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Reminders

CHUUK

October 1 Holiday - Chuuk
Constitution Day
October 8-9 Mid-term Evaluations
October 12 Mid-term Deficiency
Notices Due from Instructors
October 24 Holiday - United Nations
Day
October 26 Last Day to Withdraw
with "W"

KOSRAE

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POHNPEI and NATIONAL

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YAP

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YAP-FMI

October 5 Monthly Report Due
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The Late Dr. Englberger's Collection Finds a Home at COM-FSM

The College of Micronesia-FSM dedicated a collection belong to the late Dr. Lois Englberger at the National Campus Learning Resources Center. Mr. Konrad Englberger donated his late wife's collection to the college last July after meeting with the Learning Resources Center (LRC) Director Jennifer Hainrick Helieisar, former Pohnpei Campus Dean Penny Weilbacher and COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. During the unveiling ceremony at the National Campus, Konrad Englberger expressed his satisfaction that his late wife's collection has found a new home at the college library where everyone can access it. The LRC director thanked the guests who attending the ceremony especially Mr. Englberger and representatives from the Mand Community in Madolenihmw, Island Food Community of Pohnpei and the



(From Left) Mand Community Chief Podis Pedrus, Island Food Community of Pohnpei Director Emihner Johnson, Pohnpei Cooperative Research and Extension Services Coordinator Engly Ioanis, Mr. Konrad Englberger, Island Food Community of Pohnpei Office Manager Mona J. Tara, COM-FSM DCR Director Joseph Saimon, COM-FSM LRC Director Jennifer Hainrick Helieisar

Cooperative Research and Extension Program at Pohnpei Campus. These are the groups that the late Dr. Englberger spent most of her lifetime in Pohnpei working with. According to the LRC director, Dr. Englberger was famous for her work promoting local food for the benefit of the health, economy and environment of Pohnpei

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Chuuk Campus Holds STI/HIV Awareness Campaign

The College of Micronesia-FSM Chuuk Campus held a successful awareness campaign on STI and HIV for Chuuk Campus students. According to the Chuuk Campus Nurse, Marcelly Mariano, many students showed up for the awareness campaign making it a successful event. The Chuuk State Public Health staff were at the campus to conduct presentations for students. Students also received demonstrations on how to properly use protection devices such as condoms. The students asked for clarifications on many areas such as the methods for transmitting the infections, the symptoms, treatments options, complications, and prevention methods. The students also



Chuuk Campus students during the STI / HIV awareness campaign.

received other services such as blood testing, chlamydia treatment, tools practice, and receiving a lot of information from the health booth staff from the health sector. Chuuk Campus has been collaborating with the Department of Health Services to provide quality health services at the campus to increase student awareness and prevention education on health related issues.

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Editor's Notes

We are happy to share that all campuses are constantly sending in news stories to be published in the *COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter* and the college website. This is a major improvement as we move forward to promote meaningful communication at the college. At least one campus has attempted to post information directly to the college website. We encourage other campuses to do the same, as we are ready to assist them should they encounter any technical issues. The month of September is also a busy month for the Development and Community Relations Office as we updated all of our assessment plans and reports. Between compiling information for publication from all campuses and responding to community requests, we have updated our assessment plans, strategies and reports from 2008 to 2013. Also, keep a lookout for our newest publication, a leaflet summary of all news articles from the college for the month of September. As usual, we always welcome your inputs and comments.

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News & Information

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and Micronesia. "We all know Dr. Lois by the slogan "Let's Go Local. When someone says Let's Go Local or Go Local we immediately think that's the lady with the Karat banana. "Today's exhibit showcases her work over the years and the LRC is proud to be part of this," said Director Helielsar. On behalf of the college and President Daisy, the Director of Academic Programs Karen Simion thanked Konrad Englberger for donating his late wife's collection to the college. She said that Dr. Englberger's work with the Karat banana made her famous. "Dr. Lois Englberger will be remembered for the good work

she did for all of us. We accept this donation wholeheartedly," said Director Simion. Through the influence of Dr. Englberger, the Mand Community in Madolenihmw banned soft drinks from all official community functions. Mr. Podis Pedrus from Mand was at the college for the ceremony. He acknowledged that through the help of Dr. Englberger, his community received the motivation to make the positive changes to avoid processed food for local produce as much as possible.



Konrad Englberger and LRC Director Jennifer Hainrick Helielsar with the commemoration plaque.

Campus-wide Briefs

College Take Part in BFSM Debit Card and ATM Celebration

The College of Micronesia-FSM was invited to take part in the Bank of the FSM's celebration to launch the bank's debit card and ATM services on September 12, 2012. President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. was one of the dignitaries designated to cut the ribbon to the new automatic teller machine (ATM) in Pohnpei. The other dignitaries were Ruth Iriarte, Bank of the FSM Senior Vice President/ Head of Branch Banking & Alternate CEO Ruth Iriarte and Rose Nakanaga, Acting Secretary of Finance - FSM National Government.

Chuuk Campus Completes EBSCO and PDL Training

The College of Micronesia-FSM, Chuuk Campus Learning Resources Center held another training session for students on EBSCO and PDL. The training took place during the first week of September where students were trained on how to use EBSCO and the Pacific Digital Library (PDL), a project supported by the college.

Ninety-five students participated

in the sessions where they were given the opportunity to visit the sites available through EBSCO and PDL.

STAP Awards Scholarships to COM-FSM Students

The Samahang Tagalog Atbp. sa Ponape (STAP) awarded scholarships to seven COM-FSM students at the National

Campus on September 6, 2012. The scholarship recipients were Leola Primo, Laura Fujimoto, Cory Kustin, Gracelyn Shirai, Andrea Ratloilug, Mary Joyce Pulmano, Tiffany Sanchez and COM-FSM Alumni and fourth year University of Hawaii at Hilo student LaShauna Wilson. STAP has been awarding scholarships to COM-FSM students for the past 12 years. On behalf of the college, President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. thanked the STAP officers and its members for their generosity.



President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. with the STAP officers and STAP scholarship recipients.

Did you also know...

During spring semester 2012, there were 39.9% of our students who earned 12 or more credits making them more likely to graduate within the allotted 12 semesters of eligibility for Pell Grant assistance -- provided students registered for courses necessary for their program of study. Did you also know...

- Students either withdrew from, or received an "F" in 20.9% of courses.
- 252 or 9.9% of the students enrolled at the beginning of the semester did not earn any credits.

President Daisy Invites Students to Give More at First COM-FSM Convocation

The College of Micronesia-FSM held its first academic convocation ceremony on September 14, 2012, to remind itself as a learning community of its responsibility to educate those under its care.

At the ceremony, attended by the college students, staff, administrators, regents and faculty, President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. reminded the college community especially the faculty of its responsibility to fulfill the college's mission. "Each of us, regardless of our position and geographic location has an important role in fulfilling the promise we make to our students in the college's mission statement, yet none is as central to our mission as our faculty. The faculty of this institution is at its core, and fundamental to its purpose," said Dr. Daisy. On behalf of the rest of the college community, the president said he offered his gratitude and thanks in recognition of the faculty's contribution to the education of the students of COM-FSM and to the future of the FSM.

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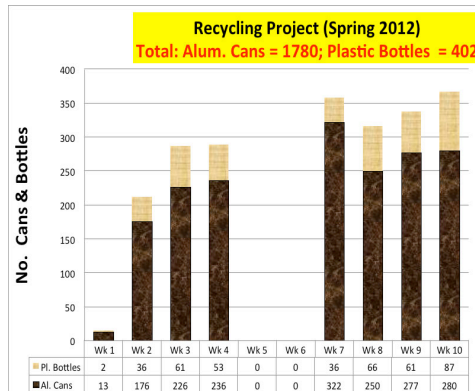
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News & Information

Recycling Aluminum Cans and Plastic Bottles on Campus

By: Professor Allain Bourgoin

Many of you might have already observed that around campus, there are a number of recycling bins identifiable by the "green recycling logo" painted on their sides. Many of these plastic baskets are bolted to large brown garbage cans placed at strategic locations around the National Campus while others can be found inside a number of buildings. These containers are meant to "uniquely" discard aluminum cans and plastic bottles. There should not be any other items disposed of in these bins, especially not paper waste nor betel nut juice. The students taking an Environmental Studies course during the spring session 2012 initiated the recycling project. The COM-FSM furnished the financial support for the project and Kolonia Town recycling program offered logistical support. In a 10-week period, a total of 1780 aluminum cans and 402 plastic bottles were collected in these baskets. (Refer to the histogram for weekly details.) Unfortunately nobody was assigned to supervise the project and monitor the activities during the summer session. Consequently, the recycling bins have been overfilled with other stuff other than what they are meant for and were not emptied on a regular basis. This is about to change, since, two work students have been designated to revive the project. They will have the responsibility of regularly emptying the recycling baskets to collect all aluminum cans and plastic bottles. For statistical purposes, they will keep track of the collectables and this information will be made available as a way of keeping the college community informed of the project activities.



Furthermore, there will be an "awareness" program developed. The objective is to help change habits, and start thinking in terms of recycling items whenever possible. Let's become aware of "how we dispose of our throw-aways". We encourage everyone to support this program by discarding aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the right containers. Please, remember that these baskets are strictly reserved for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Respect this and please take into consideration all those that believe in this project and are making major efforts to assure its success. But most of all, please be respectful to the two students who will empty these containers. As you would not want to clean up betel nut juice, chewing gums, empty ramen bowls; we encourage you to be considerate by not imposing this task on others by properly utilizing the aluminum and plastic receptacles. Thank you for your contribution and kind collaboration. Do not forget, this is our campus and how we dispose of our waste reflects who we are as a community.

New YES! Officers and Representatives

By: Leola Primo, National Campus

The Young Executives Society (YES!) elected its officers and state representatives during its first general meeting for the current school year at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus. The election results are as follows:

- Chris Yamada – President
- Leola Primo – Vice President
- Lorraine Yamada – Secretary
- Tyson Otto – Treasurer
- Sackett Peter – Pohnpei State Representative
- Shermick Rieuo – Chuuk State Representative
- Eustracia Wes – Yap State

Representative

- Brence Mongkeya – Kosrae State Representative

Joseph Felix Jr., chair of the Business Division, began the meeting by welcoming the new and current members with a short speech stating the organization's history, purpose, and future goals. "The Business Division is very grateful that you have chosen to be part of this organization, because you serve as a vital link that joins the Business Division faculty and its students into a partnership where we can all work together for the continuous improvement of the business program and explore better career opportunities for its graduates," he said.

Recognition Wall

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- Anca Dema & Family
- Andrea K. Ubedei
- Andrew Yatilman
- Ann B. Luor & daughter Sarah Hall
- Ann Wright
- Arbel D. Ben
- Asao Mikio & Naomi Wanibe
- Augustino A. Sanemai
- Bastora K. Raymond
- Benjamin I. James
- Benson Moses
- Bermin & Penny Weilbacher

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Pohnpei

Student Services Specialist III
Vocational Instructor-Automotive Mechanic

Yap

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

Chuuk

IT Technician II
Health and Nutrition Agent III

Kosrae

Mathematics Instructor
Science Instructor

National

Instructor - Art
Instructor - Business
Instructor - English
IT Technician II



Name: Kind Kanto
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Mr. Kanto has been working at the college since 1991, a sum of 21 years of services to the college. He started out as an instructor then a division chair of the Math & Science Division from 2005 until August 2011. Over the years he has served as acting Instructional Coordinator and Campus Director.

Outside the college, he has served in a number of organizations and positions such as President of the Truk Employees Credit Union and member of the Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency.

He received his Bachelor of Science from University of Oregon in 1988 and his Masters of Science from University of Guam in 2009



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Ms. Kamikubo was a Japanese Volunteer of JICA in Yap State teaching Japanese language at Yap High School. Her work experience includes teaching Japanese language at Tokyo International Japanese School and Japan Student Services Organization as a Specialist in Japanese Language. She received her MA degree in Japanese Language Educational/ Applied Linguistics at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Ms. Kamikubo is recently hired as an Instructor in Japanese Language at National Campus.

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Mr. Aiseam is not new to the college. He graduated from COM-FSM in 2005 with an AS degree in Agriculture Science. His work experience includes working with complex agriculture operations in support of research, extension and teaching activities and etc. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from University of Guam.

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