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Reminders

CHUUK

June 3 First Day of Instruction
June 4 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
June 5 Class Lists Due from Instructors
June 7 Deadline for Applications for Summer Graduation
June 13 Early Warning Deficiency Report Due from Instructors
June 14 Deadline for 2013 Fall Sem. 3rd Yr Teacher Prep.-Elem. Apps.
June 16 Mid-term Evaluations
June 21 Mid-term Break (no school)
June 24 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors

KOSRAE

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POHNPEI and NATIONAL

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YAP

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FSM-FMI

June 1 Faculty Meeting
June 3 Monthly Report Due
June 11 New Students Arrive
June 13 Orientation and Registration
June 14 First Day of Instructions
June 22 Mid-term Evaluations
June 25 Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors

National and Pohnpei Campuses Hold 57th Commencement Exercises

The National and Pohnpei Campuses celebrated their 57th Commencement Exercises on May 22, 2013 at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, National Campus. Over 500 people attended the ceremony and witnessed the marching of the graduates. College President & CEO Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. gave the welcoming remarks and shared that "For our students it is a time to recognize and celebrate their academic accomplishments. For the parents and families of our students, commencement provides yet another point of pride. For all of us and for our faculty, most especially, commencement is an opportunity to acknowledge our work



Graduates from National and Pohnpei Campus during the 57th Commencement Exercise.

and success in educating the young men and women who represent the future hopes, dreams and aspirations of the FSM." The commencement address was given by Professor Susan Moses who then challenged the college community,

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Friends of COM-FSM Foundation Board Introduced to the College Community by Board of Regents

Board of Regents (BOR) Chairman Kasio Mida introduced the 5 board members of Friends of COM-FSM Foundation to the National Campus Community on May 8, 2013. The new board was introduced during the all campus meeting at the Media Information & Technology Center (MITC) Room where it was witnessed by close to 150 members of the college community.

Floyd Takeuchi (President) has worked in the Micronesian region for 36 years, mostly as a journalist but also in recent years on consultancies with the College of Micronesia-FSM and Palau Community College. He also served for seven years as a Commissioner of the Accrediting Commission for Commuhheuchi was born and raised in the Marshall Islands, and his family lived on Saipan for nearly 30 years.

Jerry Kramer (Vice President) is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Pacific International, Inc. (PII), a multi-disciplinary, family-owned construction company based in the Marshall Islands, but active throughout the Micronesian region. He is also a



From Top: Jerry Finin, COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., BOR Member Graceful Enlet, BOR Chairman Kasio Mida, BOR Member Churchill Edward. Bottom: Jerry Kramer, Floyd Takeuchi, Mark Heath, and Father Francis Hezel.

major regional investor in real estate, business enterprises, tourism and many other ventures. Kramer has been active in support of educational initiatives, such as the highly regarded Co-op School in Majuro. He is active in a wide range of regional community organizations, and is the recipient of the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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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.

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Editor's Notes

We at the Development & Community Relations (DCR) Office are pleased to present to you the 5th edition of the *COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter* (Volume 6 Issue 5). 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 input and comments.

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News & Information

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according to her; "Improve the level of education and instruction that we provide so that all of the future graduates will mark Good or maybe we should include Excellent on the next survey and strive to achieve 100% Excellent marks." Professor Moses in her speech said that she gave a survey to the graduating students to fill out and rated the overall performance of COM-FSM. The top two Academic Honors were given to Damien Mailbung as the Valedictorian and Sepe Serlyann Isaac as the Salutatorian. Fulltime students on the honor roll list who took only college-level courses, and who have achieved a semester grade point average of 4.00 were Emylou Leigh Fredrick, Rockynere Hadley, Gayle Marie Hallers, Galliat James, Raynard Kerman, Damien Mailbung, Rose Ann Pama, Lumileen Saimon, and Marilyn Viti.

According to information from the Admissions Records & Retention Office, 176 students graduated from the college's national and state campuses during spring 2013: 21 from Chuuk Campus; 7 from Kosrae Campus; 113 from National Campus; 35 from Pohnpei Campus and 30 from Yap Campus. 10 students graduated under the UOG and the COM-FSM baccalaureate partnership program in elementary education. Yap Campus and the Fisheries and Maritime Institute will be holding their Spring 2013 Commencement on May 24, 2013. 24 cadets from the Fisheries and Maritime Institute are graduating from the advanced certificate programs in Navigation, Marine Engineering, and Fishing Technology. For more photos of the 57th



Top: Academic Honors being awarded to Valedictorian Damien Mailbung by President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D.

Bottom: Graduates from the 57th Commencement Exercises.



Campus-wide Briefs

BU 260 Class Applies Management Principles on Bake Sale

The Fundamentals of Management Class (BU 260) with instructor Marian Medalla conducted a bake sale as part of their class project from April 30 to May 1, 2013. Students sold home-made goodies such as cookies, banana chips, breadfruit chips, yam chips, sliced bread pizza, baked chicken with baked potatoes, and cakes. The students of Fundamentals of Management class applied Management principles by running their own business for two days. More importantly, the project is the collaborative learning process of various business courses—Marketing Class (market study), Accounting II (accounting for partnership transactions and financial statement preparation), webpage design, among others.

Rotary Club of Pohnpei Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei announces the release of the

2013-2014 College scholarship application form. The primary purpose of the Rotary Club of Pohnpei – FSM College Scholarship is to encourage FSM citizens to pursue post secondary school education. Any FSM citizen who is a high school senior, or a currently enrolled college student, or high school graduate (or GED holder) and is accepted to attend an accredited institution of higher education during the upcoming academic year will be considered. For a student to be considered, the Rotary Club of Pohnpei Scholarship Committee must receive the application and all additional documentation no later than July 1, 2013. Detailed information is available on the application form.

COM-FSM Obtains 100% Completion of the Online Accreditation Basics Course

On May 6, 2013, the 385th certificate of completion for the ACCJC Online Accreditation Basics Course was submitted to

the department for Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Assurance evidencing attainment of our college-wide goal for 100% completion across the college. Every single COM-FSM employee and regent is now on the Accreditation Honor Roll. This is a phenomenal accomplishment and very likely a regional first. Congratulations COM-FSM and thank you to every department for ensuring we met our goal well in advance of our June 1, 2013, target. This achievement will be reported in our May 15, 2013, Supplemental Report to the Commission. The college praises the dedication and hard work of all who participated.

Assistant Professor Stanley Etse Graduates with Masters Degree from UH Manoa

Assistant Professor Stanley Etse participated in the 102nd Annual Commencement Exercises for Advanced Degree students at the University of Hawaii—Mānoa (UHM) on May 11, 2013. Etse



Pohnpei Campus Assistant Professor Stanley Etse during the 102nd Annual Commencement Exercises for Advanced Degree students at the University of Hawaii—Mānoa.

received a Master's of Education Degree in Curriculum Studies with Emphasis in Mathematics. This is the second Master's Degree acquired by Assistant Professor Etse.

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Reach Out Pacific Sends 40ft Container filled with Office Furniture to COM-FSM

Hawaii State Senator and President of Reach Out Pacific (REPAC), Glenn Wakai, sent a 40ft container filled with office furniture to the college. The container was received by COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. and COM-FSM Vice President for Administrative Services Joe Habuchmai on May 01, 2013. Contained were wooden book cases, filing cabinets, office chairs, book shelf's, and a refrigerator. Along with the container were linens and medical supplies which will be donated to the Pohnpei State Hospital. President Daisy thanked Senator Glenn Wakai on behalf of COM-FSM and the Pohnpei State Hospital for the extra ordinary efforts and support given to the college and to the Federated States of Micronesia. Glenn Wakai is the President of Reach out Pacific (REPAC), a nonprofit organization that was established in 2006 to improve healthcare and education throughout the Pacific. Since 2006 they have been active in sending medical supplies, library materials and educational supplies throughout Micronesia. Senator Wakai visited



Pohnpei State Hospital representative Salter Etse, Jr. (left) and COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. (right) receiving donations from REPAC.



COM-FSM Maintenance Employees off loading the office furniture from the container.

the college in December 2012 and met with President Daisy and other members of the college.

National Campus Holds Fun Run/Walk 2013

The National Campus held a Fun Run/Walk on May 4, 2013 in front of Palm Terrace Shopping Center in Kolonia. Close to 300 runners from all ages joined the annual event. Participants completed a 5-kilometer walk from Palm Terrace to the airport via COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus, then back to the Palm Terrace parking lot via the Spanish Wall. All finishers received tee shirts for completing the course major sponsor Palau Shipping Co./ Amcres Shipping Agency. Trophies and door prizes were awarded to winning participants by COM-FSM President Joseph M Daisy, Ed.D. The college wants to extend its appreciation to the following sponsors who made this event a success; FSMNOC, Palm Terrace Shopping Center, Pohnpei Ace Hardware, Bank of FSM, Bank of Guam, Caroline Fisheries



President Daisy (Middle) with the winners of the Fun Run/Walk 2013.

Corporation, Moylan's Insurance, Best Buy, Isamu Nakasone Store, Blue Nile & Hide Out Stores, Scoobies, Pohnpei LPG, Western Union/CTSI, Island Food Community, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and Department of Public Safety. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the college's Endowment Fund. The College of Micronesia-FSM Endowment Fund was established by the College and is maintained for the purpose of providing support for the future needs of the College.

Recognition Wall

1998
to
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Bronze Circle
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- Dannis S. Lorrin
- Danpei Youth Christian Association
- David & Kitty Piercy
- Dayle Dannis
- Delia A. Adams
- Dennis M. Steele
- Douglas & Lee Gardner Shult
- Dr. & Mrs. Gerhard Aten
- Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence F.H. Zane
- Dr. Akimitsu Kiso
- Dr. Choji Kanauchi

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GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION : CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING :
QUANTITATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC REASONING :
ETHICS AND CULTURE : WORKFORCE READINESS



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Friends of COM-FSM Foundation Board Introduced

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Francis X. Hezel, SJ (Vice President) has served as a Roman Catholic priest in what is now the Federated States of Micronesia for 50 years. He first came to the islands to teach at Xavier High School in Chuuk, eventually became its director, and then founded the Micronesian Seminar, a major regional research center, which he ran for many years as director. Hezel is the author of many books on history, culture and social change in the Pacific, with a particular emphasis on the Micronesian region.

Gerard "Jerry" Finin, PhD. (Secretary) is a resident co-director of East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program. He conducts research on contemporary social and economic issues in the Pacific Islands region, with ongoing projects focusing on governance and globalization. Finin is also engaged in research and teaching related to the Philippines, particularly northern Luzon. His areas of interest include public policy, social change, development and urbanization. Finin received his PhD in urban and regional planning and Southeast Asian Studies from Cornell University.

Mark Heath (Treasurer) is the treasurer of Micronesian Registration Advisors, Inc., the official and exclusive corporate registry for the Federated States of Micronesia, which focuses on registering firms and subsidiaries based in Japan. A resident of Guam for 31 years, Heath is a CPA and an experienced auditor who served for many years as the Chief Financial Officer of the University of Guam. During his tenure, UOG had its first clean audit and maintained that record ever since. He has also served as Trustee of the Government of Guam Employees' Retirement Fund Board, and has significant fund-management experience.

First Combined Commencement Exercises Held for COM-FSM Yap Campus & FSM-FMI

COM-FSM Yap Campus and FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM-FMI) held their first combined Commencement Exercises for Spring 2013 at the Colonia Community Center On Friday, May 24, 2013. Over 200 people attended the event to celebrate the occasion with the graduates. The ceremony opened with the introduction of honored guests starting with DOE Director Vincent Parren representing the Office of the Governor, Senator Charles Chieng and Senator Jerry Fagolmul on behalf of Yap State Legislature, DOE School Administrator Arnold Yokbay gave the remarks on behalf of the Department of Education, Yap High School Principal Domingo Techur, Pastor Ruda and Father Moses Tachibelit. The Keynote speech was given by Public Works & Transportation Dept Director Vincent Figir. Also among the invited guests were the chief from Gagil Municipality, Francis Fithingmow. This is the first combined commencement exercise for both campuses since Dean Lourdes Roboman assumed leadership over the FSM-FMI campus starting May 2012. The Dean gave the welcoming remarks and noted that "It's been a most challenging year for both campuses....our students, faculty members, and staff...as the two campuses offer very different programs and services. But I'm very pleased to inform you all that at the end of our first year, we've emerged united, with greater cooperation, and functioning as one but at two separate locations. We are doing more with less. And we are committed to continuous improvements." In his address to the graduates, keynote speaker Vincent Figir quoted the Chinese proverb "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habit. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny" and urged them to remember that "you can be anything you want to be." Special messages were given from the Office of the Governor, the Yap State Legislature and Department of Education. All the speakers congratulated students/cadets and encouraged them to continue pursuing higher learning and additional skills to use as future leaders of our nation and states. Dr. Joy Guarin, Science Instructor and Acting Instructional Coordinator presented the candidates for Yap Campus and Captain Benjamin James presented candidates for FMI campus. Conferral of certificates and degrees were performed by Dean Roboman and Director Vincent Parren accepted the graduates for Yap Campus on behalf of the

The purpose of the Friends of COM-FSM Board is to raise money for the college's Endowment Fund. During their two-day visit to the college, the Foundation Board were able to visit the National Campus where they toured residential halls and met with students. The board was also able to visit some of the programs at Pohnpei Campus where they witnessed actual displays and demonstrations from 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. COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D., Board of Regents Chairman Kasio Mida with Regents Churchill Edward and Graceful Enlet hosted a dinner reception at President Daisy's residence for the foundation board on behalf of COM-FSM in appreciation for their time and effort. Dignitaries and members of the Diplomatic Corp that attended the reception dinner were Her Excellency, Doria Rosen, Ambassador of United States in the FSM; His Excellency, Zhang Lianyun, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in the FSM; His Excellency, Eiichi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan in the FSM; Michael Kulesa, First Secretary & Counsel at the Australian Embassy in the FSM; Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Ordoñez, Charge de affaires ad interim at the US Embassy in the FSM; Dr. Rufino Mauricio, FSM Secretary of Education; Ginger Mida, Post Master General; and Loren & Enerika Peterson. On behalf of the entire College, President Daisy gave a heart felt thank you to all the guests and to the Foundation Board for agreeing to serve as Directors of the Foundation.



Graduates from FMI and Yap Campus during the Commencement Exercises.

Governor, while Captain Matthias Ewarmai accepted FMI graduates on behalf of the Secretary of FSM TC&I. Thirty-two certificates and degrees were awarded to the graduating classes. Seven students from Yap Campus were awarded the following degrees and certificates: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education -1; Associate of Arts Degree in Teacher Preparation - 1; AS Degree in Computer Information Systems - 1; AS Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management - 1; Certificate of Achievement in Electronic Engineering Technology - 2; and Certificate of Achievement in Agriculture and Food Technology -1. FSM-FMI graduated 25 cadets with nine Advanced Certificate of Achievement in Navigation to six graduates from Pohnpei and three from Chuuk; nine Advanced Certificate of Achievement in Fishing Technology to five graduates from Yap, two from Pohnpei, and two from Chuuk; and seven Advanced Certificate of Achievement in Marine Engineering to four graduates from Chuuk, three from Yap, and one from Pohnpei State. Captain Matthias administered the Oath to the FMI graduates on behalf of FSM TC&I Secretary Francis Itimai and Corps Commander Benedict Thilmaw gave the graduation speech for his colleagues, while Virginia Laatman addressed her fellow graduates from Yap Campus. Closing remarks from Captian Matthias Ewarmai followed by the performance of the Change of Command ceremony by FMI Cadets ended the ceremony.

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

National

Instructor – Business
Music Instructor
Administrative Assistant I
System Specialist I
English Instructor

Yap

English Instructor
Mathematics/Computer Instructor

Chuuk

Research Assistant
Account Clerk I

FSM MiCARE OPEN SEASON

July is the open season for the FSM MiCare Plan. Employees who are currently enrolled and wish to make changes in their plans may do so at this time. Likewise, employees who are not enrolled but wish to; provided that they are full-time employees may also enroll at this time.

Please submit your completed forms to Human Resources Office no later than July 30, 2013. They will be reviewed, complied and transmitted to MiCare office on July 31, 2013. Changes will be made effective on October 31, 2013.

Employees at Yap, FMI, Chuuk and Kosrae Campuses are encouraged to submit completed forms to the campus administrative offices for transmittal to the Human Resources Office. Please DO NOT fax, scan, or email the forms to HR.

[Enrollment and amendment forms](#) are available on-line

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