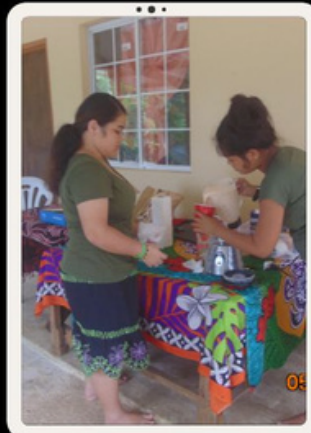
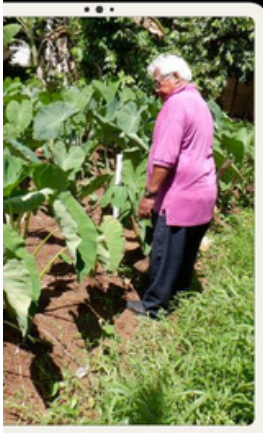


CRE NEWSLETTER

Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE)



A COMPONENT OF COM-FSM LAND GRANT PROGRAM

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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.



Police Officers with the "Theme"



Dean Phyllis and the Officers



Photo Opportunity after the event



Event Participants

CRE Staff Participated in the Public Safety Week Information Drive

On the 20th of November 2023, the Department of Public Safety will commence its Public Safety Week and we extend an invitation to everyone to join us in the Public Safety Week Parade scheduled on Friday, November 24th, 2023, starting at 4 p.m. from the Spanish Wall up to the executive/ Governor's building where the Christmas Tree lighting will take place.

This year our theme is "Plan Today for a Safer Tomorrow; Community Preparedness". Since we have recently encountered tropical storms in the Micronesia region and have witnessed some severe damages from these strong winds, the Department deemed that it is best that community partnership, resilience and awareness is necessary to ensure that the people and most especially our children and schools have the knowledge in preparing safety measures when encountering disaster in our communities.

As part of the celebration, Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety, Chief of Staff Wincener David, Kolonia Town Police and partner organizations visited CTEC Pohnpei campus for the information drive. Each department emphasizes their role in disaster and emergency services and mandated obligations to the people. CRE Coordinator and staff listened attentively and engaged in a panel discussion with the rest of the audience.

Should you need any assistance or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office at any time. The Division of Fire & Emergency Services is the lead and coordinating division in this year's Public Safety Week and you may direct any inquiry with Chief Joseph Ainstain and his office at telephone 320-3881/ 3910 or please send us an email at pohnpeidetector@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER 24, 2023

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, WISHES TO INFORM AND INVITE YOU; THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS ANNUAL PARADE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, November 24, 2023, STARTING AT 5PM – 06:30PM. THIS CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL START FROM THE SPANISH WALL AND ENDS AT THE STATE EXECUTIVE BUILDING AT PEILAPALAP WITH A CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY.

THAT SAID, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO WISHES TO INFORM YOU; THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE MAIN ROAD IN KOLONIA FROM SPANISH WALL TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE BUILDING AT PEILAPALAP WILL BE CLOSED 5pm – 7pm DUE TO THIS EVENT.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Student Life Office Successfully Staged CTEC's Got Talent 2023

On November 29, 2023 – Student Life Office and CTEC SBA Officers staged the very first CTEC Got Talent.

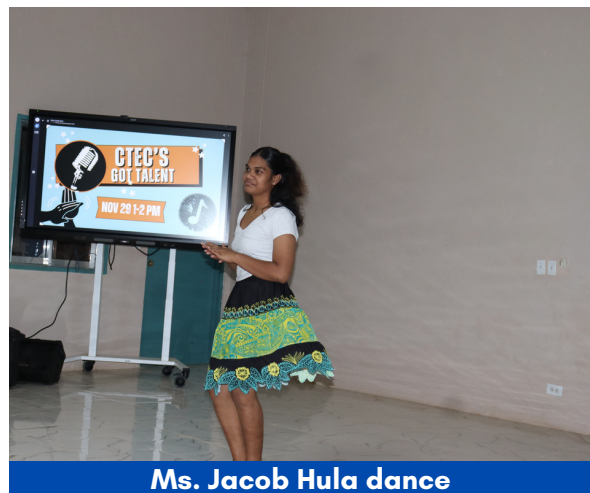
Three contestants signed up showcasing their talent in dancing different genre. Ms. Sufya Jacob, performed a traditional hula dance. An all-girl group performed a mix of hip-hop modern dance. And the CTEC mixed group from different Municipalities, performed a dance number sending a message of courtship to the tune of Indian song.

The crowd were pumped up watching the performances. They were cheering their hearts out and supporting their municipality.

The all-girl group emerged as the big winner winning \$200 worth of gift certificates. The CTEC mixed group won second place, \$150; and the third placer won \$100.

This year's judges were Ms. Queenie Alfonzo, SBA representative, Ms. JacyAnn Yangitesmal, CTEC Clerk Typist, and AFT Instructor, Mr. Alvie B. Cabañez.

It was organized by the Student Life Coordinator, Ms Crystal Jackson-Joab, SBA Officers headed by, Hosty Alexander, SBA President. The event was hosted by Mr. Edwin Sione.



Ms. Jacob Hula dance



All girls hip-hop group



The winners with the Judges



CTEC Dance Crew



Audience enjoying the performances



Unexploded (UXO) Bombs Found at CTEC Campus Construction Site

The bomb squads of the Pohnpei Fire Station, Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety, and Kolonia Town Police flocked at CTEC campus for a 911 call on November 01, 2023.

The administration was quick to follow the school protocol and cancelled classes until further notice. The vicinity was restricted and the team conducted further investigation. The team is always ready to respond to a bomb scare, and perform explosive ordinance disposal on land and in inland water bodies. They are also ready to respond to suspected bomb and explosion-related incidents. In case of detecting a suspicious object, you should always think beforehand what the danger may be and whether reporting the find is justified.

This information is provided to raise awareness of the potential explosive hazards associated with munitions present on Pohnpei. Munitions are present on the land and in the waters of FSM from battles fought during World War II (WWII), and munitions-related activities (e.g., livefire training, storage and disposal) that the U.S. Military conducted on FSM after WWII and continues to conduct today. Military munitions, which come in many shapes, may be encountered on land or in water. If you encounter or suspect you have encountered a munition, consider it extremely dangerous.

WARNING

UXOs or UNEXPLODED BOMBS AT CTEC CAMPUS

WHEN YOU DISCOVER AN UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- STEP 1 - DO NOT PANIC.
- STEP 2 - CALL 911 AND REPORT IT TO THE POLICE.
- STEP 3 - STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND WAIT FOR POLICE OR EXPERT TO REMOVE THE ORDNANCE.



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Report

call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

Congratulations
to the 2023-2024 Vital Scholars!

Vital
Energy for life

 Sara-Edith Saimon State: Pohnpei Major: Business at St. Martin's University Standing: Freshman	 Louella Lemoglieng State: Yap Major: Electrical Engineering at the University of Hawai'i-Hilo Standing: Freshman	 Aniken Perman State: Pohnpei Major: Business at Chaminade University Standing: Freshman	 Alec L. Alosima State: Pohnpei Major: Engineering at the University of Guam Standing: Freshman
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CTEC Campus Welcomes Board of Regents, VP's, & Deans

On December 12, 2023, CTEC Purple family hosted a welcome reception of the COM-FSM Board of Regents at the Student Hall. It was a night filled with culture and tradition.

CTEC student leaders entertained the audience with Indian courtship dance. The deans and regents joined in the dance floor putting bucks while dancing as well. The short program was opened by Dean Phyllis, CTEC, and introduced the Board of Regents, Deans, and Vice-Presidents. BOR Chairwoman, Suzanne Gallen, shared a short speech welcoming the team and had a short question and answer from the students.

Prior to the dinner reception, the team engaged in discussions, primarily focusing on improving student success, staff development, more academic research and grants, among others. The event also recognized the winners during the CTEC Intramurals 2023.

Present during the meeting were: Delihna Ehmes, VPIA, National campus; Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono, President, COM-FSM; Lourdes Roboman, Campus Dean, Yap State; Kind Kanto, Dean, Instructional Affairs, Chuuk State; Casey J. Freddy, representing Kosrae state; while missing the Secretary and Treasurer.



Up Close & Personal with Jerome Shed

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies includes playing volleyball & spending quality time with my son.

What are you passionate about?

I believe in the golden rule of treating others as one would want to be treated by them.

What is on your bucket list?

Traveling the world with my little family is something I wanted to accomplish on my bucket list.



**Agriculture Agent 1
Cooperative Research &
Extension**



**Jerome Shed
Associate of Arts in Pre-Teacher
Preparation
Pohnpei**

What skill would you most like to learn?

Learn to accept both compliments and criticism.

What makes you unique?

My kindness

What do you enjoy spending money on?

My family's needs are something I enjoy spending money on.

What is the biggest risk you ever took?

Biggest risk I ever took is working during the pandemic.

What is your best childhood memory?

Outdoor fun with my cousins and friends.