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Reminders

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May 10 Holiday – FSM Constitution Day (observed)
May 13-15 Final Exams
May 17 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors
May 22 Graduation/Spring Semester Ends
May 29-30 Registration
May 31 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
May 31 Faculty Meeting

KOSRAE

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POHNPEI and NATIONAL

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YAP

May 10 Holiday – FSM Constitution Day
May 15 Last Day of Instruction
May 16, 17, 20 Final Exams
May 22 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors Ends
May 24 Graduation/Spring Semester
May 29-30 Registration
May 31 Faculty Summer Contracts Begin
May 31 Faculty Meeting

FSM-FMI

May 10 Holiday-FSM Constitution Day
May 14-16 Final Exams
May 21 Deadline for Final Grades from Instructors
May 23 Graduation/Spring Semester Ends

Pohnpei Campus Holds Skills Expo 2013

COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus successfully held the 2013 Skills Expo at the Pohnpei Campus gymnasium on April 25 and 26, 2013. Pohnpei Campus showcased nine (9) instructional programs which include: Agriculture and Food Technology, Building Technology, Carpentry and Cabinet/ Furniture Making, Construction Electricity, Electronic Engineering Technology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and Telecommunication Technology. Booths were available with demonstrations and displays of either finished products or mock-ups of their respective programs. Exhibits ranged from hand crafted furniture made of local wood, cooking demonstrations, dining table



High school students checking out the Motor Vehicle Mechanics program exhibit.

setting, residential, industrial, and solar electrical wiring, home gardening and food processing, split type air conditioning hook up, fiber optic wiring, pc hardware & software trouble shooting, wireless communication (using microwaves), business machine servicing, typhoon resistant home

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Japanese Student with Big Dreams Comes to COM-FSM

A citizen of Gunma, Japan, Hanae Shimizu is a freshman studying Marine Science at COM-FSM's National Campus. After spending a few semesters at a Junior College in the United States, Hanae decided to return to Japan and searched for another college, that offered a marine science program and is in touch with nature and the ocean. She searched on-line and found COM-FSM, applied and eventually got accepted. A nature lover, she says coming to COM-FSM is a dream come true. *"Pohnpei is like a paradise, nature is everywhere from the moment I wake up in the morning and when I close my eyes at night all I see is nature. It's really beautiful here."* The events that followed the devastating tsunami in Japan fueled her passion to become a Marine Science major and at the same time pursue studies in Oceanography. Aside from her academic goals, her choice to attend COM-FSM was also to experience living in an environment where she could learn the local ways of fishing, preparing local food, weaving baskets using coconut leaves, or even lighting a fire without using a



Marine Science Major Ms. Hanae Shimizu

lighter. "These basic skills are very important for the Japanese people to learn", she adds. Hanae enjoys all her classes and is having a great time residing in the Female Residence Hall. "The instructors and the students are friendly; I'm having a great time knowing people and learning about the Micronesian Culture.", she expressed during her interview. Hanae is active in participating in college activities; she recently performed as a member of the ChuChok organization in presenting a cultural dance at the College's recent Founding Day.

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Editor's Notes

We at the Development & Community Relations (DCR) Office are pleased to present to you the 4th edition of the *COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter* (Volume 6 Issue 4). We would like to thank the folks from Yap, Kosrae, and Pohnpei Campus for contributing their stories to this publication. Copies of the newsletter will continue to be available on the [college website](#). As usual, we always welcome your inputs and comments.

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construction, and automotive electrical wiring system and engine display. A total of 69 students, 2 alumni, and 14 faculty members were involved in facilitating the two-day event. In addition to the showcases and in support of the Agriculture and Food Technology program and a course in Animal Husbandry, the office of Cooperative Extension Service Pohnpei (Cooperative Research Extension) provided a demonstration of their project on Artificial Insemination of pigs. Collectively, over 500 participants made this year's Skills Expo a huge success. Participants on both days included numerous members of the College community including administrators, students, faculty, staff, and COM-FSM Board members, and representatives of both the National and State governments. Visitors from the diplomatic corps were also in attendance which included the His

Excellency, Ambassador Zhang Lianyun of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, a representative of the Australian Embassy, and two representatives of the United States Embassy. Also in attendance were representatives of Sandy Ponds & Associates, FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Baptist Radio Station, Kaselehlie Press, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), and Rural Development USDA. From the private sector, managers of RJ Refrigeration & Electrical, CTSI, and Western Union and a group representing the Etscheit's Enterprises made visits as well.



Top: Electronic Engineering Technology students showcasing their exhibit.
Bottom: Hotel and Tourism Management Students at their exhibit.



Campus-wide Briefs

Yap & FMI Campuses Celebrates 20th Year Anniversary

On April 5th, 2013 the College of Micronesia-FSM Yap & FMI campuses celebrated the College's 20th year anniversary with a parade of colorful floats around the Colonia area. The parade kicked off at the Community Center at 10:00am. The procession of 4 colorfully decorated floats, about 200 students, staff, faculty, and Regent Mary Figir with the assistance of the Yap State Division of Public Safety went around the lagoon and ended at the Old Motor Pool lot a little before noon on that sunny day on Yap.

APAFS Holds Student Education Conference at COM-FSM

The Asia Pacific Association of Fiduciary Studies (APAFS) held a Student Education Conference on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the College of Micronesia-FSM

National Campus. Mr. Jason B. Miyashita, Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist (CRPS®), Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst (AIFA®) and Instructor, gave a valuable presentation about money, savings, and investments. During the presentation he encouraged his audience, made up of business administration and computer information systems majors, to start saving early and consider investing rather than spending all their money. "Instead of working hard to earn money," he said, "you should make money work hard for you."

Kosrae Campus Observed 2013 Kick Butts Day

Students, staff and faculty at Kosrae Campus observed Kick Butts Day 2013 on April 17, 2013. During the event tobacco users were challenged to abstain from the habit of using tobacco in any form. Students spent more than one hour listening to presentations by

Campus Security and the college nurse Meryulyn Livaie. These presentations included policies on tobacco use, addiction, and other tobacco related issues.

A representative from Kosrae V6AJ Radio was also invited to broadcast the event live and to conduct a "Street Talk" interview with some of the students.

SBA National Campus Hosts Ice Cream Social for Students

The Student Body Association (SBA) headed by SBA President Sebastian Tairuweyip hosted an Ice Cream Social on April 15, 2013 at the front locale of the LRC building at the College's National Campus. The purpose of this activity is to "bring students together and strengthen their relationships amidst diversity" and to assess the recent founding

day activities. "We want to know through the voice of the students if we did good or not with the efforts during the founding day" says Tairuweyip. Survey forms were handed out to students while they



Students having fun during the Ice Cream Social activity at National Campus

were waiting in line to get their ice cream. According to Tairuweyip close to 300 students have participated in the survey where 73% of them say that they were satisfied with

the outcome of the founding day activities.

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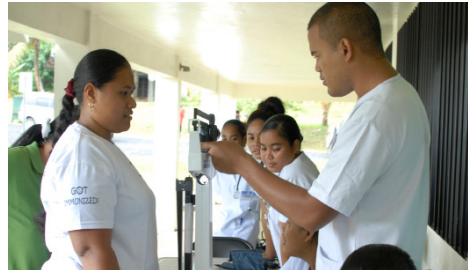
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National Campus Holds Health Fair 2013

COM-FSM National Campus conducted a Health Fair on April 26, 2013 on the front premises of the Learning and Recourses Center (LRC) Building. Spearheaded by the Campus Nurse Benina Ilon, numerous health and government organizations were invited to participate in the activity. Among these organizations were: Pohnpei State Department of Health Services, Primary Health Care Division, Dental Services Division., Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Pacific Mission Fellowship (PMF) and Medpharm Clinic & Pharmacy. The welcoming remarks were given by COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. who emphasized that "Let us reflect on the importance of our health as one of the pillars of our life, a life of purpose, service, and value, a life well-lived." A special message was also given by Dr. Timothy Talasivo from the Pohnpei State Dental Services. He encouraged COM-FSM students to pursue a degree in dentistry and other health related majors since the workforce here in the FSM is in desperate need of health workers. Among the health services that were offered that day were: blood testing, blood pressure, blood typing, diabetes screening, eye/vision



Nursing Program students and Instructor Rudelyn Dacanay



Nursing program student checking the weight of a patient.

screening, exercise demonstrations, hypertension screening, healthy food demonstrations, healthy food preparation demonstration, obesity screening, and oral/dental exam. Close to 400 people participated in the activity. COM-FSM National Campus would like to thank all the agencies and offices that participated in this year's Health Fair activities.

STEP-UP and COM-FSM Launches Research Laboratory

The Short-Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) and COM-FSM hosted the opening of a Research Laboratory on April 30, 2013 at the Agriculture building at the college's National Campus. The STEP-UP program is designed to provide short-term research education and training for high school and undergraduate students from racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research. Introductory remarks were given by COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. He thanked all who made the research lab possible and emphasize that "The range of research opportunities and the quality of research outcomes will be vastly improved through the establishment of this exceptional laboratory. We are grateful for the extraordinary generosity and donation of equipment by the STEP-UP Program, without which this new research lab would not be possible." Four (4) students from the three (3) public high



National Campus Students at the newly opened STEP-UP Laboratory.

schools (Nanpei memorial High School, Pohnpei Islands Central School, and Madolenihmw High School) and four (4) COM-FSM National campus students were chosen to take part in this year's STEP-UP Summer Research program. They were presented with laboratory coats and a bag each which they will use during the 10 week long training this summer. The STEP-UP Research Laboratory was made possible through the efforts of Dr. George Hui, Program Director, Pacific STEP-UP Program, the office of the Vice President for Instructional Affairs and the Division of Health Sciences.

Recognition Wall

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- Christine Lih leolani, Leo 'Dash' & Andrew PO'Omeika'i
- Chuuk Delegation to Mega Conference
- Chuuk State Dept. of Education
- Chuukese Students (Founding Day 1996)
- CNMI Delegation to the 1996 PREL Conference
- Construction & Power Source FSM, Inc.
- Copymaster Hawaii, Inc.

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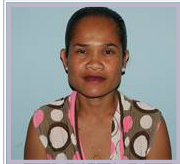
Science Instructor

FSM/FMI

Instructor-Navigation
Custodian
Maintenance Worker I

Chuuk

Research Assistant



Name: Menoleen Jacob
Position: Education Specialist
Division: Gear-Up Program
Campus: Pohnpei
Tel: 370-3795
Email: mjacob@comfsm.fm

Ms. Menoleen Jacob was recruited from PICS where she has been teaching since October 2010 after the Student Support Services Program (SSSP) phased out at the National Campus. At the college, she started out as a tutor while a student then filled the Mentoring Specialist Position at the SSSP following her graduation with a BA degree. She is currently enrolled in the online master's degree program at SDSU. She began in this post on May 1, 2013



Name: Sinamihner Villazon
Position: Custodian
Division: Maintenance & Security Office
Campus: Pohnpei Campus
Tel: 320-3795

Ms. Villazon brought with her 14 years of work experience with in the area of custodial work. She has been employed at the college on special services contract until 22nd of this month when she began on a regular contract.



Name: Sakios Mesiap
Position: Security Officer
Division: Maintenance & Security Office
Campus: Pohnpei Campus
Tel: 320-3795

Mr. Mesiap brought with him 14 years of work experience with in the area of security. He has been employed at the college on special services contract until 22nd of this month when he began on a regular contract.

At the college, he has completed a number of trainings on security and law enforcement. He has also been awarded for outstanding performance, perfect attendance and most organized.

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