

DECADE OF FLUCTUATIONS: ANALYZING ENROLLMENT TRENDS AT THE COLLEGE
 EXAMINING STUDENT NUMBERS AND PATTERNS ACROSS VARIOUS ACADEMIC YEARS AND CAMPUSES

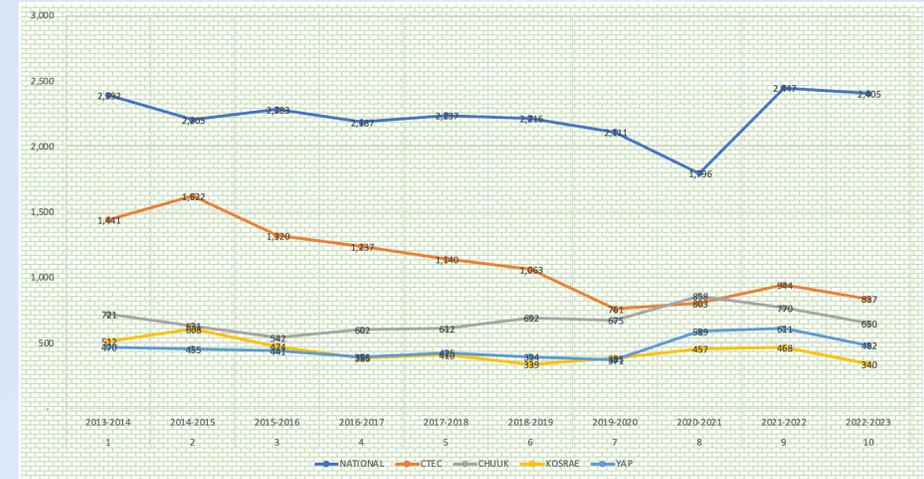


FIGURE 1. STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA: AY 2012-2023 TO AY 2022-2023 BY CAMPUS

In an analysis of the college's student enrollment data from 2013-2014 to 2022-2023, significant trends and fluctuations have emerged across the campuses at the college.

National Campus Leads Enrollment Figures

National Campus witnessed fluctuations in enrollment numbers throughout the 10-year period. However, despite variations, it consistently maintained a leading position in terms of student enrollment at the college. The highest enrollment was recorded in the academic year 2021-2022, with 2,447 students, followed by a slight decline in the subsequent year.

CTEC Faces Enrollment Challenges

In contrast, the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) faced notable challenges in enrollment, with a discernible decline in recent years. The highest enrollment was observed in 2014-2015, with 1,622 students. However, enrollment plummeted to 837 students in

2022-2023, indicating a significant downward trend.

Fluctuations at Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap Campuses

While the overall enrollment trends across various state campuses of the college have exhibited fluctuations in student enrollment over the past decade.

Chuuk Campus

Chuuk campus demonstrated relative stability in enrollment numbers, with fluctuations observed across academic years. For instance, the campus enrollment reached its peak in the academic year 2020-2021, with 886 students. However, this was preceded by a decrease in enrollment in the academic year 2016-2017, with 602 students, followed by an increase to 675 students in 2019-2020. Despite these fluctuations, Chuuk Campus has managed to maintain a consistent student population, underscoring its resilience amid external challenges.

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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
FAO AWARDS \$3.67 MILLION TO 91% OF THE PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS REGISTERED THIS SPRING 2024

The Acting Director of the college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) has reported that, as of March 31, 2024, \$3,672,257.22 in Pell Grants have been awarded to 1,130 students, representing 91% of the Pell Grants-eligible students registered for the spring 2024 semester. Table 1 below illustrates the distribution by campus.

TABLE 1. SPRING 2024. DISTRIBUTION OF PELL GRANT AWARDS BY CAMPUS ENROLLMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

Campus	Enrollment (N)	Pell-Eligible (A)	Awarded Pell (B)	A in % of N	B in % of A	Pell Award
National	752	641	604	85%	94%	\$ 2,073,191.83
CTEC	269	238	215	88%	90%	663,028.39
Chuuk	203	164	137	81%	84%	433,163.00
Kosrae	81	67	50	83%	75%	137,736.00
Yap	142	135	124	95%	92%	365,138.00
Total	1,447	1,245	1,130	86%	91%	\$ 3,672,257.22

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187 STUDENTS ADVANCE TO CANDIDACY FOR SPRING 2024 GRADUATION

Following the March 15, 2024, initial degree audit by Registrar's Office, the college advance 187 students to candidacy for the upcoming spring 2024 graduation.

Among these candidates, the breakdown by campus is as follows: 113 students are from the National Campus, while 26 students each represent the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) and Chuuk Campus. Additionally, four students are from Kosrae Campus, with Yap Campus contributing 18 candidates to the overall count.

According to the VP for Enrollment Management and Student Services (VPMESS), "This diverse distribution reflects the academic prowess and commitment to excellence across various campuses within the college. Each candidate embodies the dedication and hard work required to reach this stage of their educational endeavors."

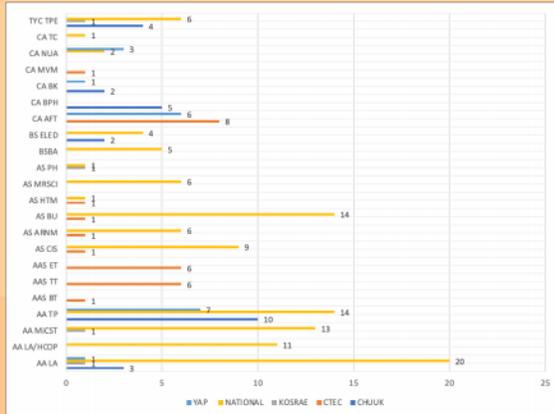


FIGURE 2. SPRING 2024. CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION BY PROGRAM AND CAMPUS

As the college prepares up for the spring 2024 graduation ceremonies on May 13-14, 2024, anticipation runs high among students, faculty, and staff alike. The Registrar's Office remains steadfast in ensuring that all necessary requirements are fulfilled, facilitating the successful transition of candidates from candidacy to graduation. Notably, the Registrar's Office will convene with candidates from both the National Campus and CTEC to discuss graduation requirements and preparations for the joint National Campus and CTEC's 79th Commencement Exercises scheduled on May 14, 2024.

1,332 STUDENTS TAKE THE 2024 COMET

85% OF SENIORS PLACED INTO COLLEGE PROGRAMS; LOWER COMET NON-PLACEMENT RATE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS.



Xavier High School seniors and juniors from Chuuk taking the 2024 COMET.

During the period from January 24, 2024, to February 16, 2024, the college administered the COM-FSM Entrance Test (COMET) to a total of 1,332 examinees. Among these examinees, 914 (69%) were senior students, 39 (3%) were categorized as other students, and 379 (28%) were junior students.

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FALL 2023 PELL GRANTS

FAO's acting Director further reported that \$4,461,591.87 in Pell Grants were awarded to 1,360 students enrolled during that term. Table provides a breakdown of the distribution by campus.

TABLE 2. FALL 2023. DISTRIBUTION OF PELL GRANT AWARDS BY CAMPUS ENROLLMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

Table with 5 columns: Campus, Pell Eligible (A), Pell Recipients (B), B in % of A, Pell Amount. Rows include National, CTEC, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, and Total.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT (SEG) ASSISTANCE, SEG- AND US VA WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

- 57 students received \$44,960.30 financial assistance from the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) from January 3, 2024, and ending, March 27, 2024.
During the reporting period, 419 enrolled students received a combined amount of \$84,606.25 from the SEG Work-Study Program.
This spring 2024 semester, three former US military service personnel (veterans) who are enrolled at the college received \$1,450.00 from the US VA Work-Study Program.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CFSM SUBSIDY

During this spring 2024 semester, a total of 89 students at the college were awarded scholarships, amounting to \$79,350. Figure 2 below provides the distribution by scholarship or financial assistance.

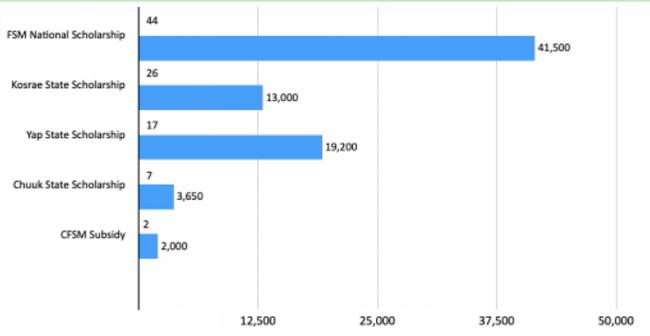


FIGURE 3. SPRING 2024. SCHOLARSHIPS & CFSM SUBSIDY (N=89)

2024 COMET ... from page 1.

OBSERVED DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF SENIORS TAKING THE COMET

The recent spring 2024 COMET exam did not include seniors from Neighboring Island Central High School on Falalop Woleai Island, Moch, and Mortlock High Schools in Chuuk. This happened because it was hard to schedule the test for these schools, mainly because of transportation issues.

However, comparing the data from the 2022 and 2023 COMET, and factoring in the exclusion of senior students from these three high schools who took in the COMET in 2022 and 2023, the college observed a gradual decline in the number of senior students taking the COMET. Below is a table illustrating the number of senior students who took the COMET from 2022 to 2024, by state.

TABLE 4. SPRING 2022 TO SPRING 2024 COMET. NUMBER OF EXAMINEES (SENIORS ONLY) BY STATE

Table with 6 columns: State, Spring 2022 Count, Spring 2023 Count, Spring 2023 % Diff, Spring 2024 Count, Spring 2024 % Diff. Rows include Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, and Total.

**Spring 2022 counts do not include 33 students from NICHs, and 15 and 11 students from Moch and Mortlock High Schools. Additionally, 2023 counts do not include 19 seniors from Moch and Mortlock High Schools.

Based on previous COMET data, between 95% and 99% of senior students usually opt to take the college's COMET.

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Kosrae Campus

In contrast, Kosrae Campus experienced more pronounced fluctuations in enrollment over the same period. The campus witnessed its highest enrollment in the academic year 2014-2015, with 608 students. However, enrollment gradually declined in subsequent years, reaching its lowest point in the academic year 2022-2023, with 340 students. These fluctuations can be attributed to various factors, including changes in student demographics, economic conditions, and competition from other educational institutions.

Yap Campus

Similarly, Yap Campus experienced fluctuations in enrollment over the past decade. The campus saw its highest enrollment in the academic year 2020-2021, with 611 students. However, enrollment declined in subsequent years, reaching 482 students in the academic year 2022-2023. These fluctuations can be attributed to factors such as changes in student demographics and student preferences, economic conditions, outmigration, and competition from other educational institutions.



COLLEGE REGISTERS 1,447 STUDENTS THIS SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

COLLEGE HAS EXPERIENCED A 10% DECREASE IN HEADCOUNT AND AN 8% DECREASE IN CREDITS FOR ITS TERM ENROLLMENT COMPARED TO THE PRIOR SPRING OF 2023

The Registrar's Office at the college reported that the college registered 1,447 students (or headcount) with 17,339 credits, which is equivalent to 1,446 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Compared to the prior spring 2023 semester, the college has experienced a 10% decrease in headcount and an 8% decrease in credits. Table 2 below illustrates the distribution by campus.

TABLE 5. COMPARISON OF CAMPUS ENROLLMENT AND CREDITS: SPRING 2023 VS. SPRING 2023 WITH PERCENT DIFFERENCES

Table with 10 columns: Campus, Spring 2023 Headcount, Spring 2023 Credits, Spring 2023 FTE, Spring 2023 Headcount, Spring 2023 Credits, Spring 2023 FTE, Percent Difference Headcount, Percent Difference Credits, Percent Difference FTE. Rows include National, CTEC, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, and Total.

SOURCE: MARCH 25, 2024, 12:55 PM POST, DATA EXTRACT COM-FSM STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS).



ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT SERVICES

UPDATES | COUNSELING & TUTORING SERVICES

JANUARY 2 TO MARCH 26, 2024

AspirEDU: DROPOUT DETECTIVE™

In February 2024, the counselors, along with professor Dana Lee Ling, participated in a productive Zoom meeting to explore into the features of the updated DropOut Detective™, a software platform designed to assist educational institutions in identifying students who may be at risk of dropping out or facing challenges that could impede their academic success.

and indicators of students who may be struggling. By flagging at-risk students early on, Dropout Detective™ enables colleges to intervene with targeted support and resources, ultimately aiming to improve student retention and success rates.

The platform typically analyzes various data points, such as attendance, grades, and engagement metrics, to identify patterns

The EMSS department is planning to integrate this platform into its toolkit to enhance the capabilities of counselors in identifying and assisting students who may be experiencing difficulties. This initiative aims to contribute to a more supportive and successful academic environment.



RIISING TREND: FALL 2023 SEES INCREASE IN STUDENTS COMPLETING SEMESTER IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Data comparing fall 2022 to fall 2023 shows a positive trend: a rise in the percentage of students completing the semester in good standing across campuses. In fall 2022, 78% of students were in good standing, whereas in fall 2023, this figure increased to 82%. Conversely, the percentage of students not in good standing decreased from 22% to 18% during the same period.

TABLE 6. FALL 2022 VS FALL 2023. STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDING BY STATE

Table with 11 columns: Campus, Fall 2022 Semester Good Standing Count, Fall 2022 Semester Good Standing % of N, Fall 2022 Semester Not in Good Standing Count, Fall 2022 Semester Not in Good Standing % of N, Fall 2022 Semester N, Fall 2023 Semester Good Standing Count, Fall 2023 Semester Good Standing % of N, Fall 2023 Semester Not in Good Standing Count, Fall 2023 Semester Not in Good Standing % of N, Fall 2023 Semester N. Rows include Chuuk, CTEC, Kosrae, National, Yap, and Total.



2024 COMET ... from page 2.



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On a separate matter, the college observed an increasing trend in the number of junior students choosing to sit for the COMET exam a year earlier than the usual testing cycle. To illustrate, there was a 4% increase in junior participation in the COMET in 2023 compared to 2022, and a remarkable 53% surge in the most recent 2024 COMET compared to the previous year.

Out of the 379 juniors who participated in the 2024 COMET, a remarkable 345, constituting 91%, were successfully placed into the college's programs. Among these placements, 178 students were admitted into various college degree programs.

781 (OR 85%) OF THE 914 SENIORS WERE PLACED INTO COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS

TABLE 6. 2024 COMET. SENIORS (N=914). PLACEMENT AND NON-PLACEMENT BY STATE

STATE	12TH GRADERS (N=914)				N
	Admitted		Non Admit		
	Count	% of N	Count	% of N	
Chuuk	156	63%	93	37%	249
Kosrae	106	95%	5	5%	111
Pohnpei	413	95%	24	5%	437
Yap	106	91%	11	9%	117
Total	781	85%	133	15%	914

Comparing the COMET data from 2022 and 2023, the college noted a decrease in the percentage of non-placed (or non-admitted) seniors who took in the recent 2024 COMET. Figure below provides a comparison.

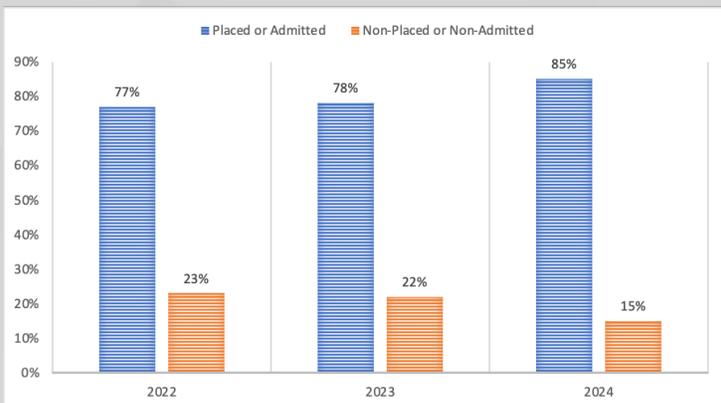


FIGURE 4. 2022 TO 2024 COMET. SENIORS ONLY. PLACEMENT AND NON-PLACEMENT



UPDATES FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

NATIONAL CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICES

867 RECORDED VISITS BY STUDENTS AND STAFF TO THE DISPENSARY

Between January 2 and March 26, 2024, the dispensary at National Campus College recorded 867 visits, with 73% (636) attributed to students and 27% (231) to college staff.

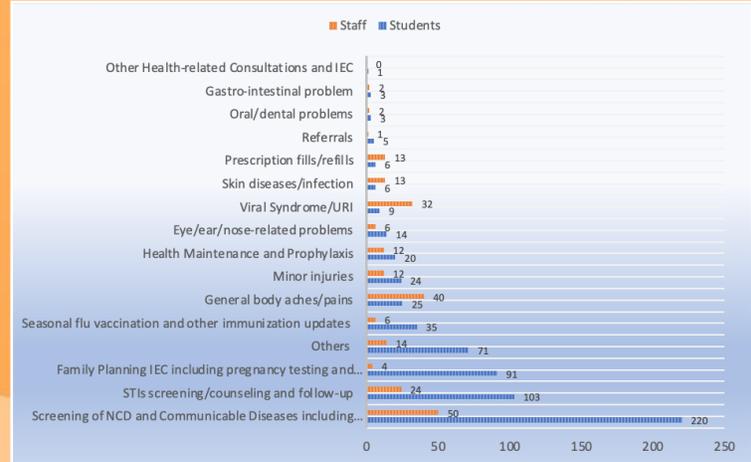


FIGURE 5. RECORDED VISITS TO THE DISPENSARY AT THE NATIONAL CAMPUS, JANUARY 2 TO MARCH 26, 2024

Notably, the three predominant visit types included screening and follow-up for non-communicable diseases and infectious diseases (n=270), screening, counseling, and follow-up for sexually transmitted infections (n=127), and family planning IEC including pregnancy testing and contraception administration (n=95).



OTHER ON-CAMPUS HEALTH CARE AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

January 22, 2024: College Health Services, National Campus, partnered with FSM and Pohnpei State HIV/STI programs for 2024 World AIDS Day, promoting awareness on HIV/AIDS and Syphilis. 103 students and staff participated in HIV/AIDS screening.

February 12-16, & 19, 2024: College Health Services, National Campus, collaborated with Pohnpei State's TB, Leprosy/Hansen Disease, and Immunization programs for:

- 2024 World TB Day: Raising TB awareness and conducting PPD skin tests; 75 participants.
- 2024 World Leprosy (Hansen Disease) Day: Raising awareness and conducting Leprosy screenings; 112 participants.
- Adult vaccination: Administering flu shots to 41 participants and promoting flu vaccine importance in disease prevention.

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CTEC	320-3795 & 320-1065
KOSRAE CAMPUS	370-3191
CHUUK CAMPUS	330-2689
YAP CAMPUS	350-2296
FSM-FMI	350-3544



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YAP STUDENT ORGANIZATION'S COMMUNITY SERVICE: CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DRIVE, JANUARY 29, 2024



YAP STUDENT ORGANIZATION'S COMMUNITY SERVICE, FEBRUARY 17, 2024



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