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# the 411 Newsletter

“Connecting Students to what’s Happening on Campus.”

**Spring 2015**  
**March 16 - 27**

## Important Dates

- 2/2 – 3/20 Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”
- 3/23 – 4/10 Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W/F”
- 4/3 Holiday – Good Friday
- 4/13 – 5/7 2015 Summer & Fall Priority Registration
- 4/17 Holiday – Flag Day

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## Enjoy your Spring Break?



Sometimes one week can go by so fast. Hope you enjoyed your short break, now it’s time to get back into semester.

## Making Announcements on 411

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Katrina Garcia at the S.L.A. Center, or you can email: [k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu) or [ascc411newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ascc411newsletter@gmail.com). Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 479.



Fresh Print is ASCC’s journalism club. They are in charge of putting together the 411 Newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to join the club, email Katrina, [k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu).



# Division of Student Services

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

**Counselor Contact – Feel free to stop by and get help from your Counselors**

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**Need some guidance?  
Go see a counselor!**

## Veterans Student Services Corner

Please see or contact Lydian Tinitali, 699-9155 ext. 368 or email [asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu](mailto:asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu) for information concerning students with VA benefits.



## Financial Aid Outreach Counselor

Want to set up an outreach session for a local high school, village, community, or church organization to discuss transitioning to college and Financial Aid? Stop by the Counselors Office by the cafeteria, and see Mana’o Satele-Vaovasa.

Phone: 699-9155 Ext. 377      Email: [m.vaovasa@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.vaovasa@amsamoa.edu)



## Student Learning Assistance Center

If you need tutorial sessions, to get help stop by the S.L.A. Center for English or the Annex for Math and all other subjects.

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 368 (Math and other subjects) or 479 (English), to set an appointment or just walk in.

Email us at [slastaff@amsamoa.edu](mailto:slastaff@amsamoa.edu).

We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

If a teacher refers you to the Center, you must have a referral form.

For staff and peer tutor schedules, ask anyone at either sites.



## Upcoming SGA Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>3/17</b> Open Mic with VA Club Amphitheater 12:30pm		<b>3/19</b> ISO Soccer Tournament Field 12:30pm	
	<b>3/24</b> International Week 12:30pm		<b>3/26</b> International Week 12:30pm	

## Scholarship and Internship Opportunities



MassMutual is focused on expanding access and opportunity of higher education and employment to students who reflect the rich cultural diversity of our nation. We seek to increase the number of students completing college nationally, assist in decreasing student debt, raise awareness of careers in financial services, and recruit and retain the top talent touched by our programs.

**Application opens on**  
**January 5, 2015 at:**  
<https://massmutual.scholarsapply.org>  
**Application Deadline:**  
**March 31, 2015**  
 4:30 p.m. Central Time

### McDonald's American Samoa Scholarship Award for 20145– 2016 Academic Year

Applications now available for one, \$15,000 Scholarship Award for a qualified ASCC graduate planning to continue degree program at an accredited US college/university.

**Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2015 at 4:00PM**

See Dr. Emilia Le'i in her office by the cafeteria to find out more information or contact Genevieve Solia at 699 1520 or 733 3596

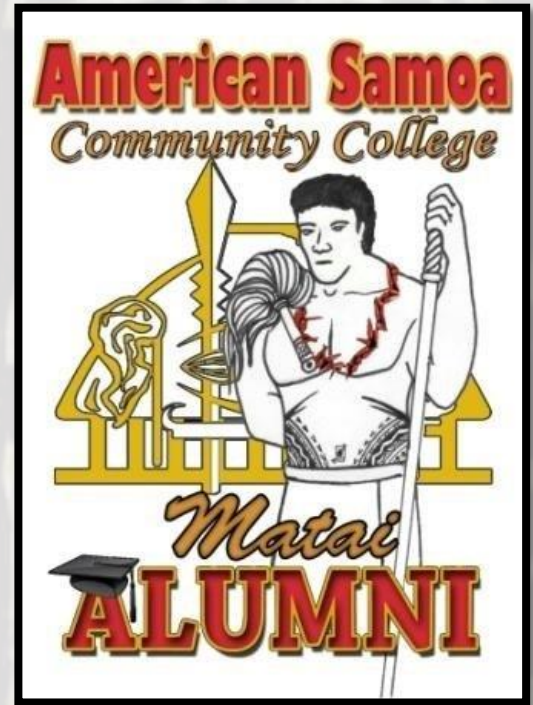


**American Samoa Community College  
Matai Alumni Association  
Spring 2015, Scholarship Announcement:  
In House, Non-Pell Scholarship**

Student Services: Mana'o Vaovasa or Sina Hudson  
American Samoa College Research Foundation:  
Matesina Aseta-Willis  
Community and Natural Resources: Amio Mavaega-  
Luvu  
Samoan Studies: Evile Feleti

**Deadline to submit is April 30, 2015.**

For more information, contact 699-9155 ext. 301 or  
stop by the American Samoa College Research  
Foundation Rm. 22 in the Quad.



**Bluesky's Future of American  
Samoa Scholarship 2015**

- There will be up to two \$12,500 scholarships awarded to students attending an accredited college or university in the United States.
- There will be up to two \$2,500 scholarships awarded to students attending American Samoa Community College.

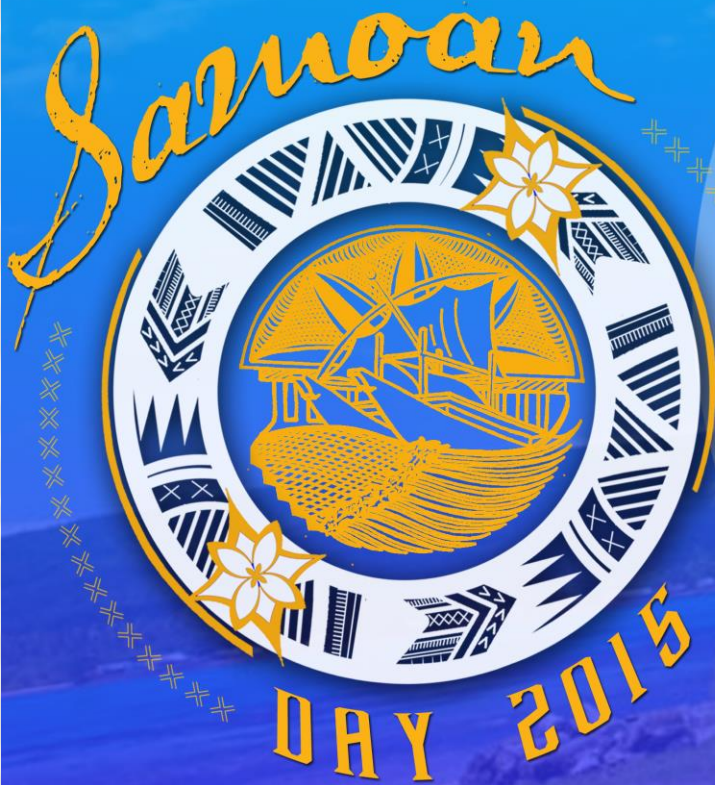
**Find out more information on eligibility criteria and application submission requirements and selection criteria at the Dean of Student Services office.**



Nine out ten ASCC recipients of the American Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund are seen here after receiving their awards earlier this month. APIASF, the nation's largest non-profit provider of college scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islands Americans, works to create opportunities for students to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)



THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 | 12:30P-2:00P



## DEMONSTRATIONS

PALU 'AVA

ELEI PRINTING

COOKING FA'AUSI

LALAGA ATO/MA'ILO

SUATA'I

## ENTERTAINMENT

SIVA SAMOA BY THE  
STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
FOR FA'ASAMOA

## ARTS & CRAFTS

UPETI CARVING

ILI/SOLO VAE MAKING

MAT WEAVING



*presented by*

Samoan Studies Institute  
American Samoan Community College

**FRESH PRINT**  
*presents*  
**GO CHIEFS!**  
**CHEER COMPETITION**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015  
Location: ASCC Field  
Time: 12:00-1:00pm

For more info on the Cheer Competition, stop by the SLA Center or look out for our flyers!





# FRESH PRINT News

## DID YOU KNOW?

By: Fresh Print Staff

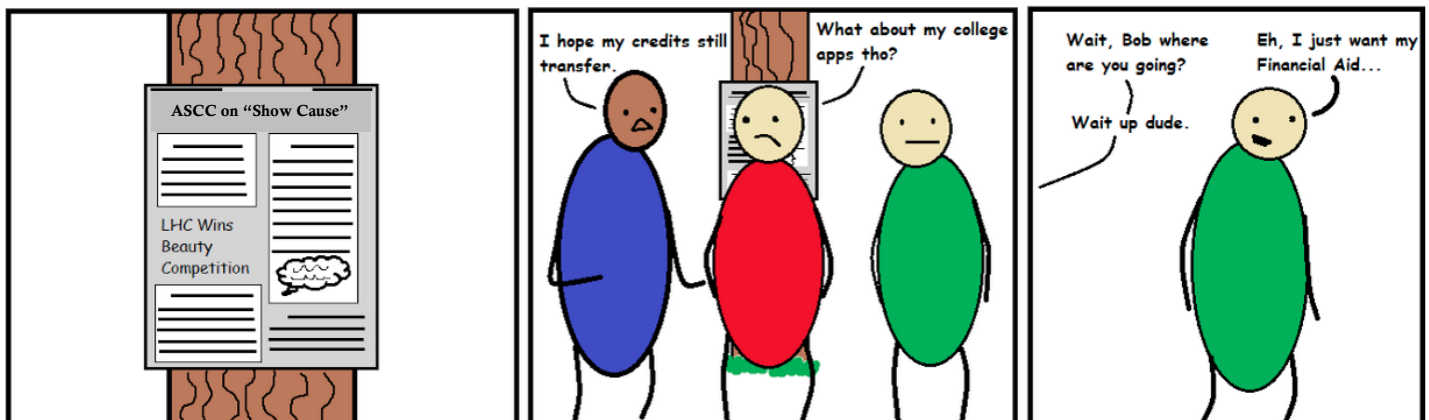
The news about the ASCC being placed on “Show Cause” status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has definitely “caused” a stir in our small campus. But if you are still unaware, or have not had all your questions answered, there are a couple of places online where you can get more information.

- A press release by James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer, is available online on this link: <http://www.amsamoa.edu/pressreleases/150227WASC.html>
- ASCC has an Accreditation tab on it’s website. You can visit it with this link: <http://www.amsamoa.edu/institution/accreditation.html>
- The following links are the full Public Notice Disclosure that has since been made available through ASCC’s website and ACCJC: [http://www.amsamoa.edu/files/WASC\\_ACCJC\\_Public\\_Disclosure\\_Notice.pdf](http://www.amsamoa.edu/files/WASC_ACCJC_Public_Disclosure_Notice.pdf) and [http://www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/American\\_Samoa\\_Community\\_College\\_Public\\_Disclosure\\_Notice\\_2\\_6\\_2015.pdf](http://www.accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/American_Samoa_Community_College_Public_Disclosure_Notice_2_6_2015.pdf)

It is important to know that ASCC is still accredited and that the ASCC administration, faculty and staff are working hard to change the status.

Every now and again we need to shrug off and have a bit of humor in our lives. Here’s a fun cartoon to help you get through the day created by one of our Fresh Print Staff.

**Priorities** by Dezmond Applin



# THiNK About It

## Plagiarism is the Fear of a Blank Page

By Fa'afouina Fruean



BE  
ORIGINAL  
AND  
DON'T  
PLAGIARIZE

“Plagiarism is the fear of a blank page,” – Mokokoma Mokhonoana is an African American comedian who makes his audience laugh, but most importantly, leaves them thinking. Mokhonoana’s quote is relevant to... well, everyone! Especially college students.

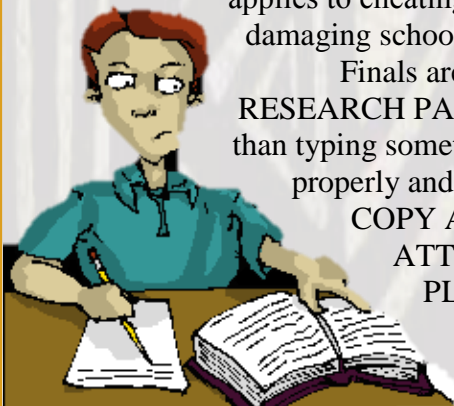
ASCC students are working closely with their scholars on building ideas and knowledge based on their field of interest. When it comes to writing a paper, professors expect originality from their students. When using sources from a newspaper article, a paragraph from a book, a headline of magazine, and straight off from the internet students have the responsibility to credit the original idea correctly. You can contribute your ideas into the discussion along with your source to support your opinion.

Students in elementary never take plagiarism seriously, including some students in high school. I remember this other girl who plagiarized her research paper, I asked her, “Why do you do that?” “Because,” she said while her eyes rolled from a corner to the other, “I’m too lazy to write a 10 page research paper, ain’t nobody got time for that. And besides, our teacher won’t find out about it.” She spoke too soon. She turned in her paper and in less than 2 minutes our English instructor took her to the office for plagiarizing her entire paper, word for word! Not only she got suspended for about 2 weeks, she was removed from the National Honor Society setting a bad example for the other students. After facing the consequences and the penalty, she realized that plagiarism was not a solution.

Stephen Leasiolagi, an ASCC student majoring in the field of architectural drafting, commented on “Why do young scholars plagiarize?” Stephen replied, “Well, students plagiarize for many reasons. One of them is that their GPA might drop, losing their membership in honor society and their chance of getting a scholarship in furthering their education. Another one would have to be laziness; some kids tend to buy essays online, copy/paste articles from different sources compiling them all together without acknowledgment, or pay someone else to do their paper for them. I have encountered a couple of these cases before, most of them are worse than I thought it would be; as a matter of fact, one kid was sent to the deans office for plagiarism, after that no one knew what happened to him.”

ASCC formally forbids plagiarism; if caught the student will immediately be reported to the Dean’s office of student services for questioning. The student may be disciplined or counseled for committing prohibited actions. The results may lead to probation or, even worse, **SUSPENSION!** The same process applies to cheating on the exam, forgery, abusing school’s materials or the library, theft and damaging school property.

Finals are right around the corner; you know what that means, mmhmm – **RESEARCH PAPERS!** Plan your research paper by picking a topic that interests you, rather than typing something and ending up falling asleep every time. When using sources, cite it properly and well by giving credit to the original author. **DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT COPY AND PASTE, READ A CLASSMATE’S PAPER FOR IDEAS, OR ATTEMPT TO BUY A PAPER ONLINE – That my friend is still PLAGARISM.** The results of plagiarism are much worse than you expect, so don’t do something that you’re going to regret or make your parents feel very disappointed. Think about it.





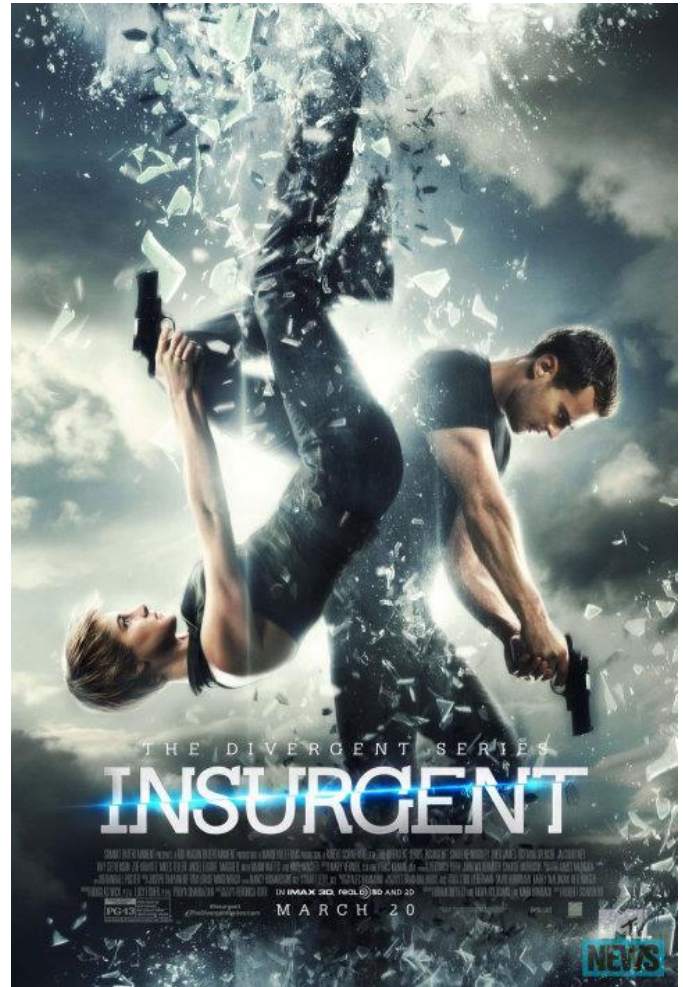
**Insurgent**  
**Review by: Ellie Dallas**  
**Fresh Print Staff**

With the *Insurgent* nearing its big movie release, here's to hoping the movie will meet the standards of the book. With its action-filled glory, a bit of a twist that left me speechless at the end, I just can't wait to see this movie adaptation. With a blooming romance, Tris and Tobias have to overcome the consequences of being Divergents, and apparently that's not easy.

Now, I love the characters, really I do, BUT it was a mistake pairing Shailene Woodley (Tris) and Ansel Elgort (Caleb) in the *Fault in our Stars*. Sure they made the perfect Hazel Grace and Augustus Waters, and many times that movie left me bawling, but they are siblings in the *Divergent* trilogy. With that said, it'd be hard trying to picture them as siblings when we've seen them do so much more in *TFIOS*.

Still, in my perspective, there are things that need a little fixing in the trilogy...such as the ending. It was very realistic, in fact TOO realistic for my taste. Sometimes we turn to books to have a little escape from reality, and boy did that book open my eyes to the bittersweet truth called reality.

Watch *Insurgent* in the theaters on opening night, Thursday, March 17, 2015. I'll be waiting in line with you.



**KATANAGATARI**  
**Review by: Mark Penalosa**  
**Fresh Print Staff**

*Katanagatari* is the story of Yasuri Shichika, a swordsman that fights without a sword, and Togame, an ambitious strategist that seeks to collect twelve legendary swords for the shogunate. The son of an exiled war hero, Yasuri Shichika is the seventh head of the Kyotoryuu school of fighting and lives on isolated Fushou Island with his sister. They're interesting, varied, and after a few episodes they become pretty much able to carry the whole series. The story itself is simple at first sight, but gets pretty detailed as it goes on, with quite a bit of historical significance, meshing in excellently with the dialogue. Another thing really good in this series is its martial arts. The fights in this series are often short and to the point, but they're also interesting looks at the different fighting and weapon styles that together paint quite a complex exploration of martial arts. There are a few battles that try to be epic and as a result go way too much in the *Dragonball Z* direction, but the people they run into in every episode are varied and have great back-stories. When you want to watch this series, you really should take into account that relatively little happens in each episode, it's a very slow paced series and the dialogue takes up a HUGE focus of each episode. If you have the patience to appreciate this, then you'll be rewarded with quite an enjoyable series, and if I had to rate this anime from 1 to 10 it would be an 8. A simple, straight-forward anime of this type is often very successful, like titles such as *Rurouni Kenshin* and *Samurai Champloo*.





## Campus Talk

It's been almost a month since ASCC students have been made aware of the institutions "Show Cause" status. Fresh Print Staffer, Sarojni Singh, walked the beat this week to find out what students are saying about what's happening.

"I don't care because I'm graduating this semester. So for everyone that's graduating next year... good luck man!" Junior Luvu

"I think that it's scary because I'm planning on graduating next year and if we don't get accredited then what happens to me? That's kind of messed up!"  
Pauline Iuliano

"I think that this is all bogus because what were they doing this whole time?"  
Matt Otele

"I think they need to make improvements, especially in the offices. I'm worried because we might not get accredited and that just means that all my hard work has gone to waste." Teuila Villarica

"I'm scared that I might not graduate. Is there any way that we students can help out?" Edmund Manoa

"They told us at the assembly that they are working hard to fix it. I have a lot of faith that they are going to pull through." John Jr. Pu'e

"I think that ASCC has been underestimated for a while now. Students never saw it as a school that could help further their education, and now that it is on 'show cause,' people are starting to see the necessity of this college." BJ Larson

"I hope I can graduate before then. And does that mean the café is going to close too?" John Ray

"I'm scared because I won't be able to graduate." Princess Brown



# “Chief of the Week”

## Manufanua Thomas

Visual Arts Major

SLA Center English Peer Tutor

Hails from Malaeloa



### Favorites:

**TV Show:** Friends

**Book:** The Hunger Games

**Sport:** Soccer/Dodgeball

**Video Game:** The Legend of  
Zelda

**App:** Instagram

**Music Artists:** Nicki Minaj

**Junk food:** Oreo Cupcakes

### Something interesting about Manu:

“I’m half Samoan, and half African American. I was born in Santa Clara, California, and I was raised here in American Samoa. I love to draw and take pictures.”

### What he likes to do outside of school:

“There’s not much to do on island but I like to watch movies, swim at the beach, play pool, hang out at a friends house, or eat somewhere.”

### Where he sees himself five years from now:

“I see myself done with school, working at a movie studio or at an architectural firm, and living in my own house somewhere in the US.”

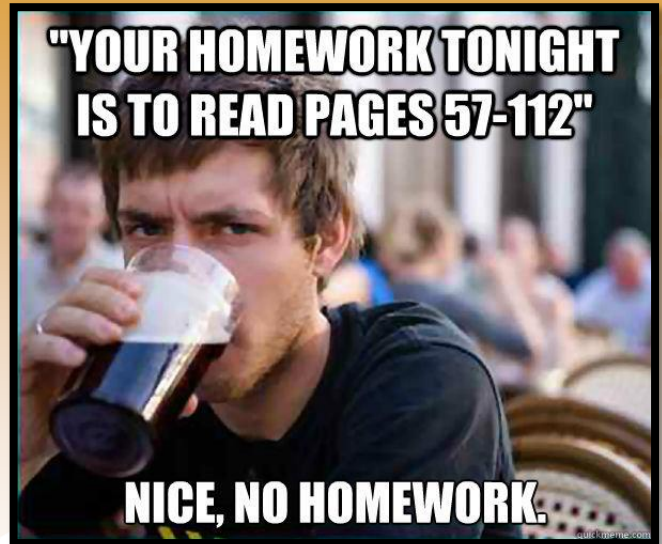
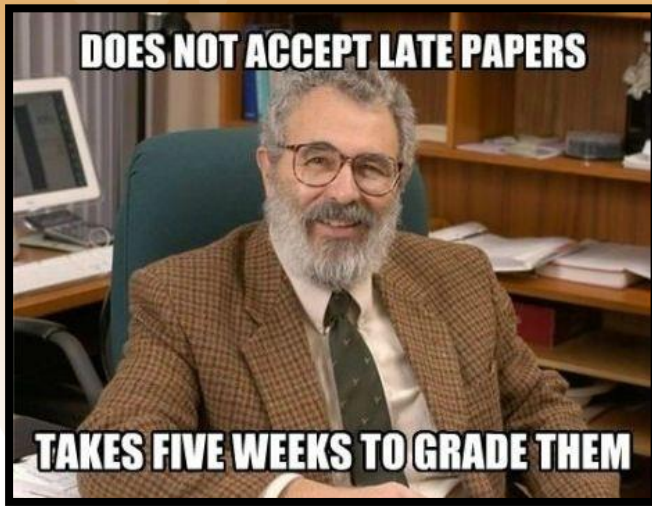
### Advice he has for you:

“I think people should

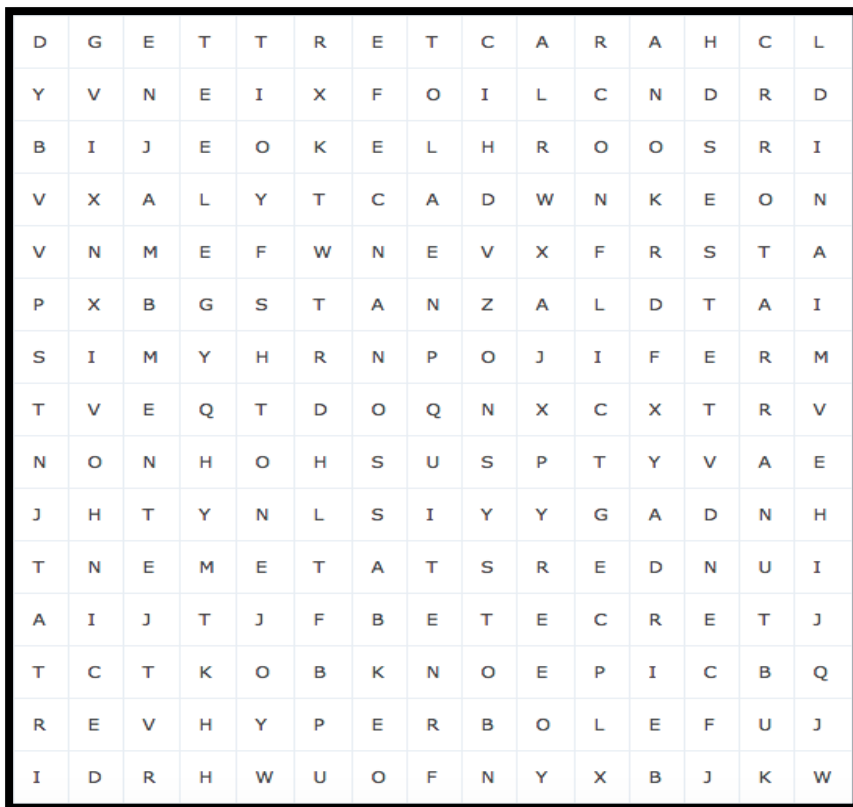
1. follow their dreams and do what they want to do in life, regardless of what people think of them,
2. not waste their time on people who couldn’t care less about them
3. and finally, get rid of all the negativity in your life because you only get one life and it should be spent being happy.”



# Student Corner



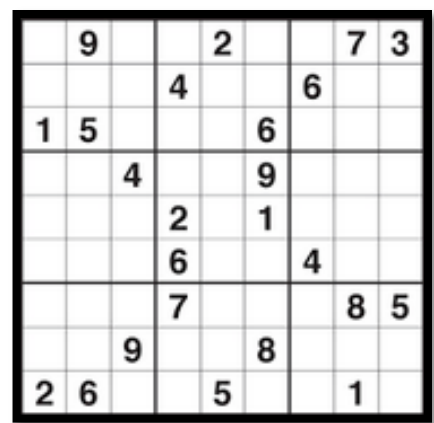
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### Word of the day:

**Ostentatious** *adj.* Characterized by or given to pretentiousness. “The chandelier was the most ostentatious I have ever seen.”

