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The Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) program promotes agricultural development in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), typically training approximately a hundred students per year across the four states of the FSM, plus several times that number of agriculture students in other programs the college offers. Computing resources are only available to these students at their respective campuses during hours of operation. Their ability to make progress will be improved if the college can establish a laptop rental program at each site to serve these students. The program will be sustainable, paying for replacement computers with a nominal fee each semester. The Micronesia Grows Technology project is for funds to purchase these computers and administer the rental programs, plus extra monies to pay for students and faculty to develop a few high-need online resources: websites for public education, videos and text materials as part of the distance education offerings that the new computer resources will facilitate. The ability to do distance education coursework with this technology will ensure the agricultural extension students have the tools they need to succeed in the extension program and beyond, and will support progress in the agricultural sector.

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CRE Coordinator and Staff Joins the NERAOC 2023

On April 30- May 03, 2023, COM-FSM staff participated in the annual National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference (NERAOC) held in Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. It provides a venue for professional development, information sharing, and networking to state Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station, and NIFA staff. NERAOC is an opportunity to share and exchange current and relevant best practices, discuss policy, obtain definitive interpretation of regulations, and discuss future issues pertinent to operating the Land-grant University system and other cooperating institutions.

This year's theme "Hitting the High Notes" will highlight the community of NERAOC, the community of Land Grant Institutions, the community of the partnership with USDA-NIFA, and all other communities. Through engaging presentations, hands-on sessions and round table discussions, the conference will strengthen professional development and information sharing to include networking time with colleagues from across the nation.

"The conference took 3 days, composed of various topics, such as Plan of Work and Report of Accomplishments, Capacity Grants Management 101, Capacity Building and Facilities Grants, How to write impactful annual accomplishment reports, Insular Areas, NIFA Reporting System (NRS)," said Trisden Elias, CRE Coordinator.

This conference had been administered by NIFA staff, breaking the conference down to 9 sessions in total excluding breakfast meetings, guest speaker experience and museum visits. In this conference, presenters were able to provide information about their own experiences to the audience. Their presentations were basically displaying issues that their universities had faced, and the solutions that they've formulated. Some of the sessions were more interactive than the others, for instance,



COM-FSM with a few NERAOC Participants



NERAOC Participants Plenary



NERAOC Participants while on break



NERAOC Participants

within most of the sessions presenters were conducting lecture sessions with certain topics to the audience. While in some sessions, presenters would ask the audience to form a group, and carry out a given exercise. In one of the sessions, the speaker asked for a group exercise, and we are to present on an issue, solution, results, and how the public benefited from the solution.

The conference was basically designed for networking purposes. In this conference, information from different land-grant universities were shared, and new ideas were implemented.

The event was made possible by USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture in partnership with Institute of Agriculture, The University of Tennessee, and Tennessee State University-College of Agriculture.

CTEC Recognizes Faculty & Staff during the 2023 Incentive Awards

On May 05, 2023, CTEC campus held the annual Incentive Awards 2023 at the Activity Hall.

The ceremony started with a Prayer, Opening Remarks and reciting the COM-FSM's mission statement.

"Let us stay committed to our mission and congratulations for this years awardees," said Acting Dean, Phyllis Silbanuz. "Goodluck on your Final exams," she continued.

A short video presentation of the CTEC graduating students was shown. And the esteemed guests were introduced by the emcee Xavier Yarofmal, Member Incentive Awards Committee.

The incentive awards aims to celebrate another year of hard work and comradeship with the students and recognize all the award recipients this year. It was organized by the Incentive Award Committee headed by Mason Tihpen, Associate Professor.

Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono, President & Chief Executive Officer, College of Micronesia-FSM, and Vice President for Instructional Affairs, Delihma Ehmes gracefully handed over the certificates and cash incentives to the following awardees:



Esteemed Guests VPIA Delihna & Dr. Theresa with Acting Dean, Phyllis



Acting Dean Phyllis receiving her Faculty of the Year award



Fiscal Officer Leyolany Anson receiving her Staff of the Year award



Students, Faculty, & Staff at CTEC Student Hall

2023 INCENTIVE AWARDS	
Award Category	Award Recipients
Award of Recognition	Sra Mackwelung
Faculty of the Year	Phyllis Silbanuz
Staff of the Year	Leyolany Anson
Student's Choice	Edwin Sione
Professional Recognition	Beverly Ilemangilish Garner Edgar
Community Service	Phyllis Silbanuz
Good Health	Yvonne Johnny Drystal Silbanuz Ben Voltaire Nato Jerry Farek Fredo Espiritu Xavier Yarofmal Cirilo Recana Kenson Santos Diaz Joseph



Jerome explaining the posters



Jerome welcoming the students



Students listening to the information drive

COM-FSM holds College Fair 2023

On June 09, 2023, CTEC campus and CRE participated in the 2023 College Fair held at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, National campus.

A number of high school students around Pohnpei flocked at the venue to explore their career options the COM-FSM. The different college departments prepared visuals and decorated their respective booths to entice the students and make a well-informed decision.

51 students signed up at the AFT/CRE booth where Jerome Shed from CRE explained the posters on Composting, Swine Management, Vegetable and Staple crops. Students also got the chance to do course selection, admission requirements, and listen to student peer coaches around the venue.

Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS), Madolenihmw High School (MHS), Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS), Pohnpei Catholic School (PCS), and Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) students graced the event and walked away with takeout lunch.

The event was organized by the Office of Admissions and Records headed by Director Doman Daoas. He was assisted by a number of student Peer Coaches addressing a few questions from the participants.



College Fair 2023 Peer Coaches with Director Doman

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Accreditation Team with Sakau ceremony



Accreditation Team Plenary



COM-FSM Officials

College Accreditation "Reaffirmed"

Palikir, Pohnpei (June 19, 2023) - The eagerly anticipated outcome of the College of Micronesia-FSM's Accreditation status has been revealed, with the College receiving the esteemed designation of 'Reaffirmed'. The confirmation and comprehensive details of the decision were conveyed to Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono, the President of the College, through an official letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) on June 15, 2023. The letter explicitly stated that the Commission has taken action to Reaffirm the College's Accreditation for a period of seven years.

In a communication addressed to the College Community, Dr. Koroivulaono expressed her gratitude, stating, "On behalf of the COM-FSM Board of Regents and the Senior Leadership Team, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment and diligent efforts towards fulfilling our COM-FSM mission, with the primary focus on our students' accomplishments. This dedication is evident in our online engagements, classroom interactions, fieldwork endeavors, technical workshops, laboratory activities, and all other educational experiences meticulously designed to optimize student success."

The College had submitted its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) to the ACCJC in June 2022, outlining its thorough assessment. The visiting team's findings are also available here at the Peer Review Team's Report.

The Accreditation Visiting Team led by Chairwoman Dr. Rosevonne Pato, conducted its site visit to the College last March 13-16, 2023.

