



College awards \$3.9 Million to 98% of the Pell eligible students enrolled this spring 2018

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported awarding \$3,935,473.00 Pell grant to 1,510 students or 98% of the 1,543 Pell eligible students enrolled this spring 2018, as of report. Table below shows the distribution:

Spring 2018 Pell, as of May 7, 2018

Campus	Enrollment** (N)	Pell Eligible (n)	Pell Eligible (n) in % of N	Pell Recipient (A)	Pell Recipient (A) in % of n	Pell Award in US\$
National	824	752	91%	741	99%	\$2,066,805.00
CTEC	390	366	94%	362	99%	885,780.00
Chuuk	205	185	90%	178	96%	443845.00
Kosrae	139	108	78%	100	93%	221387.00
Yap	142	132	93%	129	98%	317,656.00
Total	1,700	1,543	91%	1,510	98%	\$3,935,473.00

\$91,332.23 Supplemental Education Grant awarded to students enrolled in spring 2018

Award \$61,225.72, \$255,446.95, and \$74,673.15 SEG to students during spring 2017, summer 2017, and fall 2017, respectively

Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that 112 students enrolled this spring 2018 received \$91,332.23 financial assistance from the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG).



According to the Director of FAO, "The primary purpose of the SEG is to assist students with their summer tuition fees as most students who registered full-time in fall and spring semesters would have exhausted their Pell Grant. However, a small portion of the SEG is disbursed during the regular semesters to assist boarding students with their tuition fees." As a practice, this fund is usually the last to be awarded to students, he further reported.

620 students received \$148,063.25 from SEG Work-Study Program

The SEG Work Study Program coordinator, Financial Aid Office (FAO), reported that 620 students enrolled in the Work Study Program this spring 2018. According to the coordinator, "The 620 students represent 35% of the college's spring 2018 enrollment, including cadets from the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM FMI). As of April 30, 2018, these students received \$148,063.25 from SEG Work Study Program." Table below shows the distribution:

Spring 2018 SEG Work-Study Program, as of April 30, 2018

Campus	Enrollment (N)	SEG Work-Study Participants (n)	Participants (n) in % of N	SEG Work-Study Awarded in US\$
National	824	291	35%	\$71,963.00
CTEC	390	176	45%	40,935.75
Chuuk	205	29	14%	6,396.25
Kosrae	139	24	17%	5,622.75
Yap	142	44	31%	7,906.75
FSM FMI	56	56	100%	15,238.75
Total	1,756	620	35%	\$148,063.25

173 students received \$127,468.80 FROM FSM National and State Scholarships, including FSM Congress subsidy

The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that, as of April 30, 2018, 173 students enrolled this spring 2018 received \$127,468.80, financial assistance from FSM National Scholarship, Yap State Scholarship, and subsidy from the Congress of the FSM- Yap congressional delegation. Table below shows the distribution:

Summer 2017, fall 2017, and spring 2018 financial assistance from FSM National and State Scholarships, including CFSM subsidy

Financial Assistance Source	Summer 2017		Fall 2017		Spring 2018	
	Recipient	Award	Recipient	Award	Recipient	Award
FSM National Scholarship	8	\$ 14,592.00	71	\$ 78,750.00	54	\$ 53,750.00
Chuuk State Scholarship			36	22,950.00	30	18,200.00
Kosrae State Scholarship			28	14,000.00	21	10,500.00
Yap State Scholarship			28	25,875.00	34	30,275.00
CFSM Yap Delegation	38	26,606.15	11	4,814.25	34	14,743.80
Total	46	\$ 41,198.15	174	\$ 146,389.25	173	\$ 127,468.80

College held its 67th Commencement Exercises

Five students graduated under the UOG and COM-FSM partnership program, and 187 students graduated under the COM-FSM programs



The college held its 67th Commencement Exercises on Friday May 18, 2018, at the Main Gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center.

Guest speaker at this year's commencement exercises was an Alumna of the classes of 2011 and 2012, Sylvia Elias, who is the Student Activity Coordinator for Upward Bound-Pohnpei. College President Joseph M. Daisy Ed.D. provided the welcoming remarks at the ceremony, and Ms. Reileen B. Joel delivered the Valedictory Address. Conferring degrees to graduates was Board of Regents Chairman, Dr. Tuslensru Waguk, and accepting the graduates was the Secretary of the FSM Department of Education, the Honorable Kalwin Kephas. In attendance were the college's Board of Regents, members of the diplomatic corps, leaders from both the local and national governments, and members of the college community at large.

A total of 113 graduates from the National Campus, 46 from the Career & Technical

College offers admission to 1,129 (or 78%) of the 1,446 students who took the spring 2018 COMET: The highest placement rate in the past three years

79% (or 1,044) of the 1,291 seniors are placed into the college's programs

The college administered the COM-FSM Entrance Test (COMET) to 1,446 students from private and public high schools in the FSM, including other students at the State Campuses last January 30 to February 16, 2018. According to the college's Registrar, "These figures do not include COMET results for high schools on Mortlocks, Moch, and Weipat in Chuuk State. Of the 1,446 students who took the spring 2018 COMET, 1,129 (or 78%) students are placed into the college's programs — the highest COMET placement rate in the past three years. In 2016 and 2017, COMET placement rates were at 76% and 72%, respectively." He further reported that high school seniors in the FSM performed well in this year's COMET if compared to 2017 and 2016 COMET. Of the 1,323 seniors who took the COMET this year, 1,044 (or 79%) are placed into the college's programs. The COMET placement rates for 2016 and 2017 are 74% and 73%, respectively.

Spring 2018 COMET results: Placement and non-placement by school

State	Schools	Degree		ACE		Certificate		Non-Admit	
		Count	In %	Count	In %	Count	In %	Count	In %
Chuuk	Berea Christian High School	7	33%	3	14%	8	38%	3	14%
	Chuuk High School	33	14%	20	9%	79	34%	99	43%
	COM-FSM Chuuk Campus	3	6%	5	9%	20	38%	25	47%
	Chuuk SDA School		0%		0%		0%		0%
	Faichuuk High School	1	8%	0	0%	2	15%	10	77%
	Moch		0%		0%		0%		0%
	Mortlock		0%		0%		0%		0%
	Nukuno Christian High School	0	0%	1	17%	2	33%	3	50%
	Pentecostal Light House Academy	0	0%	0	0%	3	60%	2	40%
	Saramen Chuuk Academy	15	41%	7	19%	9	24%	6	16%
	Southern Namoneas High School-Fefan	1	3%	1	3%	4	12%	28	82%
Southern Namoneas High School-Tonoas	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	18	90%	
Weipat		0%		0%		0%		0%	
Xavier High School	41	95%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	
Total		101	22%	40	9%	128	28%	194	42%
Kosrae	COM-FSM Kosrae Campus	3	43%	0	0%	4	57%	0	0%
	Kosrae High School	57	39%	17	12%	55	38%	17	12%
	Total	60	39%	17	11%	59	39%	17	11%
Pohnpei	Calvary Christian Academy	16	94%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%
	Career & Technical Education Center	13	24%	10	18%	21	38%	11	20%
	Madolehnihmw High School	36	42%	20	23%	23	27%	7	8%
	Nanpei Memorial High School	59	44%	21	16%	38	29%	15	11%
	Ohwa International Christian Academy	2	11%	0	0%	13	72%	3	17%
	Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School	30	94%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%
	Pohnpei Island Central School	85	33%	44	17%	106	41%	26	10%
	Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist School	31	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Total	272	43%	97	15%	202	32%	62	10%
	Yap	COM-FSM Yap Campus	1	13%	0	0%	5	63%	2
Faith Christian Academy		2	20%	1	10%	4	40%	3	30%
Neighboring Islands Central High School		6	14%	2	5%	20	47%	15	35%
Outer Island High School-Ulithi		2	9%	3	13%	8	35%	10	43%
Yap Catholic High School		20	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Yap High School		41	50%	4	5%	23	28%	14	17%
Yap Seventh Day Adventist School		9	82%	1	9%	1	9%	0	0%
Total	81	41%	11	6%	61	31%	44	22%	
Grand Total		514	36%	165	11%	450	31%	317	22%

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The coordinator further reported that as of April 30, 2018, ten US former military servicemen (VA) are enrolled this spring 2018 had enrolled into the Work-Study Program for US Veterans and received \$10,512.20.

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Education Center (CTEC) formerly Pohnpei Campus, 19 from Chuuk Campus, and nine from Kosrae Campus. Five students graduated under the University of Guam (UOG) and COM-FSM Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education partnership program. Yap Campus and FSM Maritime Fisheries Institute (FMI) Campus will hold their commencements later this month.

278 continuing and returning students early registered for summer 2018

Regular registration for summer 2018 is scheduled on May 31-June 1, 2018. Summer 2018 classes begin June 4, 2018



The college extended early registration for summer 2018 last March 30-23, 2018. 278 continuing and returning students with 1,419 registered credits (or equivalent to 236.50 full-time equivalent students) early registered for summer 2018. Table below shows the distribution.

Summer 2018 early registration enrollment data: In head counts, registered credits, and full-time equivalent (FTE) distributed by campus

Campus	Headcount	Registered Credits	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
National	150	761	126.83
CTEC	69	368	61.33
Chuuk	32	153	25.50
Kosrae	6	24	4.00
Yap	21	113	18.83
Total	278	1,419	236.50

According to the college's Registrar, "411 seniors from private and public high schools in Pohnpei State had submitted their applications for admission to our office. We have worked with the public high schools in Pohnpei State to schedule on-site special registrations for summer 2018. For examples, May 23, 2018, for seniors from Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS); May 28, 2018, for seniors from Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS); and May 29, 2018, for seniors from Madolehnihmw High School (MHS)."

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FSM Postmaster General Mida donated \$500 in support of F4 event

The Executive Director for the Center of Entrepreneurship reported that on May 1, 2018, he received a call from the FSM Postmaster General Ginger Porter Mida. According to the Executive Director, "The call was about our the F4 and how the Postmaster General wanted to join the event but couldn't because she went to Washington, DC for an important function."

The Postmaster General handed a \$500 check to the college through the Center to show her support for the F4's April 20, 2018, event.



Consolidating all the cash donations from our sponsors, the F4's April 20, 2018, event raised over \$750 of support from both private and public sector, the Executive Director further reported.



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EMSS Student Life

Student engagement, including extracurricular activities, has a positive impact on student academic performance

Student Life: Activities and Events

Day of Service, March 10, 2018

Participated by 60 students and five staff, the activity's intended outcomes include: (a) to give back to the community of Pohnpei; (b) to promote environmentalism by cleaning up at various public places around Kolonia and at Nett Point; (c) to promote student engagement and involvement; and (d) to strengthen ties between the college and the community.



Spirit Week/Founding Day Olympics, March 19-23, 2018

Participated by 50 students and four staff, the activity was organized to: (a) promote student engagement; (b) build a sense of community and camaraderie; (c) create a sense of pride for COM-FSM; (d) increase student participation; and (e) build excitement and anticipation for the 25th anniversary celebration.



Residence Halls Alcohol Workshop, March 27, 2018

Participated by 135 students and 11 staff, the workshop's intended outcomes include: (a) to educate students on the mental, physical, emotional, and educational effects of drinking; (b) to review COM-FSM policies and procedures; (c) to discuss the cause for drinking on campus; (d) to strategize ways to prevent drinking; and (e) to provide a forum for students to raise concerns, and ask questions.

Dodgeball, April 16, 2018

Participated by 50 students and six staff, the activity was organized to: (a) promote exercise and healthy life choices; (b) encourage student and faculty/staff interaction; (c) promote sense of community; and (d) encourage friendly competition and student engagement.

Sexual Assault Awareness Pledge, April 20-23, 2018

Participated by 130 students, the activity was organized to: (a) promote and spread awareness about sexual assault awareness month; (b) educate students on the importance of sexual assault awareness; (c) encourage students to sign the pledge to prevent sexual assault and harassment at COM-FSM and in their communities; and (d) set a positive example and promote the safety of all on campus and off.



Trivia Nights, February 21, March 21, and April 25, 2018

Participated by 25 students and four staff, the activity was organized to: (a) promote student participation and involvement; (b) promote and support students' educational goals; (c) encourage friendly academic competition between students; (e) promote student and faculty/staff interaction; and (f) help build a sense of community.

Student Success Is Our Success



UPDATES: Center of Entrepreneurship

Timothy Mamangon, Executive Director

Spring 2018 was a busy semester for the Center of Entrepreneurship. During the semester, the Center helped most of its incubator businesses (e.g., 4Stars Web Design Company, Hydroponics of the Pacific, Micro-Youth Cast, Indulgence, Delights, and RentAText) get their business licenses. The Center does not share profits with these student-operated businesses but exists to provide business support including workshops and mentoring. A series of workshops were conducted to train student entrepreneurs better manage their funds and help identify innovative ways on how their business can scale in the long run.



The Center also formed new partnerships. A new collaboration is in works with the college's Bookstore to help incubator businesses sell their products with the student customers having the option to charge their purchases to their Pell Grant. The Center's partnership with Pacific Community (SPC) on **Pacific Women Growing Business Project** also expanded by forming collaboration with Small Business Guarantee and Financing Coportation (SBGFC) to help identify the clients for the project.

The Center also teamed up with members of the public and private sectors to make this semester the biggest F4 ever. Participants from the community showed their support by either being sellers or giving donations to the event.

For the rest of the year, the Center will work on larger projects that will help the community and events, and foster entrepreneurial spirit. The focus will be starting the greenhouse project and hopefully begin preparations on the slaughterhouse project.

