



NATIONAL CAMPUS AND CTEC TO HOST JOINT 82ND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

COLLEGE PREPARES TO HONOR SUMMER AND FALL 2025 GRADUATES UNDER THE THEME "EMPOWER. INNOVATE. THRIVE."

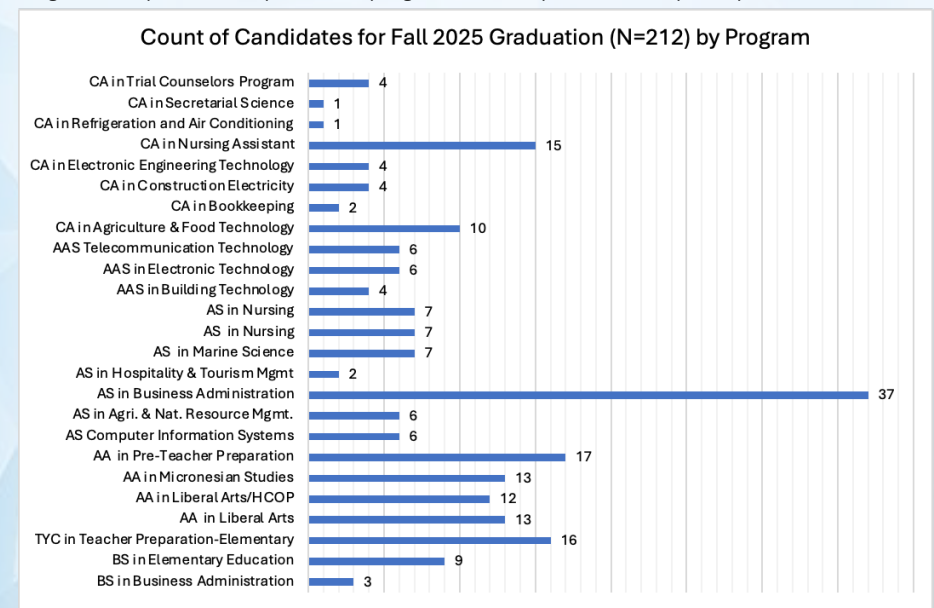
The National Campus and CTEC will jointly host the College's 82nd Commencement Exercises and Graduation Ceremony at 9:00 AM in the main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. Graduates from Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 will celebrate their achievements under this year's theme, "Empower. Innovate. Thrive." The ceremony will feature Ms. Kathleen Veronica Tobin-Kostka, Senior Program Manager at the Australian Embassy in the FSM and a proud former student of the College of Micronesia-FSM, as the commencement speaker.

A graduation rehearsal is scheduled for December 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the practice court and main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. The Office of the Registrar reports 212 potential program completers for Fall 2025, distributed as follows:

- National Campus – 130 candidates;
- CTEC – 35 candidates;
- Chuuk Campus – 28. candidates;
- Kosrae Campus – 9 candidates; and
- Yap Campus – 10 candidates

Final eligibility will be confirmed on December 16, 2025, following the submission of final grades on December 15 and the completion of degree audits by the Office of the Registrar.

An additional 56 Summer 2025 completers will also be recognized during the ceremony. Their distribution includes: National Campus – 18; CTEC – 17; Chuuk Campus – 7; Kosrae Campus – 4; and Yap Campus – 10.





525 STUDENTS REGISTER EARLY FOR SPRING 2026

EARLY REGISTRATION PERIOD OPENS UNTIL DECEMBER 12, 2025.
REGULAR REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2026 OPENS JANUARY 7-9, 2026.

Early registration for Spring 2026 opened on November 4, 2025, and will continue through December 12, 2025. Early registration is offered to give students the opportunity to plan their academic schedules ahead of time, ensuring they get the courses they need to stay on track for graduation. It also helps students manage their workload effectively, balance personal and work commitments, and secure priority access to popular or limited-capacity classes.

For the college, early registration provides valuable information for resource planning, including faculty assignments, classroom space, and course offerings, helping to improve overall scheduling efficiency and student success.

As of November 20, 2025, a total of 525 students have already registered, accounting for 6,770 credits, or 564 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. This means the college's early registration FTE is 7% higher than its headcount enrollment—a positive indicator that many students are enrolling in full course loads and progressing toward timely completion.

The table below provides a breakdown of early registration by campus, showing both headcount and credit hours registered.

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EMSS MISSION STATEMENT

To support student development by providing learner-centered programs and services that fulfill the diverse educational, social, and cultural needs of the student population and the college's community

~Adopted during the EMSS Department's Summer 2014 Summit, July 24-25, 2014

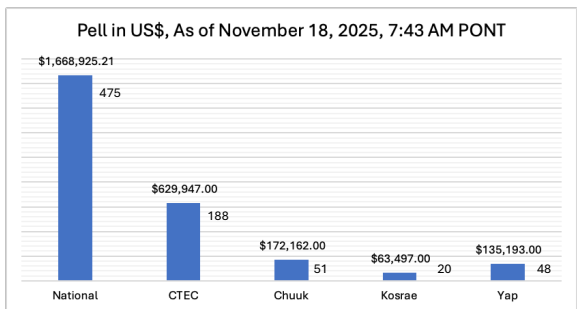


FINANCIAL AID OFFICE | Fall 2025

COLLEGE AWARDS \$2.67 MILLION IN PELL GRANTS TO 782 STUDENTS FOR FALL 2025

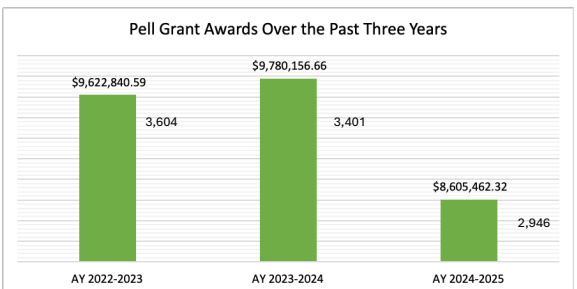
As of November 18, 2025, 7:53 AM PONT, the college has awarded \$2,669,724.21 in Pell Grants to 782 students across all campuses for the Fall 2025 semester. The college's Financial Aid Office (FAO) continues to process Pell Grant awards for eligible students enrolled this semester, so this figure reflects the status at the time of reporting and will increase as additional awards are finalized.

Chart below is a breakdown of Pell Grant recipients and disbursements by campus:



Pell Grant Awards Over the Past Three Years

Meanwhile, over the past three years (AY 2022–2023 through AY 2024–2025), the college has awarded a total of \$28,008,459.57 in Pell Grants to 9,951 duplicated recipients. Chart below shows the breakdown by academic year:



Campus-Based Federal Student Aid (FSA) Programs

Federal Work Student (FWS)

From August 16 through November 12, 2025, 158 students enrolled in the Federal Work-Study program earned \$65,866.26 through on-campus work assignments. The distribution of students and earnings by campus is as follows:

- National Campus: 106 students | \$47,734.00
- CTEC: 25 students | \$7,877.13
- Chuuk Campus: 15 students | \$6,989.00
- Kosrae Campus: 5 students | \$1,638.50
- Yap Campus: 10 students | \$1,627.63

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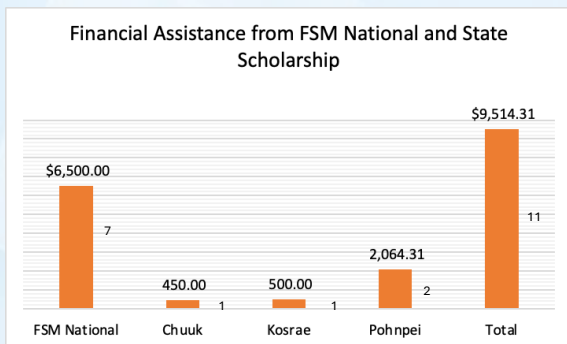

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Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Between August 16 and November 12, 2025, 17 students enrolled this Fall 2025 semester received a total of \$7,435.00 from the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG). Of these, 16 students are from the National Campus and one student is from the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC).

Supporting Students: FSM National and State Scholarships, Fall 2025

From August 16 and November 12, 2025, 11 students received a total of \$9,514.31 in financial assistance through FSM National and State Scholarship programs for the Fall 2025 semester.



Other Updates and Activities

- **FAFSA Support.** FAO provide personalized, in-person FAFSA support for students and parents by appointment and walk-in every Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Fiscal Operations Report and Application for Federal Student Aid Programs (FISAP).** On October 1, 2025, FAO completed and submitted to US ED the FISAP for award year 2024-2025. The FISAP is an annual report that provides data on the previous award year, requests funding for the upcoming year, and ensures the school's compliance with federal regulations for FWS and FSEOG programs.
- The college was awarded \$196,822.00 in FSEOG and \$174,331.00 in FWS for 2025-2026. However, a request to increase funding to \$300,000 for both campus-based FSA programs for the 2026-2027 award year was included in the October 1, 2025, FISAP.
- On October 28, 2025, US ED validated the college's October 1, 2025, FISAP. No further action was required, and the outcome of the 2026-2027 funding application will be released soon.



Visiting doctors from the Department of International Medical Affairs at E-Da Healthcare Group, Taiwan, provided basic life support training to nursing students.



CAMPUS | Security and Safety

COLLEGE ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH EARLY SUBMISSION OF 2025 CSS SURVEY

On September 11, 2025, the college submitted the 2025 Campus Safety and Security Survey to the U.S. Department of Education, 34 days ahead of the October 15 deadline.

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COM-FSM VISION
We provide quality education today for a successful Tomorrow.

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Campus	Headcount (N)	Credits	FTE	In Percent of N		In Percent of N	
				Male	Female	Full-Time	Part-Time
National	337	4,497	375	101	236	83%	17%
CTEC	57	802	67	25	32	91%	9%
Chuuk	42	464	39	8	34	62%	38%
Kosrae	26	291	24	7	19	73%	27%
Yap	63	716	60	24	39	70%	30%
Total	525	6,770	564	165	360	80%	20%

Regular registration for Spring 2026 will be open from January 7-14, 2026 for students who did not register early.

Fall 2024 and Fall 2025 Enrollment in Headcounts and Credit Hours

Campus	In Headcount				In Credit Hours			
	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Change (#)	Change (%)	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Change (#)	Change (%)
National	829	844	15	1.8%	11,026	10,875	(151)	-1.4%
CTEC	378	323	(55)	-14.6%	4,432	3,992	(440)	-9.9%
Chuuk	247	264	17	6.9%	2,919	2,953	34	1.2%
Kosrae	101	132	31	30.7%	1,031	1,210	179	17.4%
Yap	174	141	(33)	-19.0%	2,014	1,455	(559)	-27.8%
Total	1,729	1,704	(25)	-1.4%	21,422	20,485	(937)	-4.4%

The College enrolled 1,704 students in Fall 2025 with 20,485 registered credits, slightly down from Fall 2024's 1,729 students (-25 students, -1.4%) and 21,422 credits (-937 credits, -4.4%).

Key Insights

Overall, compared to Fall 2024, the college's total enrollment for Fall 2025 decreased slightly by -1.4% in headcount and -4.4% in credits, driven mainly by declines at CTEC and Yap. Campus-specific changes include:

- National Campus saw a modest headcount increase of +1.8%, though credits slightly declined by -1.4%.

■ Chuuk Campus experienced moderate growth with headcount up +6.9% and credits increasing +1.2%.

■ Kosrae Campus recorded the largest growth, with headcount rising +30.7% and credits up +17.4%.

■ CTEC and Yap Campuses experienced declines, with Yap showing the largest percentage drops: headcount -19.0% and credits -27.8%, while CTEC's headcount fell -14.6% and credits -9.9%.



STUDENTLife: CAPTURED MOMENTS

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, INCLUDING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HAS POSITIVE ON STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



Students engage in a Human Trafficking Awareness presentation by the FSM Division of Anti-Human Trafficking Services (DAHTS) on October 29, 2025, at the MITC, gaining insights on prevention and advocacy.



Students celebrate Halloween 2025 with fun and costumes at the College's spook-tacular party on October 31 in the main gym of the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center.

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UPDATES FROM

COUNSELING AND TUTORING SERVICES

- **September 5, 2025.** CTEC counselor attended the New Zealand Manaaki Scholarship presentation via Zoom with three interested students, where participants were briefed on scholarship requirements and heard from former recipients about adjusting to life away from home.
- **September 8-12, 2025.** One counselor from the National Campus attended the mhGAP training, a WHO initiative to improve care for mental, neurological, and substance use disorders for non-specialized staff. Facilitated by WHO, UNICEF, FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, and COM-FSM (Pat Ryan; counselors provided AV support), the training included Behavioral Health staff from all FSM states and reinforced ongoing weekly sessions with Patrick Ryan.
- **September 24, 2025.** Chuuk Campus counselor organized an Exam Study Strategy Workshop for 15 new students, providing tips to help them manage midterm and final exams. Pre- and post-workshop surveys showed that 53% of students learned significantly from the session, while 47% gained some knowledge but needed further learning.
- **September 24-25, 2025.** In recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day, the campus nurse and counselor at CTEC held a tabling event to raise awareness of risk factors, warning signs, ways to support someone in distress, and available on-campus resources; twenty-one students participated, and pre/post assessments showed eleven students with unchanged scores, seven with improved scores, and three with no improvement.
- **October 3, 2025.** CTEC counselor met with students using the computer lab and provided last-minute midterm preparation tips, including active learning strategies, condensing key information, structured study sessions, and techniques for managing anxiety and maintaining well-being.
- **October 6-10, 2025.** The CTEC nurse and counselor held a series of World Mental Health Day activities, including a Fun Monday Karaoke break during midterms, where they highlighted the benefits of music for mental health and the risks of betelnut chewing. On October 8, a mindfulness and breathing session led by yoga instructor Valentina Permiakova taught participants stress-reduction techniques. The October 10 Mental Health and Wellness Fair featured presentations by Dr. Epi, Public Health's Behavioral Health and Wellness staff, and Pat Ryan on the theme "Access to Services: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies." Twenty-six students attended, reporting increased awareness of positive coping strategies, the importance of support systems, and the need to seek help for themselves or others.
- **October 15, 2025.** CTEC counselor and campus nurse organized the Mental Health and Wellness Fair, which featured tabling by Public Health, Pohnpei State Health and Social Affairs, UNICEF, the campus Health Clinic, Counseling Office, and Student Body Association, offering students opportunities for relaxation, writing encouragement messages, and positive interactions, with a total of 203 encounters recorded.
- **October 16 & 20, 2025.** The lead counselor attended Suicide Prevention/Awareness training for the Senior Leadership and

Management Teams, presented by Patrick Ryan, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Specialist.

- **October 25, 2025.** The Counseling Office held Career Awareness Day, featuring Ms. Adelina Wichop of the UN Volunteers Programme. She introduced the program, its objectives, services, and paid volunteer opportunities for local and international students, highlighting how volunteerism can support professional and personal growth. 25 students attended, and a post-event survey was conducted to evaluate the program's effectiveness.
- **October 30, 2025.** CTEC counselor joined Nanpei Memorial High School's Career Week with the late Student Life Coordinator Crystal Jackson-Joab, presenting to freshmen through seniors on steps toward future careers and strategies to maintain academic success for on-time college completion.
- **November 4, 2025.** Two National Campus counselors, along with the CTEC counselor, attended Day 1 of the Foundational Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Training, organized by FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs and UNICEF's Child Protection Program. Conducted by Dr. Koen Sevenants, the training explored the inner world of children and adolescents affected by trauma and introduced creative counseling approaches using art, music, and movement.
- **November 7 & 3, 2025.** Two National Campus counselors, along with the CTEC counselor, attended I Support My Friends Facilitator's Training, developed by UNICEF, Save the Children, MHPSS Collaborative, and WHO. The training equips counselors to teach students how to support peers in distress. Facilitators included Andrea Glover (UNICEF), Sylvia Elias (UNICEF), and Dr. Koen Sevenants, Clinical Psychologist/Neurologist.
- **November 9, 2025.** CTEC counselor attended the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Pacific Region Conference as advisor to the college's chapter, where guest speakers Esther Atwell and Anna Maria Dennis discussed integrity in leadership, and participants connected with advisors and members from other regional chapters.
- **November 12, 2025.** Counselors from the National Campus attended Motivational Interviewing (MI) training with Dr. Koen Sevenants. By the end of the session, participants were able to explain MI philosophy and structure, apply OARS (Open-Ended Questions, Affirmations, Reflective Listening and Summarizing) skills, recognize and respond to "change talk," and better support others' motivation and autonomy.

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CTEC staff and students participated with Dr. Epi, Patrick Ryan, and the Behavioral Health and Wellness team during World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2025.

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Campus Safety and Security Survey
Completion Certificate

The Campus Safety and Security data for
College of Micronesia-FSM
(243638)

were completed and locked on **September 11, 2025.**

Campus Name (ID)	Date of Completion
National Campus (243638001)	September 11, 2025
Chuuk Campus (243638002)	September 11, 2025
Kosrae Campus (243638003)	September 11, 2025
Yap Campus (243638004)	September 11, 2025
Career & Technical Education Center (formerly Pohnpei Campus) (243638005)	September 11, 2025
FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM FMI) (243638006)	September 11, 2025

Thank you for your participation in the data collection.
This certificate was prepared on **September 12, 2025**

According to the college's Coordinator of Campus Security and Safety, "Under Section 485 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, also known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), postsecondary institutions participating in Federal student financial assistance programs are required to complete this survey." He further explained that the survey requires the college to report data on the number and nature of crimes and fires on its campuses for the 2024 calendar year.



CAMPUS SECURITY AND SAFETY

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365 DAYS A YEAR

NATIONAL CAMPUS	3270-7017 & 320-2480 EXT 206
CTEC	320-3795 & 320-1065
KOSRAE CAMPUS	370-3191
CHUUK CAMPUS	330-2689
YAP CAMPUS	350-2296
FSM-FMI	350-3544



NATIONAL CAMPUS | HEALTH SERVICES

DISPENSARY RECORDS 771 VISITS
BETWEEN AUGUST 16 TO
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Between August 16 and November 13, 2025, the college dispensary at the National Campus recorded a total of 771 visits. Of these, 665 were by students (85%) and 116 by staff members (15%). The numbers highlight the dispensary's ongoing role in supporting the health and well-being of the college community.

Purpose of Visits	Students	Staff	Total
Viral Syndrome/URI	33	24	57
Minor injuries	32	7	39
General body aches/pains	70	25	95
Eye/ear/nose-related problems	10	1	11
Oral/dental problems	0	4	4
Skin diseases/infection	17	6	23
Gastro-intestinal problem	7	2	9
Gynecological health/women-specific health issues/problems including appointments & follow-up	2	0	2
Personal and Family Problem Counseling	1	0	1
Family Planning IEC include pregnancy testing and contraception administration	241	1	242
Screening of NCD and Communicable Diseases including follow-up	22	15	37
Health Maintenance and Prophylaxis	117	13	130
Prescription fills/refills	3	10	13
Referrals	5	0	5
Others	95	8	103
Total	655	116	771

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The data show that the most common reasons for visits to the health center are family planning services, including pregnancy testing and contraception, followed by routine health maintenance and prophylaxis, and general body aches or pains.

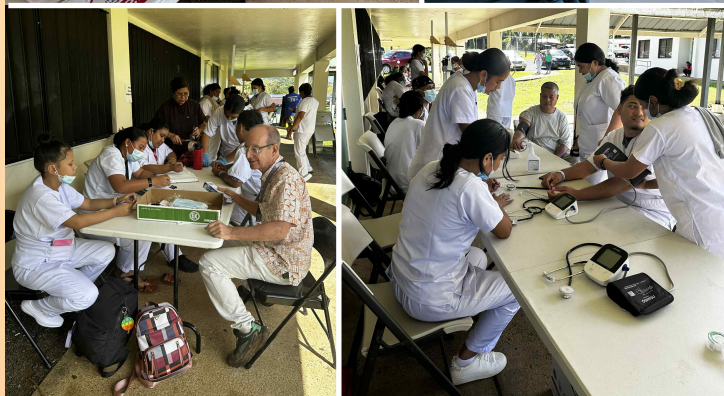


Health Screening Activities

September 17-19, 2025

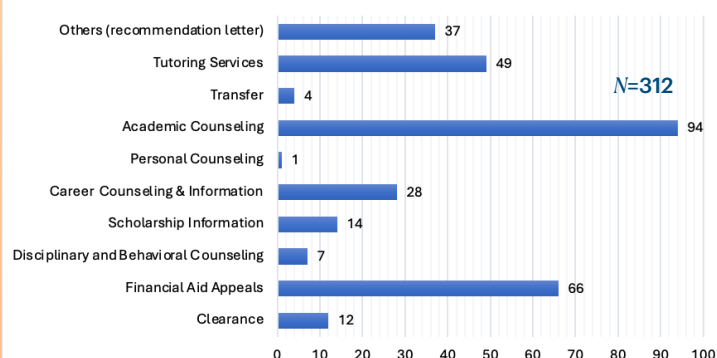
- **HIV/AIDS Screening.** 80 students and 4 staff members were tested; all were negative. The activity promoted awareness about HIV/AIDS, prevention, early testing, and reducing stigma.
- **Leprosy (HD) Screening.** 80 students and 4 staff members were tested; all were negative. The screening emphasized early detection, treatment, and prevention of complications.
- **TB Screening.** 63 students and 4 staff members were screened; one participant tested positive and is currently on treatment. The activity highlighted early detection, treatment, and prevention of TB transmission.

World Diabetes Day | November 7, 2025, National Campus



Counseling & Tutoring ... from page 3

Counseling and Tutoring Services Provided, August 16–November 12, 2025



The chart shows that academic counseling was the most frequently used service during this period, followed by financial aid appeals and tutoring support. Services such as career counseling, scholarship information, and other requests were used at moderate levels. Very few students sought personal or behavioral counseling. Overall, the chart highlights how students rely most on academic, financial, and tutoring services to support their progress.

COM-FSM EDUCATIONAL MISSION

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.

Student Life: Captured ... from page 2.



Students at the National Campus and CTC enjoy refreshments during the September 9, 2025, welcoming event and the inauguration of the renovated cultural hut.



Students compete in men's and women's Fall 2025 volleyball tournament, held September 22–29, 2025, to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and campus engagement.



ChuChok Organization conducts its first community service on September 27, 2025, with an on-campus clean-up from the Residence Halls to the student cultural huts, focusing on areas frequently used by students.



On September 27, 2025, during community service, YSO assisted a family in Kitt, Pohnpei, by cleaning around their home and garden.



On October 4, 2025, KSO members cleaned around the KSO hut, created a ditch for water drainage, and carried out minor repairs.



Students participate in Career Awareness Day on October 25, 2025, exploring opportunities and guidance for their future careers.