

Reminders

CHUUK

September 1 Deadline for Applications
for Mid-Year Graduation
September 17 Early Warning Deficiency
Reports Due from Instructors
October 1 Holiday - Chuuk Constitution
Day
October 8-9 Mid-term Evaluations
October 12 Mid-term Deficiency Notices
Due from Instructors

KOSRAE

September 1 Deadline for Applications
for Mid-Year Graduation
September 7 Holiday - Kosrae
Liberation Day (observed)
September 17 Early Warning Deficiency
Reports Due from Instructors
October 8-9 Mid-term Evaluations
October 12 Mid-term Deficiency Notices
Due from Instructors

POHNPEI and NATIONAL

September 1 Deadline for Applications
for Mid-Year Graduation
September 11 Holiday - Pohnpei
Liberation Day
September 17 Early Warning Deficiency
Reports Due from Instructors
October 8-9 Mid-term Evaluations
October 12 Mid-term Deficiency Notices
Due from Instructors

YAP

September 1 Deadline for Applications
for Mid-Year Graduation
September 17 Early Warning Deficiency
Reports Due from Instructors
October 8-9 Mid-term Evaluations
October 12 Mid-term Deficiency Notices
Due from Instructors

YAP-FMI

September 7 Monthly Report Due
September 14 Early Warning Deficiency
Reports Due from Instructors
September 18 Tutoring Start
October 5 Monthly Report Due
October 9-10 Mid-term Evaluations

FSM-FMI Sending Students for Shipboard Training

The FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute is currently running two shipboard training schemes for its students. One scheme places students on interisland vessels and the other on foreign vessels. Students board the Yap State ship M.V. Hapilmogol during field trips where they receive practical training while they are still attending FSM-FMI. The students' experiences during the inter-island trade routes count toward their licensing requirements. FSM-FMI graduates also board international vessels such as the Kyowa Line and Matson to gain experience on foreign shipping routes as well as ways and practices of foreign ports visited in order for them to meet the requirements for licensing. Graduates also take the opportunity to gain further studies in the Republic of Fiji as well as in the British Commonwealth countries



FSM-FMI students during shipboard training.

such as Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. According to FSM-FMI Director Mathias Ewamai, four slots are available per year for FMI graduates with the two international shipping companies. He said the four slots are not enough to accommodate the number of students graduating from FMI. Director Ewamai is working with the Micronesian Shipping Commission to enlist the assistance of other shipping lines under the entry assurance

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COM-FSM /U.S. Embassy Arts Envoy Woodworking Craft Concludes

The three-week woodworking training has ended on August 10, 2012, producing twelve trainees with newly learned skills and techniques in advanced woodworking. The lead instructor, Mr. William Hewitt, did an outstanding job in delivering the training. The trainees were able to construct five collapsible tables and two collapsible chairs. A closing ceremony was held on Friday, August 10th to mark the end of the training program. Trainees were awarded certificates of participation for their efforts during the three-week course. Patrick Maloney of the U.S. Embassy reminded the participants



Student trainees with lead instructor William Hewitt (middle) during the woodworking training at Pohnpei Campus.

that having completed the training should equip them to return to their communities and produce wood products to earn an income. Instructors at Pohnpei Campus made plans to incorporate the techniques acquired through the training into the existing cabinetmaking curriculum.

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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 all campuses. The DCR director has met with program and office heads from all campuses and identified news stories along with publication deadlines for each campus and program. We are now receiving news stories from all campuses and at least one campus has started posting announcements directly to the website. During this semester, state campus personnel will be able to post photos to the website directly from their campuses. We always welcome your inputs and comments.

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

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scheme to receive more students per year. Last March 2012, the graduating class of 2012 went on the M.V. Hapilmogol for their one-month interisland shipboard training. The trip took them through the Yap neighboring islands and returned them to Yap in time for their May graduation. For the foreign shipboard training, a cadet embarked on a Matson ship M.V. Islander out of Guam in mid-July while another cadet boarded M.V. Kyowa Hibiscus in May and disembarked on Pohnpei in July. Five people from Yap were recently employed by Japanese deep sea purse

seining companies. One of them was a FSM-FMI graduate. According to Director Ewarmai, shipboard training has always been associated with training programs for maritime training institutions since formal training started. Shipboard training enables cadets to put to practice what they learned in classrooms. Periods of shipboard training vary from six months to one year or when a cadet achieves an officer's position, and from three months to four years.



Cadets inspecting a vessel

Campus-wide Briefs

US Ambassador to the FSM Visits National Campus

Her Excellency Ambassador Dorothea-Maria (Doria) Rosen, J.D. visited the National Campus on August 13, 2012. She was welcomed by students and COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. After her meeting with President Daisy, Ambassador Rosen visited the EducationUSA center where she was welcomed by EducationUSA advisers Mike Ioanis and Lore Nena.

Female Cadets Doing Well at FSM-FMI

The FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM-FMI) now has seven females among its male dominated student population. Of the seven cadets, three of them are majoring in navigation, two are majoring in engineering, and another two are majoring in fishing technology. According to the FSM-FMI Quartermaster Rufus Yaisolug, the female cadets are doing very well. Yaisolug said that the female cadets' ultimate goals are to become the first female ship captains, chief engineers and fishing masters. He said the female students are doing well in all activities including fire

drills and morning exercises where they have to do repeated pushups, sit-ups, and jogging. The quartermaster said that the seven female cadets are welcome additions since the FSM-FMI has been traditionally enrolling males only. Yaisolug described the seven females cadets as bright and brave.

General Catalog 2012-2012 Electronic Version Now Available On-Line

The College of Micronesia-FSM General Catalog 2012-2013 electronic version is now available online. The catalog is accessible on the college website under the "Public Reports" and "Academics" dropdown menus.

Spring 2012 Enrollment and Achievement Data Summary

Total student enrollment for spring 2012 was 2544 compared to 2392 students in spring 2011. The National Campus had 958 students followed by Pohnpei with 693, Chuuk 428, Kosrae 244 and Yap 221. Continuing students composed the greatest portion of students at 91% with new students representing 5% of the overall student population and returning

students with 4%.

Visit by Konan City Students

Ten high school students from Konan City, Japan visited the college on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 4:30pm at the MITC. These



Konan city student ambassadors with COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., VPAS Joe Habuchmai, VPSS Ringlen Ringlen

student ambassadors were accompanied by three staff and were welcomed by President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., VPJA Mariana Ben Dereas and VPAS Joseph Habuchmai as well as students from the National Campus. The students represented five junior schools in Konan City, three of which were recently visited by the COM-FSM students who went to Japan in July.

Team Recommends College Employees Master Accreditation Standards

The ACCJC/WASC visiting team noted, in their Follow-Up Evaluation Report (2012, April), "it is important that the College

employees themselves develop a clear understanding of accreditation standards and demonstrate the ability to translate that understanding into action. As an observation, the evaluation team was concerned about the institution's mastery of the requirements

of the standards" (pp. 4 - 5) Several members of the college community have completed an ACCJC online workshop titled Accreditation Basics. The course is free and open to all who would like to better inform themselves on the basic structure, standards, and principles of the accreditation process.

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News & Information

Kosrae Campus Dedicates New Building

The College of Micronesia-FSM Kosrae Campus dedicated a new building that will house five different programs and services. The new building, which was received from Kosrae High School, will house the new Learning Resources Center (LRC), a new carpentry shop, the Area Health Education Center program, an electronics shop, and a new Food and Agriculture Degree Program classroom. The dedication was attended by Kosrae Campus Dean Kalwin Kephas and staff as well as the Kosrae State leadership. The Learning Resources Center Director Jennifer Hainrick and Director of Development and Communications Relations Joseph Saimon also attended the dedication since they were at Kosrae Campus during the dedication. On behalf of the college, Kosrae Campus Dean Kalwin Kephas thanked everyone who contributed to the acquisition and renovation of the facility. He thanked Kosrae State Department of Education Director and COM-FSM Board of Regents Vice Chairman Lyndon Cornelius as well as the Kosrae State Leadership for their part in ensuring the transfer of the facility from Kosrae High School to COM-FSM Kosrae Campus. Besides housing the programs at the college, Dean Kephas said the new LRC and trades and technology programs hosted in the building will also serve to transition students from Kosrae High School to the college. He



Kosrae Instructional Coordinator Nena Mike and LRC Director Jennifer Hainrick cutting ribbon to officially open the new building.

also hoped that such celebrations will happen again soon. After the presentation of the keys to the campus dean, the LRC director and the Kosrae Campus Instructional Coordinator Nena Mike cut the ribbon to mark the dedication of the new building. The lieutenant governor of Kosrae also attended the ceremony. In his remarks, Lieutenant Governor Sighrah thanked the contractor and all who helped renovate the building. He said that the increasing number of college enrollees at Kosrae Campus calls for new facilities. On behalf of the state governor, the lieutenant governor said that the state stands ready to assist the college in other areas. For the closing remarks, Cooperative Research and Extension Coordinator Kenye Killin said that the new building is important as it will serve the future needs of the children in Kosrae. Everyone was able to view the new building after the dedication ceremony.

Bank of the FSM Donates Raffle Prize to COM-FSM Endowment

The COM-FSM Board of regents held a 50/50 raffle as part of the colleges visioning summit at the National Campus. On August 8, 2012 the college raised \$3,320 from the 50/50 raffle and awarded 50 percent of the amount to the winner. The winner of the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$1,660 was the Bank of FSM. After a meeting between the executives of the bank, College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents and the college president, the Bank of the FSM decided to generously donate its winning prize to the college's endowment fund. Thanks to the Bank of the FSM, the college had a total of \$4,386 deposited to its endowment fund. At their visit to the bank, President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., encouraged the bank executives to visit the college and

conduct lectures about banking or financing for students. The president thanked them on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the college for supporting and donating to the College's Endowment Fund. The college representatives were met by Senior Vice President/ Head of Branch Banking & Alternate Chief Executive Officer Ruth Iriarte, Senior Vice President/Chief Lending Officer Malveen S. Maharaj, and Vice President/ Senior Lending Manager Delson Ehmes, Jr. Senior Vice President Ruth Iriarte thanked the COM-FSM president and board for visiting the Bank. She said that the bank has been active in the past in supporting the college's endowment fund and its other activities. The senior vice present said the bank is willing to explore ways to improve services to the college.

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