine Science during the 55th Commencement Exercises. Jasmine is a single mom and the second youngest of four siblings, born and raised in Pohnpei. According to Jasmine, raising a child on her own and attending college at the same time are "very challenging" adding that these challenges inspire her to strive hard in her studies and achieve her dream of becoming a Marine Scientist. In her valedictory address, she told her fellow graduates that "Failure is only when you decide to stop because all these challenges you can always top only if you never ever, ever give up." Jasmine is now in Hawaii to continue her studies in Marine Science. She received a 10-week



Jasmine Mendiola giving her valedictory address during the 55th Commencement Exercise.

Internship for Undergraduate Research & Mentoring in Biological Sciences (URM) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Jasmine said she is still searching for possible scholarships so she can pursue a Bachelor of Science degree either in Hawaii or Fiji. As soon as she completes her studies, she plans to return to Pohnpei and as a Marine Scientist to help maintain the cleanliness of the oceans of the FSM. Jasmine was also a valedictorian when she attended PICS High School and a salutatorian when she graduated from eighth grade.

Board Of Regents May 2012 Meeting Update Actions & Directives:

1. The minutes as amended of the March 7-9, 2012, special meeting were adopted.
2. The Board endorsed a COM-FSM Five-Year Integrated Master Plan, 2013-2017.
3. The Board endorsed the five-year financial projections for 2013-2017.
4. Two new positions were established, that of Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance, and of Chief of Staff.
5. The Board approved changes to the functional responsibilities of and reporting structure for state campus director. and to renaming their title to "Campus Dean,"
6. Revisions to the Investment Policy Statement which includes changes in asset allocation were approved.
7. Revisions to the following policies: Section I Purpose and Scope, Section VI Employment, Section IX Leave Policies, Section XIII Performance Evaluation, Section XIV Termination, Section XV Employment Discipline and Protection, and Section XVI Grievance Procedure were approved.
8. The next meeting will be held in Pohnpei in conjunction with the President's visioning summit in August; the dates to be announced.

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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

Student Services Specialist III
 Vocational Instructor-Automotive Mechanic
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 Administrative Assistant II

Yap

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 English Instructor

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