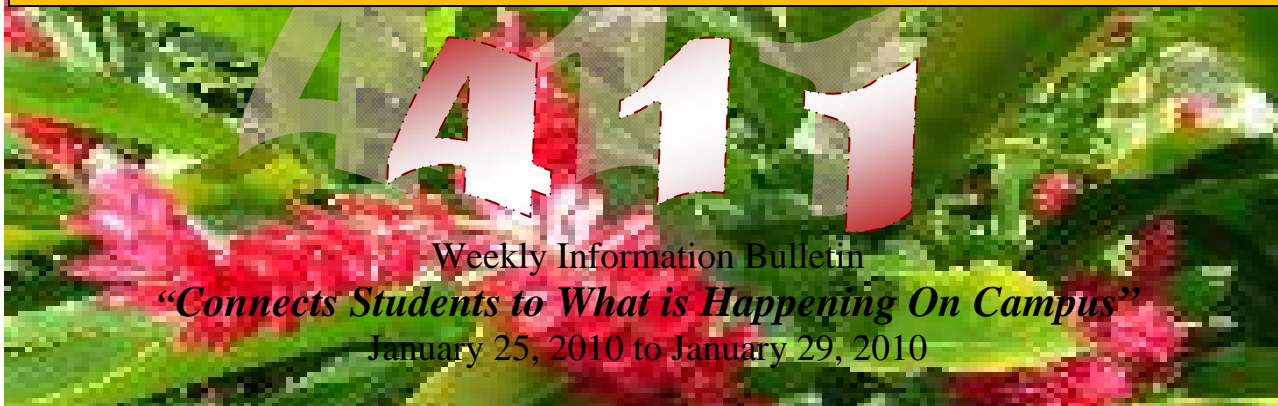


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Quote of the week:

“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years”.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Spring 2010 Academic Calendar

January 25: ASTEP Instruction Begins
January 25-26: ASTEP Add/Drop Period
January 27-29: ASTEP Administrative & Drop Only Period
February 1 – March 12: Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”
February 1-March 5: ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”
February 15: HOLIDAY – <i>President’s Day</i>
February 19: Deadline to Submit Make-up Work for Incomplete Grades
February 19: 2010 Spring Semester Graduation Application Deadline
February 22: Deadline for Change of Grades for 2009 Fall Semester
March 1-5: Midterm Examinations
March 1-5: Low Grade Reporting Period
March 8-19: ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W/F” or “W/NP”
March 15 – April 1: Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W/F” or “W/NP”
April 1: ASTEP Instruction End

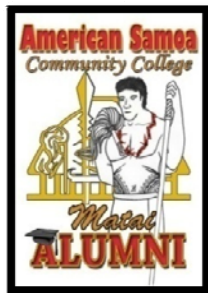
April 2: HOLIDAY – <i>Good Friday</i>
April 5 – May 6: 2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration (Clearances, Advising & Posting...All Steps)
April 12-16: SPRING BREAK!
April 26-29: ELI & Developmental Math Final Examinations
April 30: Instruction End
April 30: Last Day to Completely Withdraw from ASCC
May 3-7: Final Examinations!
May 3-6: ELI 2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration (Clearances Advising & Posting...All Steps)
May 7-12: Early Add/Drop
May 10: 2010 Spring Semester Graduates Grades Due
May 14: 2010 Spring Semester Commencement
May 19: All 2010 Spring Semester Grades Due

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SGA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2010

Jan 25	Feb 3 Club Preparations for Club Rally
Feb 4	Club Rally- Gym @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Feb 5	SGA Meeting with ASCC President
Feb 9	SGA ACTIVITY TBA
Feb 11	SGA ACTIVITY TBA
Feb 13	SGA, Club Presidents, Peer Mentors, YANA- One day training 9am – 2pm; Lecture Hall/Group Bonding Activities 2pm – 5pm
Feb 15	HOLIDAY (President’s Day)
Feb 16	Speech Competition with clubs
Feb 18	Field Day
Feb 23	Guest Speaker(ZERO Tolerance) Lecture Hall; 12:30pm – 2pm
Feb 25	Guest Speaker(Drugs/Alcohol Abuse) Lecture Hall; 12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 1-5	MIDTERM / Low Grade Reporting Period
Mar 9-18	INTRAMURALS – Volleyball Females 9/11, Males 16/18;Gym 12:30pm-2pm
Mar 23	Club Meeting; Rm.27 @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 25	Math Competition within Clubs at Gymnasium-12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 26	SGA Meeting with ASCC President @ Faculty Lounge 12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting Rm.27 @ 12:30p – 2pm
Apr 1	Easter Egg Hunt @ Malae 12:30pm – 2pm
Apr 2	HOLIDAY (Good Friday)
Apr 5-6	2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration
Apr 6-9	-Mr. ASCC Week Promotion
Apr 10	-Mr. ASCC Pageant; Gym @ 7pm – 11pm
Apr 12-16	SPRING BREAK
Apr 20	Last Club meeting; Rm.27 @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Apr 22	Lecture Hall- Guest Speaker (College Transferability) @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Apr 23	INTERNATIONAL Night Club Competition
Apr 27	Club Awards @ Falesamoa; 12:30pm – 2pm
May 4-5	Refreshments for Students
May 3-7	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
May 12	Graduation Banquet
May 14	2010 Spring Semester Commencement!
May 14	SGA Farewell Dinner



Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan 28th, 2010; Faculty Lounge @ 12noon

Come on! Let’s give back to our one and ONLY College on island and join our ASCC Alumni Association. We would love to have you. So when you’re ready to join, please contact Panisia Neueli: 699-9155 ext.463 {p.neueli@amsamoa.edu}, Peteru LamYuen: 699-9155 ext.379 {p.lamyuen@amsamoa.edu}, Amio Luvu: 699-1575 {amio1@yahoo.com}, or Matesina Willis: 699-9155 ext.461 {m.willis@amsamoa.edu}, for more information. **Hope to see you soon!☺**

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Notice: For all 2010 & Fall Graduates, please fill out an "Alumni Exit Survey form" with the ASCC Alumni Counselor, Ms. Matesina Willis.

Where? Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) located at the old Book Store before entering the cafeteria.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING 2010

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM

ARE NOW AVAILABLE@ THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

**ONLY STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING
SPRING 2010**

MUST BE A FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENT and
NOT ON FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

(JOBS AVAILABLE ON AND OFF CAMPUS)

FOR NON-PELL WORK STUDY PROGRAM:

Please contact Mrs. Fuala'au Lancaster @ 699-9155 ext. 426 (f.lancaster@amsamo.edu) and/or Mr. Thomas Laban @ 699-9155 ext. 449 (t.laban@amsamo.edu)

Non-Pell: In-House Scholarships

- SGA; Sa'ili le Atamai Scholarship
- Presidential Merit Scholarship (open to everyone)

If you need additional information regarding the above mentioned scholarships, please see the Dean of Student Services. Also, applications are now available at the office of the Dean of Student Services.

BUSINESS OFFICE

* If you have any questions pertaining to your tuition payment, please see Moala Mago or Benjamin Ah Siu at the Business Office.

*After 1 week of holding on to checks, Business Office will mail out the student's checks to their existing addresses. **So please pick up your F/A checks ASAP.**

Credit & Collections

To all students with outstanding balances for the previous months, please make arrangements to get this matter resolved immediately. Your immediate response to this matter is greatly appreciated. Give us a call or stop by our office for any inquiries and/or payments. *Vaesavali Ta'ala, ext.342*

(v.taala@amsamoa.edu), Carmen Umi ext.342 (c.umi@amsamoa.edu), Enele Seumanutafa ext.389 (e.seumanutafa@amsamoa.edu)

COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE

Located in the cafeteria

- **STUDENT TRANSFERABILITY**

Prospective graduates of Spring 2010 must come in to see counselors at their offices located in the cafeteria for the following:

- Fill out an Exit Counseling Survey
- Transferring to a 4-year college or university for assistance with college search, filling out college applications, and retrieving college document checklists
- Students seeking assistance in resume writing or job coaching

*If you have any problems seeing any of the counselors in person, you can contact them via interoffice extensions or email: Annie Panama (a.panama@amsamoa.edu) ext.362; Mark Mageo (m.mageo@amsamoa.edu) ext.326; Mary Taufete'e (m.taufete'e@amsamoa.edu) ext.377; Matesina Willis {m.willis@amsamoa.edu} ext. 461

- **HIRING TUTORS on ALL SUBJECTS!**

Need extra cash while sharing your knowledge in helping others? Come fill out an application with us! For more information, please come over to the SLAC office and see Deidra or Mana'o regarding the program.

Deadline: 1/29/2010

- **PERSONAL & ACADEMIC COUNSELING/ PEER PRESURE / YANA**

- Students who have any personal issues such as: peer pressure, family issues, thoughts of suicide, relationship problems, dealing with emotional distress, and just need someone to talk to... please see the Personal Counselor- Mark Mageo or call 252-
- YANA (9262) or email: yana@amsamoa.edu

Financial Aid

1. Students that need to do corrections on their financial aid application may do so at the MIS computer lab.

2. Pick up an attendance form if you are not adding or dropping any classes if all your classes are posted with no other changes, please see the financial aid office for an attendance form.
3. If you graduated high school after January 1, 2005, please be sure to turn in a high school transcript to the financial aid office.
4. The financial aid office will ONLY process financial aid for students that have the following:
 - a. Complete Financial Aid application
 - b. High School transcript (required only for students that have graduated after 1/1/05)
 - c. Copies of the following documents:

- i. High School diploma
- ii. Local ID
- iii. Birth Certificate and/or US Passport
- iv. Social Security Card

- d. Attendance form (complete with signatures from instructors)
5. If you are not sure of your financial aid status be sure to stop by the financial aid office and see the appropriate counselor.

Financial Aid Office will be administering the Federal Work-study Program for the Spring 2010 semester for twelve (12) weeks. FAO is looking to hire 100 students (@ \$7.25 per hour). Each eligible FWS student may work up to 65 hours total and earn = \$471.25. Request forms, FWS policy forms and job description forms have been dropped off in the Deans/Directors/Supervisors inboxes in the Academic Affairs Office.

Please refer to our screening criteria for FWS students:

- 1) Check FWS application for scholarships (students receiving additional scholarships and grants are not eligible for FWS)
- 2) Must have a valid FAFSA application

- Have answered **Yes** to FWS
- All info. Provided:

- ✓ Income
- ✓ # of family members
- ✓ Student/Parent signature
- ✓ No default on loans
- ✓ No EFC

3) FWS for Spring 2010 will be from February 8th, 2010 – April 29, 2010

4) FWS Orientation dates:

- Student orientation: February 3, 2010 (Falesamoa)
- Supervisor orientation: February 4, 2010 (location to be announced)

For any questions or concerns regarding the Federal Work-study program please contact the Financial Aid Office at (684) 69-9155 extension 313.

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR TRANSCRIPTS:

The reason for this is the Academic Competitiveness Grant, or ACG. Last year this grant was only offered to students who are U.S. citizens. **This year it is open to U.S. nationals.** Eligibility for ACG is dependent

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on student's coursework while in high school and only if you graduated in 2005 or later. It is not open to students who graduated from high school before 2005. In order for the financial aid office to determine if you are eligible, we must review your high school transcript. Successful completion of a rigorous high school program as identified by the U.S. Secretary of Education includes the following:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I and above)
- 3 years of science, including 2 of the following: biology, chemistry and physics
- 3 years of social studies
- 1 year of language other than English. Your transcript must specify the name of the language course you completed. If you took Samoan Culture instead of Samoan Language, you are not qualified.

If you know you did not successfully complete a rigorous high school program of study, you may simply let your financial aid counselor know that fact and you will not have to provide your transcript.

WHICH BENEFITS ARE YOU USING?

POST 9/11 VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2008

MONTGOMERY GI BILL – ACTIVE DUTY

MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



POST 9/11 BENEFITS- Can pay some or all of your tuition. Provides a housing allowance for resident training. Provides a stipend for books and supplies. If you are active duty, it will pay all of your tuition and fees no matter the cost. Please see your School certifying official if you have any questions. There are certain requirements to meet all the criteria for payment of each of the above. Yellow ribbon is also a benefit of Post 9/11; however some schools may have limited participation.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL- ACTIVE DUTY- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on the number of years of active service and your rate of pursuit, kicker or buy-up.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL-SELECTED RESERVE- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on rate of pursuit and kicker. Requires a six year contract with the Reserves or National Guard and actively drilling.

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on the number of years of aggregate active service and your rate of pursuit, kicker.

DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Students with this benefit are a spouse or child of a veteran who is permanent and totally disabled or determined to be unemployable. **Not to be confused with Transfer of entitlement for spouses and children of active duty persons transferring Post 9/11 entitlement.**

Please contact Mrs. Fuala'au Lancaster at 699-9155 ext.426 or email: f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu for any questions regarding VA benefits.

SPRING 2010 PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES!

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Student Development Center

Admission & Registrar's Office is now taking in Graduation Applications for Spring 2010 Commencement. It is VERY IMPORTANT that graduates go in NOW to do a graduation check to see if YOU MEET ALL the REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE!



Lost & Found:

If you are looking for a Nokia phone please come to the SLAC office to pick it up.
Phone details: Blue Sky – Nokia; 252-6271; Janelle & Justin
Please bring a photo ID with either above names on it.

Thank you,
SLAC



CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION:

Business Hours: 699-9155 ext.305
After hours or before 7:30am: 699-6299

REMINDER: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Students! Please know and understand that this policy is very crucial.
If you have any questions regarding this policy, please refer to the ASCC Catalog (hard copy or ASCC Website), or see the Dean of Student Services.

Have a great week and remember...always say "Thank you" ☺

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