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## Reminders

- August 2 Fall Semester Begins
- August 2-5 Freshmen Orientation
- August 2-5 Faculty Workshops
- August 6 Freshmen Course Selection
- August 9-10 Registration
- August 12 First Day of Instruction/Course Syllabi Due to Instructional Coordinators
- August 17 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
- August 18 Class List Due from Instructors
- August 23 Holiday - Kosrae Gospel Day (observed in Kosrae)
- August 23 - 25 Presidents Retreat at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, National Campus

## Trial Counseling Program Produces Six More Graduates

Six COM-FSM students graduated from the College's Trial Counseling Program. The graduates were awarded Certificate of Achievement in Trial Counseling in a short ceremony which was held at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court.

The graduates include Johnny Peter, Mary Immanuel, Jackson Joseph, Josephine James and Gustin Harris. Another graduate, Catalina Donre, was not present during the ceremony. The certificates were presented by President James and acting Vice President for Instructional Affairs Karen Simion.

As the keynote speaker, Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez emphasized that the need for lawyers and trial counselors in the

FSM is growing. According to Chief Justice Rodriguez, they are hiring people from outside and these employees are performing many responsibilities. Chief Justice Rodriguez also

encouraged the graduates to take the FSM Bar Exam.

Chief Justice Rodriguez was another graduate of the same program over 11 years ago.



Instructors, graduates and Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez (Far Right) receive warm greetings from family and friends after the ceremony.

## COM-FSM Students Have Another Choice of Program: Nursing

The College of Micronesia-FSM will be admitting students into the Nursing Program for the first time fall 2010. The program is designed to address the needs for health care providers in all four FSM states. The nursing program educates students to serve the health care needs of the people of Micronesia as certified nursing assistants, practical nurses, and associate degree nurses in community-based health care sites across the Federated States of Micronesia. The program is designed as a multiple entry multiple exit program. Students who enter at the first level will take some developmental courses in English and math along with a 6 credit hour nursing course exit with the skills of a practical nursing assistant. Students at the second level begin college level course work along with nursing courses for a total of 45 credits and may exit as a practical nurse. With an additional 29 credits, the

student can graduate with an associates' degree in nursing. Practical nurses who hold certificates from other practical nurse programs and licensure in the FSM may apply for a PN to RN (registered nurse) transition option within this program. Graduates from the practical and associate degree program meet the FSM Board of Nursing's educational eligibility for licensure. In addition to educational eligibility, graduates must submit an application for licensure that addresses personal eligibility requirements and must successfully pass the FSM Board of Nursing licensing examination. The curricular design integrates diversity, health promotion, disease prevention, communication, and caring. In most cases the nursing courses include a lecture and a clinical component. The clinical component is supervised by a qualified registered nurse.

## College of Micronesia-FSM Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was created for the purpose of generating income for the support of the future needs of the College.

To support us, contact Spensin James, President of the College of Micronesia-FSM.

## You can make a difference!

### Contribute to the Endowment Fund

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## Editor's Notes

In a June 21, 2010, memorandum, President Spensin James tasked the Director of Development and Community Relations (DCR) and the Vice President for Administrative Services (VPAS) to put together an action plan for the publication of a college wide newsletter by the end of June and a publication timeline by the end of July 2010. The DCR staff prepared and presented their findings to the President's Cabinet and received the mandate to push forward. Since this project was not planned to commence this year, the DCR will depend on the VPAS and the President for financial support as well as for requiring that all campuses and office heads contribute stories to this newsletter.

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## Campus-wide Briefs

### Building Renovations Continue at National Campus

Building renovations started at the National Campus on May of this year. Some of the work include the renovations of the dormitory buildings including the bathrooms and bathroom floor tiles. Other renovation works include roof cleaning and repainting, and building repainting. A backup generator was installed at the back of the Administration Building for the purpose of ensuring continuous power generation for the College's servers.

### Youths Learn About College at Yap Campus

About 200 Yap State Youth Summit participants visited Yap Campus on July 6th for a familiarization visit. The guests were welcomed by Campus Director Roboman and Instructional Coordinator Perkins. The group was given presentations on College programs, services, admissions requirements, and financial aid. They visitors were given tours of the campus. The youth were attending the 2nd Yap State Youth Summit at the Colonia Community Center from July 5th – 9th.



Youth participants at Yap Campus for visit

### Yap Campus Holds Fair for UB students

The Peer Counseling Center and the Upward Bound Program staff at COM-FSM Yap Campus joined efforts once again to coordinate the annual summer career fair for 60 enrolled UB students. The event was scheduled for two Fridays, July 2 and July 9, to accommodate participating agencies and the Yap State Youth Summit sessions taking place the week of July 5 through July 9. The first day, July 2nd, focused on career exploration/ close-up experience for the students. Nine agencies volunteered to host students for visits to their offices. Based on specific requests from participating agencies, Upward Bound students were asked to sign up for specific agencies of their choice. The intent is to partner up students with agencies and career fields in which they are most interested in. Participating agencies consist of Yap Cooperative Association, R&D Department, Manta Ray Bay Hotel, Trader's Ridge, Telecomm, Media Services Station, Health Services and Micronesian Legal Services. A bus was chartered to take students to the different sites in groups for morning and afternoon visits. The second Friday, July 9, was reserved for guest speakers who were invited to address the Upward

Bound students on a variety of topics. The presenters include Julie Waathan and Bernadette Minginug of COM-FSM Yap Campus, FSM Youth Summit President Tim Ruda, President of Yap Chamber of Commerce Sophiano Limor, Manager of Yap Sports Council Paul Lane, Tony Rrad of Workforce Enrichment Division, and former UB student Arleen Shof Chugen.

### President and Three Regents Attend Board Training

President Spensin James, Regents Graceful Enlet, Lyndon Cornelius, and Kasio Mida attended the Boardmanship Training in Hawaii. At the training, the BOR members started discussing the possibility of having annual retreat for the board. According to President James, the regents are contemplating on having their retreat after the BOR meeting in Chuuk during the first week of September.

### FSM Senator Halbert Requests Boarding for Pohnpei Outer Island Students

Senator Dohses Halbert from Pohnpei has written to the Chair of the COM-FSM Board of Regents requesting that the College seriously consider accommodating the outer islands students of Pohnpei in the College's dorms at the National Campus. According to President James, Regent Churchill Edward, Pohnpei's rep on the Board also wrote him and expressed the need to accommodate the intent of Senator Halbert's letter. The president has tasked his staff to look into the intent of the request.

### Building Renovations Underway at Pohnpei Campus

According to information from Pohnpei Campus, classroom 1-4 and HTM teaching lab renovations were completed. What remains is the flooring of the basketball court and the student center. The separation of meters amongst the various offices in the PSBDC Building is 80% complete.

### \$37.5 K to Start PSBDC

A check of \$37,500 as the initial operational cost for the Pohnpei Small Business Development Center (PSBDC) was received. Mr Herman Semes is once again hired as the coordinator. A business trainer and clerk positions were planned for hiring soon.

### 20 Kids Complete Summer Computer Training at Pohnpei Campus

Summer computer for kids at Pohnpei Campus produced 20 completers. A certificate ceremony was

held on Wednesday, June 30th to acknowledge the achievement of the young learners.

### EFNEP Trains More in Pohnpei

The CES Agents and a JICA volunteer conducted a week long training on Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), home gardening, and food processing in Rohi village, within the municipality



Rohi EFNEP training completers with CES staff and the JICA volunteer.

of U. Participants were trained on how to sow seeds for gardening, prepare nutritious dishes using local products, as well as learning food safely handling and processing. The twenty-nine participants were helped to improve their skills and utilization of locally grown crops while promoting inexpensive nutritious meals for a better health.

### College Puts on First Agriculture Summer Program

The College's Instructional Affairs department in collaboration with Cooperative Research and Extension department, conducted a 5-day Agriculture summer program with the theme "Agriculture is More Than Farming". The program organized by CariPac Coordinator Toota Currie of Pohnpei Campus, attracted a total headcount of 116 student participants. High school students from Calvary Christian Academy, Nanpei Memorial High School, Madewlenhmw High School, Pohnpei agriculture students and some students from COM-FSM, participated in the June 14 – 18 summer program funded by USDA CariPac.

Latest news and information from the College is available online at [www.comfsm.fm](http://www.comfsm.fm)

We're also on Facebook.com

Our username is

College of Micronesia-FSM (Official)

## News & Information

### COM-FSM is Placed on Warning Status by ACCJC

The highly anticipated decision from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on reaffirmation of accreditation for the College of Micronesia-FSM has finally been received. The Commission at its biannual meeting June 9 – 11 reviewed the COM-FSM Self Study Report and the report from the Commission's visiting team that visited the college last March.

Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President of ACCJC, informed COM-FSM that the Commission recognized the accomplishments and efforts of the College in addressing the recommendations since the last evaluation

visit, but notes that there are several issues that are not yet fully addressed. As a result, the Commission acted to issue a Warning at this time for deficiencies identified in the evaluation report that are associated with six of the team's recommendations. A Follow-Up Report in which the College must demonstrate resolution of the deficiencies is required by March 15, 2011. Accreditation will be reaffirmed when the conditions warranting the Warning are resolved. In the meantime, according to Dr. Beno, accredited status for COM-FSM continues during the warning period.

COM-FSM President, Spensin James, has set up timelines that will lead to the accomplishment of the recommendations.

Calling all nontraditional students, professionals, veterans (spouse of active servicemen and women)...

## Enroll Now

Become a fulltime or part time student, or enter into one of our short term training programs.

Don't delay, Call us Today

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### College Launches New Dev. Ed Program

Achieving College Excellence (ACE), the new series of developmental course work at COM-FSM, begins fall 2010 semester. ACE is committed to providing learning opportunities for college-bound students to develop intellectually, socially, and emotionally for academic success at an institution of higher learning. The goal of ACE is to develop in participants the skills and attitude necessary for the attainment of academic career, and life goals. Students will be able to demonstrate mastery in math and English skills to be able to complete successfully an introductory level course.

Determine the value of lifelong learning and demonstrate the skills and attitudes necessary for the attainment of academic goals.

Demonstrate critical thinking skills necessary to analyze, interpret, evaluate, process, and apply academic content.

Utilize and transfer knowledge of the foundations and concepts for math and English to the academic setting.

Students who take the COM entrance test now place into one of four categories: a degree

program, a degree program, but need ACE courses, a certificate program, or are not admitted. If a student needs to take ACE courses, that student must successfully pass the exit criteria before taking college level courses. All ACE course work does not count as credit for a degree and will be graded on a pass, ("P"), no credit ("N") basis. Once a student successfully completes ACE course work, they will begin courses that count towards a degree. If a student is not successful, then that student may enter a

certificate program at the College.

ACE includes more than just English and math courses. Students will receive training in computer skills and life skills such as how to budget for expenses, study skills, and making healthy lifestyle choices. ACE provides for continuous tracking of student progress and strengths through counseling, advising, tutoring, and assessment. Finally, the students will experience self-paced work in both English and math.



*National Campus students queuing during spring 2010 registration. The College will be evaluating the impact of the new program on enrollment at COM-FSM Campuses.*

# CCAA

CCM/COM-FSM Alumni Association

How about we get to know each other better?

Send us your contact information!

Here is ours:

CCM/COM-FSM Alumni Association (CCAA)

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## 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

### New Instructors to begin fall 2010

Jon Berger - Assessment Coordinator, National Campus  
 Tracy Resetar, English Instructor, National Campus  
 Dr. Amy Eisenberg, Researcher, Pohnpei Campus  
 Dr. Suzanne Alice Acrod, Education Instructor, Yap Campus  
 Raymond Permitez, Electronic Instructor, Yap Campus  
 Brandi Re Shae Fichtner, Math Instructor, Yap Campus

### New Hires that started during July

Eugenia Haninrick Pedrus, Clerk Typist I, Pohnpei Campus-PBDC  
 Armando Mariano, Procurement Officer, National Campus-Bookstore  
 Amy Eisenberg, Researcher, Pohnpei Campus CRE

### Vacancy Announcements

For more information visit [www.comfsm.fm/jobs/](http://www.comfsm.fm/jobs/)

#### Chuuk Camps

Instructor - Social Science  
 Instructor- ESL/English  
 Instructor - Business  
 Student Services Assistant I

#### Yap Campus

Instructor - Computer and Mathematics

#### National Campus

Instructor - English[2]  
 Account Clerk  
 Health Assistant

#### Pohnpei Campus

Instructor - HTM  
 Instructor - Mathematics  
 Instructor - ESL /English

The Who's Who at the College of Micronesia-FSM

### Board of Regents



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*VP for CRE Services*

## Open Seasons for Programs

**MiCare Health Insurance Program - Deadline - July 29, 2010 to submit forms to HR**

**Retirement Plan now Open. Deadline - August 11, 2010 to submit forms to HR**

Cut along dotted line and mail it in an envelope along with donations to the College of Micronesia-FSM

## Contribute TODAY to the Endowment Fund

Alumni and community support for the College of Micronesia-FSM and its initiatives is imperative to its success and financial sustainability. This support enables the college to build its endowment for the future needs of the college, to support new programs, technologies, infrastructure development and maintenance faculty/staff development and scholarships.

**YES!** I want to contribute to the College financially.

\$ _____ COM-FSM Endowment Fund
\$ _____ Student Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Jerry <input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ashby <input type="checkbox"/> COM-FSM Endowment Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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No. I don't want to contribute now.

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