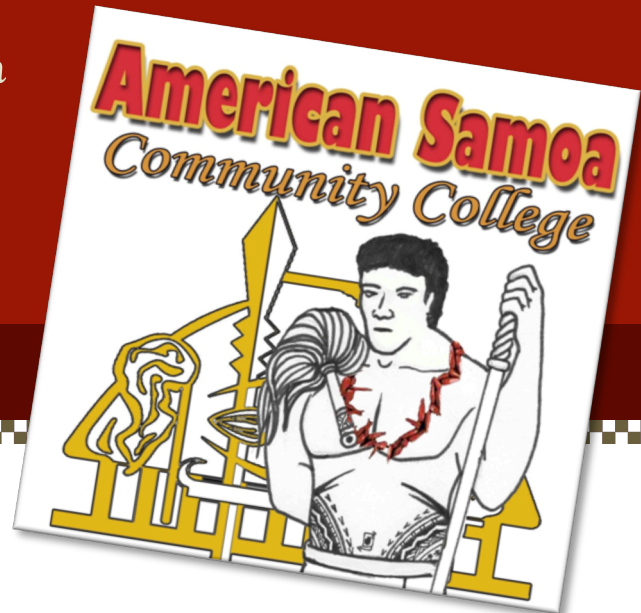


411 Newsletter

*Never separate the life you live from
the words you speak.*

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WELCOME BACK!!!

I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break, and are ready to tackle the new semester!! The beginning of the year is usually the best time of year, because we are afforded the opportunity to improve ourselves and make better decisions. We learn from the mistakes of the previous year and strive to make the current year a successful one.

If we are able to maintain this attitude and keep the momentum going throughout the year, I trust that there isn't any reason why you can't make this year a highly successful one for yourself.

This is the year.

GOOD LUCK & ENJOY YOUR FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ©



Announcements

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Deidra Saelua at the S.L.A.Center, or you can email: d.saelua@amsamoa.edu or call 699-9155 ext.461



DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

We here at Student Services are dedicated to providing each student with quality services and assistance in any of our respective areas.

Counseling

>PERSONAL & ACADEMIC

Students who have any personal issues such as: peer pressure, family issues, thoughts of suicide, relationship problems, emotional distress, and just need someone to talk to...Please visit the Personal Academic Counselor-Alison Hurst or call 252-YANA (9262) or email her at a.hurst@amsamoa.edu or yana@amsamoa.edu. You may also contact her via interoffice extension: 480.

>CAREER COUNSELING

Students seeking assistance in resume writing or job coaching are encouraged to visit the Career Counselor-Feleni Petelo or contact her via email: f.petelo@amsamoa.edu or via interoffice extension: 362

>TRANSFER COUNSELOR

Prospective graduates are highly encouraged to see counselors at their offices located in the cafeteria for the following:

- Fill out an Exit Counseling Survey
- Transferring to a four year college or university for assistance with college search, filling out college applications, and retrieving college document checklists.

For more information please visit the Transfer Counselor-Matesina Willis via email: m.willis@amsamoa.edu or via interoffice extension: 377



>DIVERSITY & TUTORIAL COUNSELING

If you are experiencing trouble with your academics, feel free to stop by the Diversity & Tutorial Counselors office-Annie Panama, or email her at a.panama@amsamoa.edu or ext.326.

If you have any problems seeing any of the counselors in person, you can email them, or schedule an appointment with Ms. Sina Hudson at the Dean of Student Services Office.

Student Learning Assistance Center

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-3:30pm

Students who may need tutoring through out the semester are highly encouraged to visit the SLACenter.

Tutorials are FREE and appointments are made with Mrs. Lydian Tinitali: l.tinitali@amsamoa.edu, or any of the staff members at the SLACenter.

***Hiring Tutors! The SLACenter is looking for Business, English, Math & Samoan Peer Tutors! Qualifications: 1) Must be currently enrolled 2) Cumulative GPA of 3.0 3) Pass the course you wish to tutor with an A or B+**

If you have any additional questions please stop by the SLACenter and talk to Lydian Tinitali, Isaako Amosa, or Dacia Taleni, or call 699-9155 ext.479.

VETERANS AFFAIRS



VA Student Services Coordinator/ Student Employment (Non-Pell)

Public Law 112-56, VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2012

On November 21, 2011, the President signed Public Law 112-56, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Included in the Law is the Veterans Retraining Program for unemployed veterans. VA and the Department of Labor (DoL) are working together to roll out this new program on July 1, 2012.

A brief summary of the new law is outlined below:

- Be between the ages of 35-60
- Be unemployed (as determined by DoL) with special consideration given to veterans who have been unemployed for more than 26 weeks
- Have any other than a dishonorable discharge.
- Not eligible for any other VA educational benefit program (e.g. the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Assistance).
- Not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployment.
- Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program.

This program is limited to 99,000 participants who may receive up to 12 months of payments 2t the full-time Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty rate (currently \$1,473 per month). Participants must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school. The program must lead to an associate degree, non-college degree, or a certification and train the veteran for high demand occupation.

Applications will be submitted through DoL and benefits paid by VA. DoL will provide employment assistance to every veteran who participates, upon completion of their program. Note: The key is...must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a Community College or Technical School as stated above. The program begins July 1, 2012. Please visit the GI Bill website www.gibill.va.gov or GI Bill Facebook page for more details on when, where and how to apply.

scholarships.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to receive extra cash for school!!

Attention graduating students in the fields of Science, Engineering, and Math – check out the **Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program!** Deadline to apply is **January 28, 2013**. More information can be found at: <http://www.act.org/goldwater/>

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Here are two great internship programs designed to introduce you, and other students of color, to potential careers in the National Park Service and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

First and Second Year College Students -- The Career Discovery Internship Program is designed for you

The US Fish & Wildlife Service CDIP positions highlights:

- 12-week, expense-paid internships with an elevated living allowance
- Free housing, paid transportation and eligibility for an AmeriCorps education award
- Live and work in a beautiful National Wildlife Refuge
- Gain hands-on experience, build your resume and develop professional references
- Apply now!
- Contact SCA for more information at SCArecruiting@thesca.org with subject line: CDIP or call [603-543-1700 ext 1499](tel:603-543-1700)

Third Year, Fourth Year and Graduate Students -- the NPS Academy is the ticket to an internship

- Spring Break week March 3-9 Grand Teton National Park -- Expense Paid
- Spring Break week March 10-16 Great Smoky Mts National Park -- Expense Paid
- These two sessions are the orientation phase of the NPS Academy.
- You will be introduced to prospective careers in the Park Service.
- Summer 2012 a 12 week expense-paid internship in a fantastic National Park.
- [Get more info and view video of last year's participants here.](#)

We hope you'll explore these great opportunities and [contact us with your questions.](#)



CLASSROOM(S) POLICY:

Please be advised that students are not allowed in any of the classrooms without a teacher or advisor present.

Ever wondered what's below the water? Want to learn more about what you see down there?



Come explore your local marine resources!

Sign up for MSC 280 in Spring 2013!

(The photo on the left shows MSC280 students after their research has been finalized.)

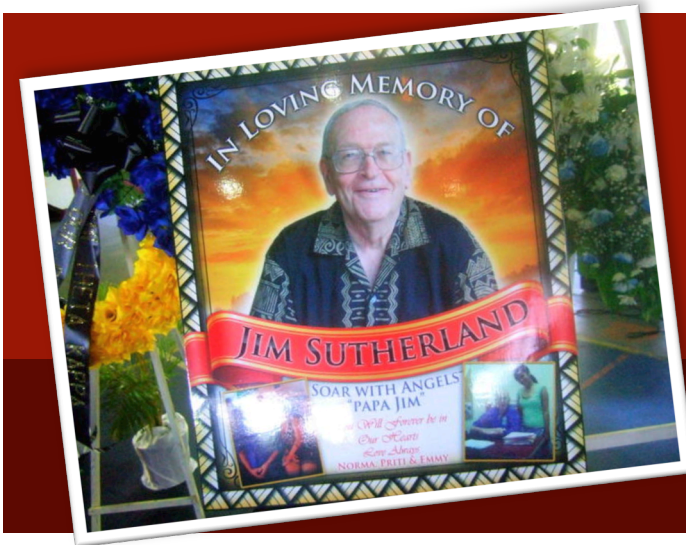
(On the right, you see a MSC 280 student collecting data in the field for Marine Science Special Projects.)



For more information stop by the Marine Science Coordinator's office in A-6 (small room next to classroom A5).

Mrs. Kelley Anderson Tagarino
Marine Science Coordinator

k.anderson@amsamo.edu or kelleyand@gmail.com



In loving memory of our beloved “Papa” Jim Sutherland

“He was like one those Samoan fathers that would scold you first before giving you what you want. Every little academic thing that I needed help with, I would run to Jim. He would push me and say ‘Mana’o, if you want something, go and get it!’ or ‘Stop thinking about it and do it!’”

ASCC Press Release

ASCC Mourns Longtime Staff Member Jim Sutherland

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Faculty and staff at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC), as well as many friends among the College alumni are mourning the passing of a man considered one of the cornerstones of campus life for the last several decades. “Papa” Jim Sutherland, 76, Admissions Officer, passed away on Saturday, December 8th, at his home on the ASCC campus. “It is with great sadness that I announce the sudden passing of our longtime colleague,” read an inter-campus communiqué signed by ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea’i. “Jim became a mentor to many students, a friend to the community and a professional colleague to all of us here at the College. His passing leaves a void at ASCC, and we will surely miss his presence.”

Sutherland, originally from California, first came to ASCC in the early 1970s as a Business instructor, and served the College until literally days before his passing. In addition to teaching, Sutherland spent many years as an advisor, helping a vast number of young men and women navigate

their way through ASCC and beyond. His most recent position was Admissions Officer, overseeing the ASCC placement tests and advising incoming students as they planned their schedules and potential majors. In addition to his duties as Admissions Officer, Sutherland also took great pride in nurturing the ASCC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and remained one of its main advisors since its inception.

Having served ASCC for so long, Sutherland touched hundreds of lives. Former ASCC student Petrina Taylor, whose own children now attend the College, recalled “Papa” in a manner typical to many who knew him. “He always helped me and my kids at ASCC and it’s not going to be the same without him,” she said. “I want to be happy that he’s in a better place now and whatever ailments he may have had, he no longer has to suffer, but I’m really sad that I didn’t get to say goodbye and personally thank him for always being there and pushing me to work harder. Most importantly, he was always offering hope and encouragement to finish what I started in regards to school.”

James Richard Sutherland was born in 1936 in San Bernardino, CA to Harry D. and Lilian Sutherland. The family later moved to

Mt. Shasta, CA, where Sutherland attended the local grammar school and high school, graduating in 1953. He went on to attend Chico State College, and then received his Bachelor of Arts degree in July of 1958 from California State University, Chico. While a college student, he displayed early on his acumen for group organization by keeping the books for his Student Body



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Association, developing their budget, and doing bank reconciliations for campus clubs. He then served in the US Air Force from 1959 to 1963, stationed at Kelly AFB in Texas, where he acquired the skill of radio intercept analysis specialist. He followed his military service by joining the Peace

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Corps in 1964, which took him to Gondar, Ethiopia, where he taught Business, English and Math to elementary school students.

Sutherland initially experienced the Pacific when he worked in the Caroline Islands from 1966 to 1970, teaching General Business, Office Typing, and Business Math at Truk High School, and putting to use his leadership skills as Business Department Chairman. He first came to ASCC in July of 1972, bringing his vast experience as a world traveler, teacher and organizer. He taught Business at ASCC for the next 24 years, and along the way acquired a reputation among students as the go-to man for good advice on their academic planning. Sutherland became the College’s Admissions Officer in 1996, and stayed in the position past normal retirement age because, according to his close friend Elvis Zodiacal of the ASCC Library, “he simply wanted to stay active and really enjoyed the contact with students”.

Sutherland’s special touch when interacting with students earned him many, many dear friends over the

years. Ms. Manaoloto Vaovasa, who now works at the College’s Student Services Division, was just another ASCC student when she first met Sutherland in the late ‘80s. After 10 years away from college, she returned to finish her degree and went to Sutherland for advice. “Immediately, I was taken with him and like everyone else, I started a great friendship with Jim,” she recalled. “He was like one those Samoan fathers that would scold you first before giving you what you want. Every little academic thing that I needed help with, I would run to Jim. He would push me and say ‘Mana’o, if you want something, go and get it!’ or ‘Stop thinking about it and do it!’”

“Jim was always gracious, always a gentleman,” recalled Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff-Belle, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. “When Jim asked an administrator to attend a faculty meeting, no matter how difficult the meeting might have been, within two hours there was a thank you note from Jim.” Dr. Kolhoff-Belle, who worked alongside Sutherland for several decades, reflected on how someone with such a retiring personality could end up making such a difference to so many.

“Jim was also very unassuming. I think if you’d asked him if he was important, he would have laughed at the very idea. But Jim was important to so many students and to those of us who have worked with him. He touched so many lives and his passing leaves a hole in the heart of ASCC.”

Sutherland is survived by his sister Margaret Beckby of Mt Shasta, CA, and brother Walter; a younger brother Allen passed away in June of this year. From among his siblings, Sutherland has five nephews and five nieces, who now have many children of their own. “Jim loved Samoa and the people,” recalled ASCC staff member and longtime friend Penni Morris-Utu. “His family in the states would ask him when he was coming home to visit, and he would say ‘I am home.’” With plans for a memorial service and funeral arrangements for Sutherland still pending, those wishing to express their condolences should stay tuned for an announcement in the local media.



What is your new year's resolution???

"I have several and I'm hoping to accomplish each and every one of them!

- 1) Save money
- 2) Lose weight & live healthy
- 3) Finish school & broaden my work experience

Those are my 3 main goals for this year. Wish me luck ☺"

-Sara S.

"Quit soda and quit smoking...failing so far, but I stay optimistic that one day this year, it will happen, lol..."

-Mana'o V.

"I don't have one, because I don't think resolutions work. Do we have resolutions because it's a new year, or is it because we really wanna change?? That's just my take ☺"

-Dacia T.

"Try not to kill my boss, lol"

-Anonymous

"To be more positive and work only from 7:30-4:00. After 4, when I go home, I don't want to work."

-Sina W.

"Lose weight"

-Ice A.

"Cut back on drinking...not quit, just cut down, lol...baby steps!"

-Anonymous

STUDENTS CORNER

Word of the day

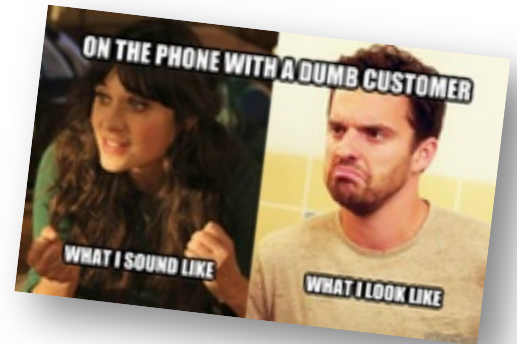
exordium \ig-ZAWR-dee-uhm\ , *noun*:

*The beginning of anything.
The introductory part of an oration, treatise, etc.*

As for your beginning and **exordium**, I no longer remember it, nor consequently the middle; and as for your conclusion, I will do nothing of the sort.

Fun Facts

- 1) There are more stars than there are grains of sand on Earth.
- 2) Ants don't have enough mass to die on impact, no matter the height
- 3) North Dakota is the only state in the US that has never had an earthquake.
- 4) The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for blood plasma.
- 5) Personal odor is either entirely unique to you, or shared with an identical twin.



Thought for the day

Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon ☺