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Reminders

CHUUK

June 1 - First Day of Instruction
 June 2 - Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
 June 3 - Class Lists Due from Instructors
 June 13 - Early Warning Deficiency Report Due from Instructors
 June 21 - Mid-term Evaluations
 June 24 - Mid-term Break (no school)
 June 27 - Mid-term Deficiency Notices Due from Instructors
 June 29 - Last Day to Withdraw with "W"

KOSRAE

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POHNPEI and NATIONAL

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YAP

June 6-8 Registration
 June 8 Faculty Meeting @ 1:00pm
 June 13 First Day of Instruction
 June 15 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
 June 16 Class List Due from Instructors
 June 24 Early Warning Deficiency Reports from Instructors

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

More than 120 Students Attend National Campus Graduation

The College of Micronesia-FSM recently conducted its 53rd commencement exercises at its National Campus on May 13, 2011. About 120 students from the National and Pohnpei campuses participated in the celebration. The top two awards were given to Dayn Darin Iehsi as the valedictorian and to Steen Harris as the Salutatorian. Full-time students on honor roll list, who took only college level courses and who achieve a semester grade point average of 4.0 included Dayne Darin Iehsi, Steen Harris, Fritzgerald Weilbacher, Strick Yamada, William Piki, Sylvie E. Elias, Hadleen Victor and Maymorleen Tihpen. Full time students on honor roll who took only college-level courses and who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 include Alex Raynold Fathal, Nancylynn Peter, Delihna Ferdinand, Caroline Werthog, Madlene B. Ludwig, Martin M. Hallens, Samuel Foucheg, Rosthom Thomsin, Jason David Louis, Madelyn Haid, RJ Rensle, Jeffrey Saimon, Elizabeth Kostka, Tedesin T. Kephass, Richard Farris Porter, Reedwin Edwin, Michelle M. L. Chugen and Edward Nimos Salik.



2011 Fall semester graduates from National and Pohnpei Campuses listen carefully to keynote address.

Dr Rufino Mauricio from the Office of National Archives Culture and Historic Preservation was the keynote speaker. According to information from the college, 170 students graduated from the college's national and state campuses during spring 2011: 15 from Chuuk Campus; 11 from Kosrae Campus; 109 from National Campus; 16 from Pohnpei Campus and 19 from Yap Campus.

2011 Summer Enrollment Higher than Projected

As of Monday June 6, 2011, the total number of registered students at the College's National Campus reached a total 906. On a full-time equivalent basis, this equates to about 875 full-time students. The National Campus alone projects an enrollment of 568 full-time students. As of June 6, the National Campus has 307 more full-time students than projected.

The summer registration for National and Pohnpei campuses officially kicked off on May 25, 2011, and officially ended on June 2, 2011. These numbers are subject to change until registration and the add-drop of courses are complete. According to information released from the Institutional research and planning office, the college

is expecting a full-time equivalent count of 1,527.5 for summer 2011. Registration information from Chuuk and Yap campuses will be provided as the information is made available.

The following table represents the projected number for summer full-time students against the actual enrollment as of June 6, 2011.

Campus	FTE Enrollment Projection	FTE Actual Enrollment	Comments
National	568.0	875.7	307.7 more full-time students
Pohnpei	333.7	383.5	49.8 more full-time students
Kosrae	103.3	206.7	103.3 more full-time students
Chuuk	346.0	322.8	Registration still on-going
Yap	176.5	Not available	

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Editor's Notes

The 2011 – 2013 edition of the College of Micronesia-FSM General Catalog is being developed. The Development and Community Relations staff is focusing on completing the publication and having it ready by fall 2011. This is a huge challenge as well as a busy time for us. However, we are pleased to present you this edition of the COM-FSM Sharks Newsletter. We need help. I have asked for four work study students to help us with our routine services. We hope we will be able to speed a lot of our services up with their help. I would like to thank Darsy Augustine and Cooper Etse for providing some of the photographs. We continue to thank our contributors and encourage others to consider doing the same.

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Campus-wide Briefs

Board to Request Supplemental Funding from Congress

The COM-FSM Board of Regents at their March 14-15, 2011, meeting agreed to request supplemental funding from the FSM Congress. The supplemental request is to cover the expenses associated with the board's reflection sessions for this fiscal year, the presidential search committee and the services of a consultant to help the college understand more about how college foundations work.

Students Now Have Option to Pay Only \$15 during Registration

The Board of Regents acted to require students to pay only \$15 during registration instead of the original \$50. According to the college, the original \$50 that students were required to pay during registration includes a registration fee of \$15, a health fee of \$15 and an activity fee of \$20.

Instead of requiring students to pay for the entire amount during registration, student now have

the option to only pay the registration fee of \$15 during registration. The health and activity fees may be paid after the student receives his or her financial aid award.

COM-FSM Employment Contract Policy is Updated
Section VII of the COM-FSM Personnel Manual is now updated as reported by the college's human resources

director. The changes are as follows:

- Section 2aii now lists "grant period of externally funded projects" as another cause why a renewal contract may be shorter.
- Section 2bi now makes explicit that the services to be performed under personal service contracts are "temporary in nature" and does not lead to a regular employment.
- New section 2bvi states that "special contract used to fill vacancy positions are limited to six months and may not be renewed".
- An amendment to section 3 regarding contract renewals now states that "notification to the employees must be provided at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the contract. Likewise, if the employee decides not to renew his contract,

at least 60 days prior notice must be provided to the College.

Instructional Department Holds Workshop for Faculty and Staff

Instructional coordinators, several academic division chairs and several members of the college faculty took part in a four-day workshop that centered on assessment, the Achieving College Excellence Program and the department's decision grids. Participants from all six campuses took part in the May 9 – 12 workshop sessions in Pohnpei. According

to Karen Simion, the Director of Academic Programs, the department needs to update its decision grids to reflect the recent structure and reporting changes as mandated by the college's board of regents through the recent job audit and streamlining recommendations.

Scientists Assess Agricultural Activities in Pohnpei

A group of six University of Hawaii scientists and specialists visited Pohnpei in April and conducted agricultural researches. This first trip was for fact finding and assessment of agricultural activities in Pohnpei. Information gathered during the trip will be used for developing workshops on agriculture in Pohnpei.

According to Jackson Phillip of the Cooperative Research and Extension Services, the group of scientists and experts

will return to Pohnpei to conduct the workshops on August 8 – 12, 2011. The group also visited farmers in the Pohnpei areas of Kitti, Sokehs, Kolonia and Nett. They gave hands on training on soil sample collection for the National and Pohnpei campuses Agriculture and Food Technology students.

Covered Walkway Project to Begin in June

A project to construct covered walkways between the buildings at the National Campus will commence soon.

According to the Vice President for Administrative Services, 13 companies have submitted bid proposals for consideration.

Nursing Program to Begin Fall 2011

The College will officially offer its newly developed Nursing Program during Fall Semester 2011. Students who are interested in the new program may register under the program during the fall 2011 registration. Though the program will not start until the upcoming fall semester, some students are already registering to complete some of the general education courses during summer 2011. General education courses are shared between programs.

College Installs Informational Panel at National Campus

COM-FSM's Information Technology (IT) office installed a 42 inch flat screen informational panel at the National Campus

Administration Building. The information panel pilot project will be used to deliver college related information for visitors to the campus. The panel will display news, emergency alerts, event announcements and other information from the college.




Students Registering at National Campus



A student looking at his class schedule from the information panel

More Information Online

 www.comfsm.fm

 <http://com-fsm.blogspot.com/>

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News & Information

Dorm Students Attend Retreat at Penieu Island

The Peer Counseling Center hosted a retreat on Penieu Island for 17 students from the National Campus Dormitory last spring break. The students engaged in activities such as skits, songs, and games where they reflected on their experiences at COM-FSM. According to Dali Waltu, PCC staff, the retreat was another way to connect the dorm residents with each other. She said that this is import especially during the spring break. Since the dorm students cannot be with their friends and relatives during the break, the retreat was set up to reinforce the value of having friends and relatives. According the PCC staff, everyone learned something different about themselves that helped boost their self-confidence. The retreat sessions were designed to help the participants towards making healthy and safe decisions. The retreat also serves as a vehicle for recruiting new peer educators.



Peer educators sharing their experiences with the student participants



Counselors and students conducting group activities on the island as part of the program

Pohnpei Campus Hosts Arboriculturist Training

COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus recently hosted a one-week arboriculturist training through the efforts and financial support of the US Forest Service and FSM Forestry leadership. This is the study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennial woody plants. The 20 participants were introduced to education and training programs in practices for proper tree selection, planting, care and climbing. The program was attended by professionals from Pohnpei Forestry, Kolonia Town, COM-FSM, Yap, Kosrae, Chuuk and Palau. The program was coordinated and administered by Merins Hadley-Race of the Pohnpei Campus Training Institute and was conducted by Kevin Eckert of Arbor Global, a Hawaii-based tree consulting and training company, and Dr Phil Cannon, a Forest Pathologist for the US Forest Service. Participants received 5 full days of education in tree biology, tree selection and planting, tree care practices, proper pruning, risk assessment and mitigation, tree diseases and disorders, tree protection and preservation, tree-climbing and safe work practices. Following the education program, 12 of the



Arboriculture trainee with proper tree climbing equipment.

participants qualified for and sat for the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist examination. A tree climbing training program was also conducted that included eight of the professionals who attended the arborist education program. The US Forest Service purchased and donated tree climbing equipment to the FSM to ensure that students could use the best equipment and conduct their work safely. Training included all of the key skills and practices required to install ropes high into trees, most easily climb far above the ground, and safely maneuver and work throughout the tree crown.

Recognition Wall

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to
2010

Silver Circle
\$1,000 - \$9,999

- Chuuk Chamber Commerce
- Chuukese Students (Founding Day 1997)Cheng, People's Republic of China
- Chuukese Students (Founding Day 1998)
- Chuukese Students (Founding Day 2000)
- Concerned members of the Ohmori Megumi Church
- Daniel A. Roland, Consulting Group
- David P. & Dorothy Segal

To be continued on the next issue...

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION; CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING; QUANTITATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC REASONING; ETHICS AND CULTURE WORK FOR CREADINESS

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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- Nursing Program
Director Learning Resource Center (LRC)

Pohnpei

Administrative Specialist I
GEAR UP

Yap

Student Services Specialist II
UPWARD BOUND

For more information check our website:
<http://www.comfsm.fm/jobs/>
or
Call Human resources at 320-2480 Ext.156

New Hires at COM-FSM

Morehna Rettin-Santos	Pohnpei Campus [Gear Up]
Amber Ham	Pohnpei Campus [Gear Up]
Nora Kriaauzaite	Pohnpei Campus [Gear Up]
Tandy Marar	Chuuk Campus/OAR
Aileen Ohli	National Campus/BO
Mac Emwalu	Chuuk Campus/MITC/LRC
Jayleen Ringlen	National Campus/BookStore
Karleen Manuel	National Campus/MITC

Employees Leaving the College

Maria Doses	National Campus/Student Services
Joan Amor	Pohnpei Campus/Administration
Salter Borong	National Campus/Student Activities
Mesihna Ezekias	Pohnpei Campus/Library
Charity Ileyagisiug	National Campus/Student Services
Amon Inek	Chuuk Campus/I.T.
Paula Haglegam	National Campus/Library
Joana Nanpei	National Campus/Library
Johnson Sepeti	National Campus/Dormitory
Patricio Ramirez	National Campus/Recreation
Kingston Anson	National Campus/Recreation
Marcello Ham	Chuuk Campus/Student Services
Mercy Roosevelt	Chuuk Campus/Maintenance
Glenda Cornelious	Pohnpei Campus/Upward Bound
Salpasr Tilfas	National Campus/Human Resources

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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.

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