



# Report to the Board of Regents

Administrative Services | Enrollment Management & Student Services  
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## College receives commendation from US Department of Education



The college received a commendation from the US Department of Education (ED) for its timely National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) reporting and for being able to consistently maintain 100% accuracy in its reporting.

According to the director for Financial Aid Office (FAO), “The college has been contacted by US ED staff for the purpose of sharing its strategies and best practices, which will be disseminated to other colleges and universities in the US, and its territories, as a model for best practices.”

## 211 students applied for fall 2017 graduation

Nine students are candidates under the college and the University of Guam BAE program

The college’s Office of Admissions, Records and Retention (OARR) reported that 211 students had submitted their applications for fall 2017 graduation. Of 211 students who applied for fall 2017 graduation, 136 are from National Campus, 42 from Career and Technical Education Center-Pohnpei, 18 from Chuuk Campus, three from Kosrae Campus, and 12 from Yap Campus.

According to the college’s registrar, “BAE partnership program coordinator informed his office that nine students are candidates for graduation under the college and UOG Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (BAE) program.” He further reported that: (50 COM-FSM students who graduated last summer 2017 and three of the graduates from the UOG’s Master in Reading program will be joining the college’s Commencement Exercises.

FSM Postmaster General Ginger P. Mida will be the keynote speaker for the college’s 66th Commencement Exercises, which will be held on December 15, 2017, 9:00 AM, in the main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, with the theme: “Invictus (Unconquered). I am the master of my fate.”



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## College awards \$4.1 million US Federal Pell Grant to 1,563 students

\$75,375.00 scholarship assistance from US, FSM national and state scholarships

The college’s Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that from August to November 17, 2017, it awarded \$4,162,556.24 US Federal Pell Grant to 1,563 students enrolled this fall 2017 semester. According to director for FAO, “Of the 2,027 (N) students enrolled this fall 2017, 1,828 (or 90% of N) students are Pell eligible. As such, the 1,563 students who already received their Pell awards represent 86% of the Pell eligible students who are enrolled this fall 2017 semester.”

Table 1.0. Fall 2017 Pell Awards, August to November 17, 2017, by state campuses.

Campus	Enrollment (A)	Pell Eligible (B)	B in % of A	Pell Awarded (C)	C in % of B	US Federal Pell in US\$
National	928	810	87%	727	90%	\$ 2,052,688.24
Pohnpei	527	500	95%	451	90%	1,139,698.00
Chuuk	243	207	85%	119	57%	311,540.00
Kosrae	159	151	95%	113	75%	271,610.00
Yap	170	160	94%	153	96%	387,020.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>\$ 4,162,556.24</b>

He further reported that from September 15, 2017, to November 17, 2017, FAO received \$72,375.00 scholarship assistance from the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), the FSM National Scholarship Committee, Kosrae State Scholarship, and Yap State Scholarship.

Table 2.0. Scholarship Assistance, September 15-November 17, 2017.

Scholarship	Recipient	Amount in US\$
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund	3	\$ 7,500.00
FSM National Scholarship Committee	29	32,250.00
Kosrae State Scholarship	18	9,000.00
Yap State Scholarship	25	23,625.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>\$ 72,375.00</b>

## Supplemental Educational Grant (SEG) Work-Study Program

The college’s Financial Aid Office (FAO) reported that 635 students who had enrolled this fall 2017 semester received \$153,432.50, from the SEG Work-Study Program. SEG Work-Study Program is available for eligible students at the college’s five campuses, including the FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM FMI).

Table 3.0. SEG Work-Study Program, August to November 17, 2017.

Campus	Enrollment (A)	SEG Work Study (B)	B in % of A	Amount in US\$
National	928	292	31%	\$ 72,309.50
Pohnpei	527	179	34%	42,982.25
Chuuk	243	30	12%	8,066.25
Kosrae	159	49	31%	8,164.25
Yap	170	30	18%	7,855.25
FSM FMI	55	55	100%	14,055.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>\$ 153,432.50</b>

Meanwhile, FAO SEG Work-Study coordinator reported that ten US Veteran (VA) students enrolled in the US VA Work-Study Program at the National Campus, and received \$7,975.00.

## COM-FSM Mission Statement

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

## 675 continuing and returning students early registered for spring 2018

The college early registered 33% of its spring 2018 enrollment target in headcounts

The college extended early registration for spring 2018 last October 31 to November 4, 2017. 675 continuing and returning students with 8,116 registered credits (or equivalent to 676 full-time equivalent students) early registered for spring 2018.

According to the college’s registrar, “Of these 675 (N) students, 469 (or 69% of N) registered full-time, and 206 (31% of N) registered as part-time.” He further reported that: (a) the National Campus spring 2018 early registration data show an FTE enrollment higher than headcount by 6.48%; (b) overall average credit is 12; and (c) average credits by campus — 12.8 (National Campus), 11.5 (Pohnpei Campus), 11.6 (Chuuk Campus), 8.6 (Kosrae Campus), and 9.5 (Yap Campus).

Regular registration for spring 2018 will be on January 10-12, 2018.

Table 4.0. Spring 2018 early registration data

Campus	In Headcounts			In Registered Credits		
	Target (A)	Enrollment (B)	B in % of A	Target (A)	Enrollment (B)	B in % of A
National	885	401	45%	12,773	5,126	40%
Pohnpei	543	179	33%	6,508	2,055	32%
Chuuk	232	27	12%	3,149	313	10%
Kosrae	178	27	15%	2,126	232	11%
Yap	178	41	23%	2,257	390	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>26,813</b>	<b>8,116</b>	<b>30%</b>

### Student Success is our focus!

EMSS Student Life

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

## Student Life: Events and Activities

October 24 to November 17, 2017

### United Nations Day: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

On October 24, 2017, approximately 20 students participated in the UN Day celebrations, acting as “SDG Ambassadors.” Broken up into three groups – Social, Economical and Environmental – students were tasked with raising awareness and promoting each of the goals, which they spent the prior weeks researching. Students also assisted throughout the ceremony celebrations and provided support in the set-up of the event.



### Micro-Green Up Day

Students at National Campus, the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Pohnpei, Kosrae and Chuuk Campuses all partook in Micro-Green Up Day on Friday, October 27, 2017. In attempts to highlight the importance of keeping our environment clean, students at all campuses spent the afternoon cleaning up their campuses, by holding



**Center for Entrepreneurship**  
Mason Wiley, Executive Director

### Incubator Program

The Center for Entrepreneurship’s Incubator Program provides resources and expertise to student-operated business.

### 4Stars

4Stars finished the National Fishery Corporation’s (NFC) website ([www.nfc.fm](http://www.nfc.fm)) in August and is now on a service contract to teach the NFC’s IT Department how to manage the website. The head of NFC’s IT Department has given nothing but positive feedback to the Center for 4Stars professionalism, teaching style, and knowledge for completing the job. 4Stars is also working with the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Corporation on a new project that will recycle used computers from larger organizations in Kolonia for use as small computer labs in Pohnpei’s elementary schools. 4Stars will take possession of the computers and work with Pohnpei Campus’s Technology Division on preparing the computers in the coming weeks. The Pohnpei Department of Education has agreed to take possession of the computers from 4Stars once the computers are ready and to hire 4Stars as maintenance workers for each lab on a 6-month minimum contract.

### Hydroponics of the Pacific (HOP)

HOP has built several additional units for private homes in Nett municipality. The popularity of hydroponics has increased on island and HOP now regularly receives requests for new units. Many of the original recipients of hydroponics units through HOP’s Global Green grant have started experimenting with hydroponics on their own volition, including adding solar panels to run pumps, using online schematics for construction of new units, and growing cucumbers, black pepper, and sakau. HOP is also constructing a hydroponics prototype for the two greenhouses that will be installed on Pohnpei and National Campuses in the first half of 2018 through a \$37,000 grant from the US Department of the Interior. HOP is excited to work with the Center on testing the viability of commercial hydroponics farming on Pohnpei to reduce FSM’s reliance on imported foods.



### RentAText

RentAText had a very successful semester, bringing in over \$4,000 in revenue for fall semester. After a year of operation, RentAText has found their niche within the college community by saving college students money on their textbooks and getting money for students who already own books. RentAText’s experiment in working with the college’s bookstore to allow students to pay for textbook rentals with financial aid has worked well. RentAText plans to target specific textbooks for future semesters by visiting classes and encouraging students to add their textbooks to the RentAText database.

### Competitions and Events

The Center for Entrepreneurship regularly hosts events and competitions related to entrepreneurship and innovation.

### Friday Food Fashion Festival (F4)

F4 was a big hit again this semester. The event took place on October 27th and featured 13 tents filled with student businesses, including Bluetooth speakers, homemade grills, fish tacos, flowers, local skirts, and much more. The event was attended by hundreds of community members who perused each booth and sat to enjoy the food, music, and local dance. The Center also invited three prominent members of community to judge the booths and provide awards to the student business with the best customer service, best booth design, and most innovative idea.

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trash-a-thons. Various competitions were held throughout the day and prizes and refreshments were provided to participants.



**Halloween Events**

On October 30, 2017, a costume contest open to students and staff was held during the day. This was followed by a movie showing on Halloween Night, Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Prizes were given out to students/staff who showed up in costumes at both events.



**Dodgeball Tournament**

On November 1, 2017, students had the opportunity to partake in a Dodgeball Tournament held in the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center at National Campus. Approximately 30 students participated in the tournament, and about 60 students attending to view the games. A few staff members also participated in the event, playing alongside students throughout the tournament.



**FORUM LECTURES**

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**September 20, 2017.** International Organization for Migration (IOM) representatives Genevieve Gruss and Michael Yarofairtoar, spoke about the importance of Peace Day and highlighted this year's theme, "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All." The presentation focused on the rights of migrants and refugees, and featured a short film about Yusra Mardini, a young refugee from Syria.



**September 22, 2017.** The Bank of Guam spoke with students about banking procedures and processes, highlighting for them the steps needed to create their own checking and savings accounts. They also spoke about creating budgets, and the importance of credit reports.

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**\$100 Buck Business Blitz (100BBB)**

The Center will pit 5 teams against each other to see who can make the best use of \$100 loan on an innovative business idea. The teams are already working with the Center on their ideas, which they will begin after final exams on December 12th. The teams will compete throughout Winter Break until January 12th when the profits are tallied and winners are declared. Each team may keep any profits they make and extra prize money will be given to the teams who are judged to have the most innovative and scalable idea.

**Workshops**

The Center regularly provides workshops to COM-FSM students and members of the community on a variety of skills related to entrepreneurship.

**Business Division Workshops**

The Business Division hosted several workshops prior to the F4 to give participating students a refresher on business fundamentals, including accounting and business planning. The workshops were well received by the participating students and helped to bring a strong degree of professionalism to the F4 as a whole.

**Pohnpei Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (Women's Initiative)**

The Center is working with the Pacific Community on a new project that will primarily support women entrepreneurs in the Pohnpeian community by providing them resources and expertise to make their business thrive. Although this project is still in the planning phase, funding is nearly secured and the Center has already agreed to work with the Business Division's third-year certificate students on providing regular workshops for the women entrepreneurs on business fundamentals. The Women's Initiative also plans to work with many of the Center's alumni to ensure that their businesses continue after graduation.

**Strategic Directions**

**Innovate academic quality to ensure student success**

Ensure student success by decreasing time to completion and increasing student satisfaction, persistence, retention, and graduation rates by innovating academic quality and enhancing student support services.

**Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs**

Strengthen resources to meet current and future needs through revenue diversification, efficient use, innovation, effective allocation, conservation, infrastructure upgrades, and investment in human capital.