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## Reminders

### CHUUK

- July 2 Last Day to Withdraw with "W"
- July 2-5 Early Registration for Continuing Students
- July 17 Last Day of Instruction
- July 18-19 Final Exams
- July 23 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

### KOSRAE

- July 2 Last Day to Withdraw with "W"
- July 2-5 Early Registration for Continuing Students
- July 17 Last Day of Instruction
- July 18-19 Final Exams
- July 23 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

### POHNPEI and NATIONAL

- July 2 Last Day to Withdraw with "W"
- July 2-5 Early Registration for Continuing Students
- July 17 Last Day of Instruction
- July 18-19 Final Exams
- July 23 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

### YAP

- July 2 Last Day to Withdraw with "W"
- July 2-5 Early Registration for Continuing Students
- July 17 Last Day of Instruction
- July 18-19 Final Exams
- July 23 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

### FMI

- July 2 Tutoring Starts
- July 6 Monthly Report Due
- July 24 Last Day of Instruction
- July 26-27 Final Exams
- July 31 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors

## ROTC Cadets Begin Training of COM-FSM Upward Bound Students

A Memorandum of Understanding signed by the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Upward Bound Program at Pohnpei Campus and the U.S. Army Cadet Command began a three-week training of Upward Bound students by U.S. Army ROTC Cadets. Eight U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets began instructing students at the Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS) in English, math, science, and physical training from June 26 to July 13, 2012. This cooperation is the first-ever U.S. Army Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP) in the Federated States of Micronesia. The Cadets are under the command of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael Feret, CULP Program Coordinator to the FSM. On Monday, June 25, COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., Upward Bound staff Steven Yarofalig on behalf of Director Diaz Joseph, and Acting



Front right: LTC Michael Feret, U.S. Ambassador Peter Parahar, President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed. D., and the eight Cadets responsible for training the Upward Bound students.

Pohnpei Campus Dean Maria Dison signed the MOU with Lieutenant Colonel Feret, welcoming the CULP Visit Summer 2012 program to begin its mission in Pohnpei. The eight ROTC Cadets providing the training for the Upward Bound students are currently working towards their bachelor degrees. The Cadets and university

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## College Joins Pohnpei to Welcome Japan Visitors

The College of Micronesia-FSM was among the organizations and groups that welcomed the visitors from Japan who visited Pohnpei on June 9 through June 13, 2012. The visitors came on the first direct flight from Japan to the FSM after the extension of the Pohnpei International Airport runway; a project funded by the Japanese Overseas Development Assistance. With the assistance of a translator, the college translated a brochure about the college into Japanese as well as provided Japanese subtitles for its short video on the lives of students at the college, to promote

the college and its endowment fund. On June 10, the college set up a booth at the Spanish Wall Park along with other groups and vendors. Staff from the college Bookstore and the Development and Community Relations Office played the Japanese subtitled video, gave away brochures and sold college merchandise to the visitors. A translator was also present at the booth who provided translation services for those who visited the college's booth. The college gave away over 100 brochures to the visitors.

## 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.

*To support us, contact the Development and Community Relations Office*

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## Editor's Notes

With the assistance of the college Webmaster, the Development and Community Relations Office has started training of campus secretaries and office/ program staff on uploading information to the college website. The trainees from national and Pohnpei campuses are equipped with the skills necessary to upload news and information directly to the college website from their workstations. This is a huge improvement toward efforts to making the college website the main information hub for the college. Time sensitive information will not have to be sent to the Webmaster for uploading. Instead, staff from other offices may now upload their own news and information. The Webmaster also conducted training for DCR staff to enable them to update contents of the website directly. Training sessions for other campus secretaries and office/ program staff will commence in July. The first set of training will focus on uploading news and announcements to the website. The next set will focus on updating content of web pages.

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

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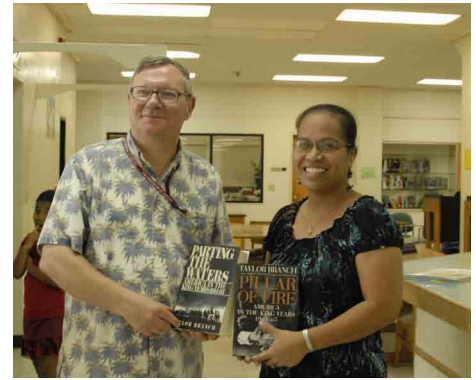
## News & Information

### 55th Commencement.. From Page 1

they are attending are: Melissa Fellrath - Columbus State University; Zhe Pan - Temple University; Samuel Watts - Minnesota State University; Andrew Munger - Wake Forest University; Daniel McRoy - Western Kentucky University; Maychee Zah - University of Georgia; Stephen Cherry - Stephen F. Austin University; and Jack Wood - Lewis University. The CULP Program is designed to prepare newly commissioned U.S. Army lieutenants to lead with confidence and competence in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment. Cadets are deployed in some 80 countries during the summer immersion program.



President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. and Acting Pohnpei Campus Dean Maria Dison sign the Memorandum of Understanding.



U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar (Left) donates books to the National Campus library. The books were received by LRC Director Jennifer Hainrick Helieisar (Right)

## Campus-wide Briefs

### GEAR UP to Hold Summer Program at Kolonia Elementary School

The GEAR UP program will hold a summer school at Kolonia Elementary School starting on June 13 and ending on July 17, 2012. The summer program will be made up of three rounds of 10-day sessions focusing on educational preparedness and higher education awareness activities for students. GEAR UP teachers will be instructing students in math, technology and providing activities for increasing career awareness, self-esteem and motivation. Three hundred-fifty students are expected to take part in the summer program. For the first time, the program will feature a mentoring component for college-bound GEAR UP students in learning communities to provide more peer-to-peer support group assistant. Field trips, community service activities, student workshops and guest lectures by invited speakers will also take place.

### Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Program 2013

An opportunity to study in Japan under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Program for undergraduate and specialized training college students during academic year 2013 is now available. Application submission deadline is set at June 29, 2012, and the Examination date is set for July 7, 2012, starting at 8:45 am. Application forms are available at the Embassy of the Government of Japan in the FSM. You may contact Counselor Genichi Terasawa at telephone number (691) 320-5465/6366.

### CariPac Scholarship Available for Summer 2012

For Agriculture and Natural Resource students interested in pursuing Bachelor Degree in the field of Agriculture and Natural Resource, Food Technology, or related fields. If you are a FSM citizen graduating or already

graduated from a community college, or already attending an accredited US Universities and are committed to working in the FSM after completion of your bachelor degree or a more advanced degree this announcement is for you. For more information

visit Instructor Kiyoshi Phillip or contact him by phone at 320-2902 or by email [kphillip@comfsm.fm](mailto:kphillip@comfsm.fm). You may also contact Caripac Coordinator Jackson Phillip 320-6468 email [jphillip@comfsm.fm](mailto:jphillip@comfsm.fm) or Project PI Jim Currie 320-8181 email [jimc@comfsm.fm](mailto:jimc@comfsm.fm).

### Artwork by National Campus Students

By: Professor Rafael Pulmano  
How do you learn how to draw? Draw! And that's exactly what the students did when they attended Introduction to Art (AR 101) classes by Professor Rafael Pulmano at the College of Micronesia-FSM



A sample drawing exercise from the students titled: Cool & Warm Colors

National Campus. "Aren't you first going to teach us?" This was the question raised by one student during the summer 2012 semester

when Pulmano required them to draw on their first day of class. Most students were surprised, some even protested. But they did draw, and their first drawings, along with many of their subsequent artworks, can now be viewed by everyone online at [http://www.comfsm.fm/~pulmano/2012.2-Summer/assessment-ar101\\_1.html](http://www.comfsm.fm/~pulmano/2012.2-Summer/assessment-ar101_1.html).

### More Information Online



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



<http://com-fsm.blogspot.com/>



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## News & Information

### Secretaries Attend Website Update Training

College secretaries from the National Campus took part in a training session last June 19, 2012 on how to post information to the college website directly. The training is part of a series of improvement activities to make the college's website the primary information hub for the college. More students are relying on the college's website as their main information source for the college. The training will enable other offices and programs of the college to directly post their announcements and information to the college website. Currently, only the staff from the Information Technology and Development and Community Relations offices have direct access to update the website. With the new change, each office or program of the college will have the access and skillset to post announcements and share information to the entire college community from their duty stations. This accessibility will be available from anywhere in the world where Internet services are available. The training is part of a series of trainings developed to farm out direct access to update parts of the college website to people responsible for providing services at the college. The



DCR Director Joe Saimon presents on website updates to college secretaries.

current training is only focusing on direct posting of announcement and information to the website. Further training sessions will focus on major content upload. The same training for campus secretaries took at Pohnpei Campus on June 20, 2012, and eventually at other campuses. The participants of the training at the National Campus included Hadleen Hadley, Sinobu Lebehn, Josephine Kostka, Mary Allen Manuel, Julia Eldridge, and Yolina Yamada. The training was conducted by Webmaster Shaun Suliol, and Development and Community Relations staff Joseph Saimon.

### MITC Coordinator To Conduct Pacific Digital Library Training

The COM-FSM Media and Instructional Technology Center (MITC) coordinator departed Pohnpei last June 25, 2012, to conduct a digital library training as part of the Kosrae Education Conference. MITC Coordinator, Karleen Manuel Samuel, conducted the training for librarians and educators on the Pacific Digital Library (PDL) project. Karleen serves as the technical director of the PDL project, managing all information technology aspects of the project, as well as preparing and editing scanned files sent from other librarians in the region before uploading to the PDL website. PDL is part of the Strategic Learning Communities (SLC) project funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and administered by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). Ms. Jane Barnwell, PREL Director of Library and Information Literacy Initiatives, has been working alongside Karleen to provide these trainings. The Kosrae training is part of a series of workshops that were held in Palau and Yap in February and most



MITC Coordinator Karleen Manuel presents during the Pacific Digital Training.

recently in Majuro this past May. Participants who attend the bookmaking workshop at the Kosrae conference will be encouraged to contribute their work to the PDL, expanding the amount of material available online for children in local languages. The Pacific Digital Library (PDL) is the result of a three-week intensive training on the Greenstone Digital Library software that was held in May 2009, and continues to be maintained and updated through the collaborative effort of a group of Pacific librarians.

### Recognition Wall

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- The Village
- United Filipino Community of Pohnpei
- Upward Bound - Yap Campus

### GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

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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

#### Yap

Extension Agent I [Home Economics]  
Agriculture Agent  
Student Services Specialist II  
Social Science Instructor

#### Chuuk

IT Technician II  
Student Services Specialist I

#### Kosrae

Science Instructor  
Mathematics Instructor



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Ms. Harriss was initially hired at the College of Micronesia-FSM in January 2009 as a marine science instructor under the Math and Science Division. In 2010, she became division chair until she assumed the ALO responsibilities in July of 2011. She served as ALO until her appointment to the new Vice President for Effectiveness and Quality Assurance position earlier this month.

#### Academic Credentials:

- Doctoral Student, Currently enrolled on: Education Doctorate--Higher Education University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- Master of Science, Botany University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 1997  
The Effects of Epiphytic Algae on Blade Growth of *Thalassia testudinum* Banks Ex Konig in Sarasota Bay, Florida
- Bachelor of Science, Biology San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 1994



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Mr. Wilson Bisalen has been tutoring at Chuuk Campus since his return to Chuuk from Hawaii in 2011. At UH- Hilo he also worked with Micronesian and Pacific Island students where he served as a student council representative until he graduated, a volunteer at the Student Support Services Program proving office administrative support, tutoring services and assisting students with Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). During summer in 2007, he was hired as a technical assistant at Chuuk Campus also to transcribe cultural tapes from Chuukese to English. He will begin the position effective June 18, 2012.

BA Degree in History (Pacific Focus), 2010 from University of Hawaii at Hilo  
Completed 1 semester at COM-FSM/Chuuk Campus

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Ms. Caren Enlet is no stranger to the College having worked with Upward Bound Program since 2009 on a part-time basis until 2011 when she started at the Business Office/Book Store. She also has served as a classroom teacher at Weno Chuuk High School for several years and a trainee at Chuuk State Health Care Plan for close to 4 months performing administrative work.

AS degree in Teacher Education, 2003 from COM-FSM Chuuk  
Certificate of Achievement in Bookkeeping, 2001 from COM-FSM Chuuk  
Completed 8 courses at the College of Marshall Islands.

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