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## Reminders

### CHUUK

August 6 Fall Semester Begins  
August 6-10 Freshmen Orientation  
August 6-10 Faculty Workshops  
August 13 Freshmen Course Selection  
August 14-16 Registration  
August 20 First Day of Instruction  
August 24 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
August 27 Class List Due from Instructors

### KOSRAE

August 6 Fall Semester Begins  
August 6-10 Freshmen Orientation  
August 6-10 Faculty Workshops  
August 13 Freshmen Course Selection  
August 14-16 Registration  
August 20 First Day of Instruction  
August 22 Holiday - Kosrae Gospel Day  
August 24 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
August 27 Class List Due from Instructors

### POHNPEI and NATIONAL

August 6 Fall Semester Begins  
August 6-10 Freshmen Orientation  
August 6-10 Faculty Workshops  
August 13 Freshmen Course Selection  
August 14-16 Registration  
August 20 First Day of Instruction  
August 24 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
August 27 Class List Due from Instructors

### YAP

August 6 Fall Semester Begins  
August 6-10 Freshmen Orientation  
August 6-10 Faculty Workshops  
August 13 Freshmen Course Selection  
August 14-16 Registration  
August 20 First Day of Instruction  
August 24 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses  
August 27 Class List Due from Instructors

## Chuuk Campus Celebrates 10th Commencement Exercises

The College of Micronesia-FSM Chuuk Campus held its 10th Commencement Exercises for school years 2011 and 2012 graduates. The celebration was held at the Chuuk Campus Student Services Building with the theme "Moving Forward, Together." Representing the graduates, Marsahle Wishim, an Associate of Arts in Teacher Preparation graduate, welcomed everyone and called for a spirit of teamwork and collaboration for all Chuukese to develop Chuuk for Chuukese. She acknowledged that she and her fellow graduates will embark on different paths after completing their studies at Chuuk Campus. Ms. Wishim believes that the different paths to be taken by them will take them all back to Chuuk. She further encouraged her fellow graduates not to leave Chuuk but to stay and help her build Chuuk's future. Vice President for Administrative



The graduates of Chuuk Campus at the 10th commencement exercises.

Services Joseph Habuchmai was present at the commencement exercises as the keynote speaker in place of President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. In his keynote address, Vice President Habuchmai congratulated the graduates and bid them farewell as they move on in their lives. He encouraged them to

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## Students Join Research with Dr. Kessler of the University of Missouri

COM-FSM Marine Science Instructor Brian Lynch and Marine Science students Travis Herman and Arnold Hauk have been collaborating on a research project with Dr. Dylan Kessler of the University of Missouri, and two NGO's (Island Conservation and Conservation Society of Pohnpei) on a week long study of Ant Atoll's biodiversity. In addition, COM-FSM maintenance staff Lihno Panuelo has been serving as the team's boat driver, ferrying research members to the various islands for both day and night surveys. Specifically, the team has been

conducting surveys of most of the islands looking at vegetation, bird populations, the native land crabs, and how these populations are affected by introduced pests such as pigs, rats, and cats. Students have been conducting both day and night transects counting rats, land crabs, and measuring vegetation on the islands. Ant Atoll is a natural laboratory setting for this kind of investigation as the islands vary tremendously in terms of the distribution of exotic pests. The group hopes to publish results of this intensive study by early next year.

## College of Micronesia-FSM Endowment Fund

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## Editor's Notes

The college webmaster and the director of development and community relations (DCR) have completed newsfeed upload training for secretaries and program/ office heads at Chuuk, Yap and FSM-FMI campuses. The DCR director also took the opportunity to meet with program and office heads and discussed possible news stories and agreed on worktable publishing dates. The webmaster and the DCR director will be visiting Kosrae in August to continue training at the campus. When training is complete, state campuses should have trained staff to develop news content as well as to publish them directly from the state campuses. Given the need to review information before they are released to the public, the DCR director will be reviewing all news stories before they are released. We expect to see fresh news content for the website on a regular basis.

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

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## News & Information

### Chuuk Campus Celebrates.. From Page 1

weigh all opportunities carefully and seize their futures wholeheartedly. The 10th Commencement Exercises recognized graduates for both school years 2011 and 2012. The 2011 Associate of Science in Teacher Education-Elementary graduates were Jefferson Dungawin, AnnFree Fredy, Kiriskitina Kanemoto, Joan Marar, Tercy Sauder, and Baily Silluk. The Associate of Arts in Teacher Preparation graduates were JT Fritz, Mercedes Victus, and Melvin Paulis. The Associate of Science in Teacher Preparation graduate was Pasina Lippwe. The 2012 Associate of Arts in Teacher

Preparation graduates were Tinisa Fritz, Nenty Nedlec, Trisha Omwere, Florensa Rhaym, Jiwelina Elimo, Randall Home Island Mazawa, You-me Mokut, TK Reuney, Gloria Rikat, Ermes Tom, Marsahle Wishim, and Gracelynn Otto. The Associate of Science in Teacher Education – Elementary graduates were Valma Berry, Sailin Cholymay, Largus O. Setik, Joymina Fuppul, Faith Sos, and Christine Lodge. Also taking part in the celebration were completers of the Cooperative Research Extension sponsored youth-at-risk program, the Area Health Education Center

sponsored summer health camp, and the Upward Bound Program tutoring program. The youth-at-risk program provides training opportunities of life skills to education at-risk students; the AHEC's summer health camp puts youths through health-related training and experiences to promote careers in the health sector; and the Upward Bound Program prepares high school students to succeed in college. In attendance at the commencement were the families of the graduates, the faculty and staff of Chuuk Campus, and dignitaries from Chuuk State and Weno Municipality.

## Campus-wide Briefs

### Englberger Donates Late Wife's Books and Literature to COM-FSM

The College of Micronesia-FSM is the recipient of the late Dr. Lois Englberger's collection of books and literature, thanks to her husband, Mr. Konrad Englberger. Mr. Englberger, an independent environmental services professional made the donation to the college's Learning Resources Center (LRC) at the National Campus. According to LRC Director Jennifer Hainrick, the late Dr. Lois Englberger's collection will be displayed at the library for at least six months then relocated to its permanent location at the LRC Pacific Collection. The late Dr. Englberger is known throughout Pohnpei, Micronesia, the region and the world for her promotion of high beta-carotenoid local food especially the karat banana found mostly on Pohnpei. Due to imported processed food, the people of Pohnpei disregarded the once staple food for weaning babies onto solid food until Dr. Englberger started promoting the banana.

### COM-FSM and US Embassy Launch Art Woodworking Craft

The College of Micronesia-FSM and the U.S. Embassy hosted a three-week Art Envoy Woodworking Craft at Pohnpei Campus on July 23 – August 10, 2012. Mr. William Hewitt, an expert instructor, is conducting training on advanced techniques woodworking. The workshop is open to COM-FSM students and interested community members who were selected by the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Pohnpei and the U.S. Embassy. The talented craftsmen who complete the training will have the opportunity to advance and improve their skills to create wood products for sale on local and international markets. The training will run daily with both class and shop time filling the workday on Mondays through Fridays.

### Former Mayor of Konan City Donates to the College's Endowment

Mr. Ryohei Oike the former Mayor of Konan City, and his

wife donated \$320.00 to the College's Endowment. The Oike Family was the host family of HR Director Rencelly Nelson while she was at Konan City. Mr. Ryohei Oike is a real estate agent and the governor of the Social Welfare Organization for the Disabled in Konan City, Japan, while his wife is a homemaker. Mr. Oike and his wife have visited the FSM states of Pohnpei, Chuuk and Kosrae. They have not visited Yap State yet.

### Yap Campus Dean Invites Yapese Female Students to Enroll at FSM-FMI

Yap Campus Dean, Lourdes Roboman made an appeal to Yap High School graduates attending the Upward Bound Program to consider enrolling at the FSM-FMI campus. Dean Roboman, who provides



Former Mayor of Konan City Mr. Ryohei Oike and his wife Hideko Oike.

administrative oversight for both Yap and FSM-FMI made the appeal at the end of the Upward Bound graduation on August 3, 2012, to the graduates and their parents. The FSM-FMI will be enrolling students to its fullest capacity for the upcoming school year. According to Dean Roboman, of all the female

enrollees, none of them are from Yap. She invited

students to visit either Yap or FSM-FMI campuses to pick up application forms

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### President Daisy Hosts Dinner for Army Cadets

President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., hosted dinner for eight U.S. Army Cadets and their commanding officer, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael Feret at his home on Friday evening, July 13, 2012. The group of cadets recently completed training of COM-FSM Upward Bound students in English, math, science, and physical training from June 26 to July 13, 2012, at Pohnpei Island Central School. During the dinner reception, President Daisy thanked the cadets and their commanding officer for helping the students as well as congratulating them for completing their mission. Their mission was the first-ever U.S. Army Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP) in the Federated States of Micronesia. 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 Daisy presented Lieutenant Colonel Feret



President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. (middle) with the U.S. Army Cadets.

and his group of cadets letters and gifts of appreciation from the college. Feret thanked the president and the college for supporting them as they carried out their mission. The cadets and university 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.

### COM-FSM Students Return after Konan City Visit

Nine College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) students recently returned from a visit to Konan City, Japan, on July 2, 2012. Assistant Professor Yoriko Tanigawa, a former COM-FSM Japanese Language instructor, organized the trip. COM-FSM Human Resources Director Rencelly Nelson and Pohnpei Island Central School teacher Magdalena Johnson accompanied the students. The group paid for their own airline transportation costs while Konan City took care of all lodging and transportation needs in Konan City. Students and chaperons stayed with host families. The students and chaperons visited sites such as the Mandaraji Temple, joined cooking classes and cooked lunch. The human resources director and the FSM Ambassador to Japan, Honorable John Fritz exchanged the Agreement of Academic Cooperation between the College of Micronesia-FSM and the Aichi Konan College in a ceremony attended by the local press. The students also



The students and HR Director Rencelly Nelson wearing the traditional Japanese clothing.

visited the Environmental Clean Center and participated at a festival in Konan College where they presented a local dance and sang the FSM National Anthem. The visitors completed their cultural awareness visit and returned to the college on July 2, 2012. The students who went on the trip included Cherylly Ligohr, Joynice Immanuel, Tewia Sione, Berman Elias, Lina Santos, Theophilia Gilmete, Julaine Pablo, Elmihra Waltu, and Diandra Joseph.

## Recognition Wall

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- Ambassador, Embassy of Japan

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### Employment Opportunities at COM-FSM

#### Pohnpei

Campus Dean-Pohnpei Campus  
Student Services Specialist III  
Vocational Instructor-Automotive Mechanic  
Math/Science Instructor  
Director of GEAR-UP Program

#### Yap

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

#### Chuuk

Campus Dean-Chuuk Campus  
IT Technician II  
Student Services Specialist I

#### Kosrae

Science Instructor  
Mathematics Instructor

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Science I



Name: **Mr. James Beti**  
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Mr. Beti graduated from PATS in 1998 and continued his training at T3 & Automotives Mechanics and Welding where he earned his certificate in. His previous work experience include working at Maintenance office at Pohnpei Campus as Utility Worker. He began at Pohnpei Campus effective July 12, 2012.

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