

**AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"

April 9-13, 2012



Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.

~James A. Michener

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**AMERICAN SAMOA FLAG DAY
HOLIDAYS**

*In accordance with Governor Togiola Tulafono's
General Memorandum No. 048-2012, April 17 &
April 18 will be observed as Flag Day Holidays!
Hence, classes will be cancelled and offices at the
College will be closed.*

**GREAT
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2012 Spring Academic Calendar

March 19-30.....	ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"
March 26-April 13.....	Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"
April 6.....	HOLIDAY Good Friday
April 13.....	ASTEP Instructions End
April 17 & 18.....	FLAG DAY HOLIDAY
April 16-May 10.....	2012 Summer Priority Registration
April 30-May 3.....	ELI & Developmental MATH Final Examination
May 4.....	Last Day to complete Withdrawal from ASCC
May 4.....	Instructions End ☺
May 7-10.....	Final Examination
May 7-10.....	ELI 2012 Summer & Fall Priority Registration
May 11-16.....	Early Add/Drop
May 14.....	2012 Spring Semester Graduates Grades are Due
May 18.....	2012 Spring Semester Commencement
May 23.....	All 2012 Spring Semester Grades are Due

SGA Activity Calendar-Spring 2012

March 20 & 22	Elementary Outreach (ARRA Project)
March 24	Fashion Show (ARRA Project)
April 10	Field Games-Malae 12:30pm (CANCELLED)
April 24	Invention Competition
April 26	Dance Battle
May 1	Club Awards-Lecture Hall & ARRA School Awards

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES!

There will be a very important meeting for all prospective graduates on April 2, 2012 @ 12:00pm in the Lecture Hall.
Attendance is mandatory!



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!

2012 SUMMER PRIORITY REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 16, 2012 THROUGH MAY 10, 2012!

(Note: These dates are no longer for Fall priority registration. Keep checking for future updates ☺)

Schedule of Course Offerings for 2012 Summer Session will be ready for distribution on April
13, 2012

For more information, please contact Dean of Academic Affairs at the following venues:

Phone: 684-699-9155 x321

Facsimile: 684-699-2062

Email: i.helsham@amsamoa.edu

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COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE

(located in the Cafeteria)

➤ *Personal and Academic Counseling / Career Counseling / 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 Academic Counselor- Alison Hurst or call 252-YANA (9262) or email: yana@amsamo.edu



- Students seeking assistance in resume writing or job coaching are encouraged to visit the Career Counselor- Alison Hurst or email her at a.hurst@amsamo.edu

➤ *Transferability Counselor*

Prospective graduates of Spring & Fall 2011 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

➤ *Diversity & Tutorial Counseling*

*If you have any problems seeing any of the counselors in person, you can contact them via interoffice extension: 362 or email: Matesina m.willis@amsamo.edu , Annie a.panama@amsamo.edu , Alison a.hurst@amsamo.edu

STUDENT LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER



Tutorials (FREE)

- Students interested in getting tutored in any subject, please come see us at the Student Learning Assistance (SLA) Center ☺

SLA Center Hours: 8:00-3:30

***During finals, we will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm**

- All tutorials are free and appointments are made with Lydian Tinitali {l.tinitali@amsamo.edu}, or any of the available staff members in the SLA Center.

*Please refer to the attachment of the Tutorial Directory for more information on ALL campus tutorials.

*Also, attached are the tutorial schedules for all Tutorials in the SLA Center.

Financial Aid Counselor

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Students who need assistance with filling out their Financial Aid Application are encouraged to visit the SLA Center and see Mrs. Mana'o Vaovasa or call 699-9155 x461.

411 Newsletter

Departments, Offices, Students, Clubs etc, who wish to make announcements via the bulletin, please stop by and see Mrs. Deidra Saelua-Lualemana, or simply send info to d.saelua@amsamo.edu

School-To-Work

**JOB COACHES
WANTED!!!**

For students who are interested, please see Fualau Lancaster or contact her @ 699-9155 x426 or email her at f.lancaster@amsamo.edu

VETERANS AFFAIRS



VA 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:

- Unemployed
- At least 35 but no more than 60 years old
- Have an 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 Individual Unemployability (IU)
- Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program.
- Enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school



This program is limited to 45,000 participants from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, and to 54,000 participants from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014. Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance at the full-time payment rate under the 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.

Visit www.gibill.va.gov/VRAP to learn more and read frequently asked question about VRAP. More details about VRAP, including information on how to apply will be published at www.gibill.va.gov as they become available.

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VETERANS WITH A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY MAY QUALIFY FOR ADDITIONAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Veterans who previously completed a VA vocational rehabilitation program and have used the initial 26 weeks of unemployment benefits may qualify for an additional 12 month of VA vocational rehabilitation benefits.

- You must have previously completed a VA Vocational and Rehabilitation and Employment program and been considered “rehabilitated” by VA.
- You must apply within six months of using up your initial 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. You may still qualify for extended or emergency unemployment benefits.
- You can apply now, but cannot start any education or training until June 1, 2012 and you must apply to VA by March 31, 2014.

VA may offer incentive payments to encourage employers to hire and train program participants.

- VA may be able to reimburse an employer up to one-half your annual salary for 6 months or longer
- This can provide you with a competitive advantage with employers
- You must apply and qualify for VA vocational rehabilitation benefits prior to being hired

To apply or learn more information about vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits please call 1-800-827-1000, visit the www.va.gov and fill out an online application (VONAPP), or Complete VA Form 28-1900, *Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation*, and submit it to the nearest VA Regional Office.

For more information contact Mrs. Fualaau Rosie Tago Lancaster @ 699-9155 x426.

Email: f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu, or visit the GI Bill website: www.gibill.va.gov .

The Veteran Affairs/Student Employment Office is located directly behind the cafeteria.



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The poster features a background of military gear, including a camouflage uniform, a beret with a "100th INFANTRY" patch, and a "100th INFANTRY" patch. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent background.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Local Students Earn Leadership Award

Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A – April 1, 2012 – Pearl Sheck, Dona Ma'ifala, and Tofi Coffin, students at the American Samoa Community College-Mapusaga received Certified Student Leader® credentials during the recent National Center for Student Leadership Conference in Boston, Mass. They were among the 95 students that participated in the Certified Student Leader (CSL) Program, an intensive addition to the regular conference activities. During the CSL Program, students develop a strategic plan for a project to bring an idea to life on their campus. Students work in teams with others from around the country to generate and develop ideas, formulate a vision, set goals, and devise an action plan for something that will enhance their campus.

NCSL has been providing leadership development opportunities for college student leaders and their advisors for more than thirty years. Started in 1978, NCSL has impacted tens of thousands of college students from across the country and around the world.

NCSL has evolved over the years while expanding its offerings beyond its highly popular in-person conferences to include online training and other resources. The conferences, held every April and November, continue to be the cornerstone of NCSL and remain a vital training forum for today's student leaders. Students from over 200 colleges and universities attend NCSL conferences each year. In addition to the conferences, NCSL offers a large and growing library of online courses, training CDs, and white papers. These training resources provide the fundamentals for both the new and experienced leaders, and dive deep into specific areas of leadership.

University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)

Celebrating Autism Awareness Month

FILM FESTIVAL

APRIL 19

"Wretches & Jabberers"

FREE ADMISSION

SHOWTIME 12:30 – 2PM

IN LECTURE HALL



Summary: *Wretches & Jabberers* is about two men with autism that embark on a global quest to change attitudes about disability and intelligence. They are determined to put a new face on autism, Tracy Thresher, 42, and Larry Bissonnette, 52, travel to Sri Lanka, Japan and Finland. At each stop, they dissect public attitudes about autism and issue a hopeful challenge to reconsider competency and the future.

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ASCC Marine Science Students Tour Research Vessels with CRED Researchers

By: Kelley Anderson Tagarino, Marine Science Coordinator, ASCC
K.Anderson@amsamoa.edu

Have you seen the two similar large ships in port recently and wondered what they were? On March 29, 2012 Marine Science students were able to tour both National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Research Vessels (R/Vs), the Oscar Elton Sette and the Hi'ialakai. The R/V Sette is focusing on oceanographic and fisheries studies while the R/V Hi'ialakai is focusing on coral reef research. All data collected is available through the Coral Reef Ecosystem Division (CRED), if you are interested in learning more you can do so here <http://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/cred/> Also there is a blog for the R/V Sette, you can find it here: <http://www.hawaiiiod.com/Evan/Sette/>



Big thanks to Marine Ecosystem Research Specialist and Hi'ialakai researcher Kerry Grimshaw for leading the tour!

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

WE WILL BE HOSTING

Galumalemana Steven Percival (Artist)
For a Cultural Workshop
from the
Tiapapata Art Centre Inc. Samoa

The following films exploring the use of natural fibers in Samoa will be shown.

"O le Aso ma le Filiga" and "O le Aso ma le Mata'igatila",

Thursday April 12, 2012

Location: ASCC's Lecture Hall

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

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ASCC/SSI Hosts School for International Training (SIT)

By: James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

As part of its Mission Statement, the Samoan Studies Institute (SSI) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) emphasizes community service as a means of maintaining the Samoan culture. As one unique form of community service, the SSI facilitates cultural exchange between ASCC students and off-island visitors who wish to gain firsthand experience of life in our islands. Such an exchange took place in late March when the SSI welcomed 19 students from the School for International Training (SIT), who spent three days getting to know American Samoa through SSI activities, while during the evenings they each took part in the home life of a local family who volunteered to host them.



(SIT Visitors) 19 students from the School of International Training (SIT) Study Abroad program spent three days on the ASCC campus last week, hosted by the Samoan Studies Institute. Based primarily in the Independent State of Samoa, the students will also visit Fiji as part of their 15-week semester in the Pacific. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

(SIT & ASCC Combined) 19 students from the School of International Training (SIT) Study Abroad program spent three days on the ASCC campus last week, hosted by the Samoan Studies Institute. They are seen here with members of the ASCC Student Association for the Faasamoa and instructor Nunuimalo A. Toleafoa.

(Photo: J. Kneubuhl)



The SIT students, mostly in their early 20s, come from a variety of academic backgrounds, but share an interest in learning about Pacific cultures and societies. The SIT Study Abroad program, itself a part of the organization World Learning, prepares students to be inter-culturally effective leaders and professionals, in the hope of fostering a worldwide network of individuals and organizations committed to responsible global citizenship. The group currently enrolled in the 15-week SIT program called Pacific Communities and Social Change began their journey with an orientation in Hawaii, before traveling to the Independent State of Samoa with their Academic Director Jackie Faasisila. Their itinerary consists mostly of time in Samoa, but in addition to their just-completed visit to American Samoa they will also travel to Fiji.

Activities organized by the SSI for the SIT visitors included an indigenous art session with cultural artist Patrick Mafoe, a discussion with special guest and renowned author Sia Figiel, an ethnographic video by Micah Van der Ryn, participation in a class taught by SSI instructor Sia Achica, an overview archaeology in American Samoa by Dr. David Addison, a hike to Fagatele Bay, and a lunch time cultural exchange with the Student Association for Faasamoa. SSI instructor Nunuimalo A. Toleafoa acted as the visitors' local liaison, arranging their schedule while here, placing them with local host families, and accompanying them to most of the activities.

Faasisila, who has been involved with the SIT for 16 years, reflected on how culturally illuminating experiences such as these fulfill the SIT mission. "The students learn about Pacific cultures and life in communal societies," she explained. "At the same time, through interacting with these students, Pacific islanders broaden their understanding of the world and hopefully realize that their cultures are important because young Americans want to learn about them."

Several SIT students commented on how ASCC mixes western education methods with local priorities. "ASCC has a beautiful campus, and the college seems to offer a variety of majors for its students" said Valerie Falconieri, currently majoring in Anthropology at Ithaca College in New York. "It's great that there is a Samoan Studies program, and that there are supportive staff members and lecturers. We visited one class and exchanged

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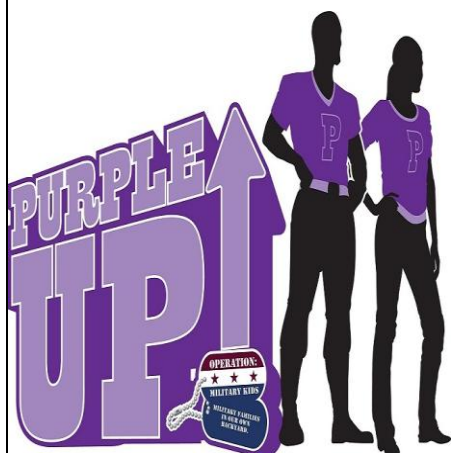
research related to our Independent Study Projects, which was a great experience. We all learned something new and were able to laugh and bond with one another in a short amount of time. The students are very friendly and sociable.”

Yesi Pedro-Vicente, another Anthropology major from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, took note of our Territory’s unique American/Samoan cultural mix. “In terms of the culture, it was interesting to see a combination of American and Samoan lifestyles and foods,” she recalled. “I would walk into a supermarket and see American brands along with brands I see in the market in Apia. I think that American Samoa is an example of the future of Pacific Islands if globalization and development continue in their current direction, with the introduction of large companies and western popular culture. While this has its positives and negatives, I hope that Samoan culture, especially the importance of the aiga, remains strong in the lives of the people of American Samoa.”

SSI Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila said that hosting groups like the one from the SIT students provides local students with a valuable opportunity to, first, practice the role of cultural ambassadors, and second, gain a perspective on how those from outside the culture view all things Samoan. “Sometimes we don’t realize the value of the way we do things until we experience a situation where others do things very differently,” she explained. “Visitors always remark on the Samoan emphasis on family and the related characteristic of closely working together. Americans mostly value independence, whereas we remind them of the advantages of inter-dependence. That’s not a bad thing for them to think about when they return home.”

“PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS”

Friday, April 13th



April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child”, a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, New Hampshire Operations: Military Kids (OMK), part of the 4-H Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension, is inviting OMK programs across the country to join in the 2nd annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids”. We are encouraging everyone across American Samoa to wear purple on Friday, April 13, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

In support of the Military Child Month, the 4-H Program is inviting all military youths to join us on American Samoa Flag Day weekend to take a short hike through the forestry trail to discover and explore the true beauty of nature.

First 100 participants will get a gift

VENUE: ASCC-CNR Division Building

DATE: Saturday-April 14, 2012

TIME: 9AM-12PM

JOIN US AND HAVE FUN!!!

Please wear comfortable clothes & shoes for the hike!

Light refreshments will be provided

American Samoa Community College
Community and Natural Resources Division

Extension 4-H for Youth Development, Operation: Military Kids

Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child, Youth & Social Services, 4-H National Headquarters/USDA, and American Samoa Community College Extension 4-H Program. Operation: Military Kids is supported by the 4-H /Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868. The American Samoa Community College is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

**For more information please contact
Nellie/Salaia @ 699-1575 x242 or Rachael 699-9216**

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WASC Senior Commission Site Visit to ASCC Concludes on Positive Note

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Over this past weekend, the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) hosted a site visit by a four-person team representing the Senior Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The team was on campus to review the four-year components of the College's Teacher Education Department (TED) for a report the team will make to the Senior Commission, who will in turn determine whether to grant ASCC Candidate for Accreditation status. Should this status be granted, this will set the stage for a final review by the Senior Commission sometime later this year.

Dr. Richard Winn, Vice President of the WASC Senior Commission; Dr. Aubyn S. Fulton, Professor of Psychology at Pacific Union College; Dr. Jonathan V. McKee, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at University of Hawaii Maui College; and Dr. Richard R. Rush, President of California State University, Channel Islands made up the visiting team. Upon their first arrival at ASCC this past Friday morning, the visitors were greeted with an ava ceremony performed by the Student Association for the Faasamoa, followed by a walking tour of the main campus. From that point on, the Senior Commission representatives spent the remainder of Friday conducting an extensive evaluation of the TED, visiting its facilities and interviewing staff and students from the department, along with other ASCC personnel who provide the academic and administrative support for the program.



"Our TED faculty met with them to share our work and to respond to any of their questions about our program," said TED Director Dr. Lina Galea'i-Scanlan. "Some of our students also met with them to share with how important they feel our program is and to talk about their educational experiences with us." The ASCC administration had expected the WASC review process to last through Saturday, but such was the College's level of preparation for the team's visit that by late Friday the Senior Commission reps announced that it had made all of their necessary observations and would conduct the concluding "exit interview" the next morning.

A visiting WASC team can only share a summary of its findings through an "exit interview" consisting solely of commendations and recommendations, at the conclusion of their visit. Members of the Board of Higher Education, the ASCC administration and the TED all gathered early Saturday morning for the exit interview, which, much to everyone's relief and delight, were for the most part very positive. Commendations focused on the College's identification of educational needs in American Samoa, its role in education in the Pacific region, its utilization of technology, and its cooperative spirit with WASC. The team also recognized the financial support of the College by the American Samoa Government. Recommendations included that ASCC should "stay the course" in the accreditation process and continue to "bring to maturity" its assessment strategy.

"The commendations reflected their high regard for the great deal of work put into developing the B.Ed. Program," summarized Dr. Galea'i-Scanlan. "The team was highly impressed and commended

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the faculty, staff and administration for their exemplary work. The recommendations focused on areas that we have been looking at as well, and we will have no problem in responding to them. Overall, the exit interview was very positive and our entire ASCC family can be proud of the commendations; they reflected true teamwork on everyone's part in helping us meet our goal and our visit needs."

On behalf of the entire ASCC family, Board of Higher Education Chairman Uta Dr. Laloulu Tagoilelagi thanked the WASC visitors for their professionalism, affability and encouragement. Following the team's exit, ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i commended everyone at the meeting for their tireless preparation that ensured the success of the site visit. "To quote a venerable Chinese philosopher," said Dr. Galea'i, "every battle is won before it's fought." The ASCC President also remarked on how this visit marks a crucial step in a process the College has worked towards literally for decades. "You can trace the vision of ASCC offering a BA degree back to the earliest days of the College over 25 years ago," said President Galea'i. "For the many of us who have worked towards this goal for so long, it means more than words can say to see it nearing completion."

TED Director Dr. Galea'i-Scanlan said the positive outcome "speaks volumes about the hard work that has gone into the curriculum development of the B.Ed. Program. The faculty and adjunct faculty plays a key role in ensuring quality and best practices. The success of the program is their success and in turn it makes me proud to be a part of the journey." The WASC Senior Commission is expected to meet in June and come to a decision on the application by ASCC for Candidate for Accreditation status.

FINANCIAL AID ANNOUNCEMENT:



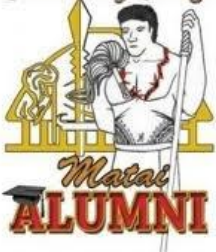
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DEADLINE to turn in attendance forms to be batched for Spring 2012 is **April 13, 2012 !!**

ASG SCHOLARSHIPS & LOAN APPLICATIONS

ASG Scholarships and Loan Applications will be available from **April 2-April 27, 2012**. Applications will be available for pick up at the Dean of Student Services' office.

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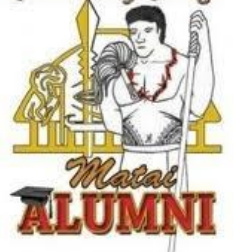


ASCC Matai Alumni Scholarship

Please pick up Applications from Matesina Aseta-Willis @ Student Services or Peteru Lam Yuen @ the Gym.

Due Date: April 13, 2012

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DON'T MISS OUT!!!

FO GUANG SHAN ORGANIZATION OFFERS TWO (2) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM AMERICAN SAMOA!

Two (2) Scholarships to attend the University of the West (UWest) located in Rosemead, California, just ten minutes from Los Angeles. Applications are now available via U.S. Congressman Eni Faleomavaega (AS) in Washington, D.C.

They are offering 2 scholarships to students from American Samoa for the 2012 school year.

- 1) First year scholarships-\$10,000 each (cover tuition, books, and housing at the University)
- 2) Each year students may re-apply for additional Scholarships or for Work-Study Programs.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office of Congressman Eni Faleomavaega (AS)

2422 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Ph: (202) 225-8577

Cell: (202) 664-3757

Email: Solomona.Aoelua@mail.house.gov



McDonald's American Samoa Scholarship Awards:

Need help with college tuition???

McDonald's American Samoa proudly announces the following scholarship awards for the 2012-2013 academic year:

- Three (3) \$1,200 Scholarship Awards to qualified applicants to attend the American Samoa Community College (ASCC)
- One (1) \$1,200 Scholarship Award specifically for ITT at ASCC for any of the Trades: electrical, plumbing, drafting, air conditioning, mechanical engineering, etc.
- One (1) \$8,000 Scholarship Award to a qualified applicant who has completed the required courses for an AA degree at ASCC and is continuing his/her degree program at an accredited U.S. college/university

Applications are available at McDonald's Head Office, Nu'uuli, beginning **March 07, 2012, between 2pm and 4pm Monday - Friday.**

Deadline for turning in applications is Friday, April 27, 2012, at 4pm at McDonald's Head Office.

For more information, please contact Evelyn Gebauer at 699-8699

STEFFANY FAMILY MARITIME SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

This scholarship application must be completed & submitted to the Steffany Family Maritime Foundation Board (P.O. Box 21, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799) or hand delivered to a foundation board member by March 21, 2012. Incomplete or Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

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1. ASCC college student that will be graduating in the Fall of 2011 or the **Spring of 2012**.
2. Attain a **Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.2**.
3. Meet the requirements for admission to the California Maritime Academy, including:
 - a. 2 years U.S History and social Science (American Government, World History)
 - b. 4 years high school English.
 - c. 3-4 years Math (Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, Pre-Calculus).
 - d. 2 years Science with lab (1 Biological Science, 1 Physical Science).
 - e. 2 years Foreign Language.
 - f. 1 year Visual or Performing Arts.
 - g. 1 year College Preparatory Course.
 - h. Provide a plan for meeting any deficiencies in the above requirements.
4. Qualifying score on the SAT (as determined by CSU Marine).
5. Complete the attached Scholarship Application Form.
6. Complete a 200-400 word essay describing your interest and goals in the maritime industry.
7. Provide 5 Letters of Reference.
 - a. 3 letters from former or current teachers or counselors as academic recommendations.
 - b. 2 letters from non-family members as personal character references

8. Provide an official copy of your high school grades or ASCC transcript.

**For more information regarding this scholarship offer, please stop by the Student Services Office near the cafeteria and ask for Sina Auva'a-Hudson or simply call 699-9155 ext. 376.

More Scholarships for Students!!!

The following list is a compilation of scholarships for minority students of any age. Please read carefully to see if it applies to you, then go to the website and apply ☺ If you have any questions regarding these scholarships, see Kelley Anderson Tagarino at A-1 or you can call her at 699-9155x356.

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[AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program](#)

For women 40+ seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves.

[Academic Competitiveness Grant](#)

For first-year and second-year college students who graduated from high school.

[Actuarial Diversity Scholarship](#)

For minority students pursuing a degree that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession.

[Akash Kuruvilla Memorial Scholarship Fund](#)

For students who demonstrate excellence in leadership, diversity, integrity and academia.

[American Copy Editors Society Scholarship](#)

Available to junior, senior and graduate students who will take full-time copy editing jobs or internships.

[AORN Foundation Scholarship](#)

For students studying to be nurses and preoperative nurses pursuing undergrad and grad degrees.

[Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship](#)

For students who indicate a sincere interest in an automotive related career.

[AWG Minority Scholarship For Women](#)

Encourages young minority women to pursue an education and later a career in the geosciences.

[Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program](#)

Provides fellowships to students who excel in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

[Javits-Frasier Teacher Scholarship Fund](#)

To increase diverse students' access to talent development opportunities through teacher training.

[Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund](#)

For low-income women who have a vision of how their education will benefit themselves and their community.

[Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship](#)

For cosmetology and barber school students who can demonstrate a financial need.

K

[KFC Colonel's Scholars Program](#)

For college-bound students who can demonstrate financial need, and have a GPA of at least 2.75.

L

[Lincoln Forum Scholarship Essay Contest](#)

A writing contest pertaining to the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era.

M

[McKesson Pharmacy Scholarship](#)

Designed to assist pharmacy students who plan to continue their education.

N

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[AXA Achievements Scholarship](#)

Provides more than \$600K in annual scholarships to 52 students – one from each state.

B

[Beacon Partners Healthcare IT Scholarships](#)

Awarded to a student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the IT Healthcare field.

[Best Buy Scholarship](#)

For students in grades 9-12 who plan to enter a full-time undergraduate program upon high school graduation.

[Burger King Scholars Program](#)

For high school seniors who have part-time jobs and excel academically in school.

C

[CIA Undergraduate Scholarship Program](#)

Developed to assist minority and disabled students, but open to all who meet the requirements.

[Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#)

Four-year achievement-based scholarships given to 250 high school seniors each year.

D

[Davidson Fellows Scholarship](#)

Recognizes and awards the extraordinary who excel in math, science, and technology.

[Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund](#)

Need-based scholarships for college students are part of the progressive movement in their community.

[Dell Scholars Program](#)

For students who demonstrate a desire and ability to overcome barriers and achieve their goals.

[Development Fund For Black Students in Science and Technology](#)

For students studying science or technology at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

[Discovery Scholarship](#)

Annual scholarship for high school juniors to support continued education and training beyond high school.

E

[Ed Bradley/ Ken Kashiwahara Scholarships](#)

Open to full-time students who are pursuing careers in radio and television news.

[EMPOWER Scholarship Award](#)

Designed to increase diversity in the medical rehabilitation field by awarding students of color.

[ESA Foundation Computer and Video Game Scholarship Program](#)

For minority and female students majoring in a field related to computer and video game arts.

F

[Fulbright Scholar Program](#)

Sends faculty and professionals abroad each year to lecture and conduct research.

[Future Engineers Scholarship Program](#)

For students pursuing a career in engineering who shows outstanding academic performance.

G

[Gates Millennium Scholarship](#)

Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; established to help low income minority students.

[Go On Girl Book Club Scholarship](#)

Supports authors of the Black African Diaspora who want to write their way to college money.

[Google Anita Borg Scholarship](#)

For women who excel in computing and technology, and are active role models and leaders.

H

[Hallie Q. Brown Scholarship](#)

For African American women who have a minimum C average, and can demonstrate financial need.

[HBCU Study Abroad Scholarship](#)

Provides travel opportunities for students of color who are

[National Achievement Scholarship](#)

Established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding African American high school students.

[National Black Police Association Scholarships](#)

For students pursuing careers in law enforcement, criminal justice, and other related areas.

[National Institute of Health \(NIH\) Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

For students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing science and health-related research.

[National SMART Grant](#)

Available to full-time students who are majoring in science, math, technology, engineering, and more.

P

[PMI Educational Foundation Scholarships](#)

Established for students in the field of project management or a project management related field.

R

[Ron Brown Scholar Program](#)

Seeks to identify African American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society.

[Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship](#)

Seeks to recognize outstanding young people who are promoting American values on college campuses.

S

[Siemen Competition](#)

Competition for individual or team research projects in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology.

T

[Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships](#)

For first-generation students majoring in business, finance, science, engineering, and more.

[Tri-Delta Scholarships](#)

For students who excel in chapter and campus involvement, community service, academics, and more.

[Tylenol Scholarship](#)

For students pursuing a career in health care who can demonstrate leadership and academic qualities.

U

[United Negro College Fund Scholarships](#)

Administers 400 different scholarship programs so low-income families can afford college, tuition, and books.

[U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship](#)

For high school seniors planning to enroll or college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors already enrolled.

[USDA/1890 National Scholars Program](#)

For students seeking a Bachelor's degree in agriculture, food, or natural resource sciences and related majors.

V

[Vanguard Minority Scholarship Program](#)

Provides merit-based scholarships to minority students studying business, finance, economics, and more.

W

[William B. Ruggles Right To Work Journalism Scholarship](#)

Available to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in journalism or a related field.

[Writer's Digest Annual Short Story Competition](#)

Contest for writers who can compose the best fictional short story, written in 1,500 words or less.

X

[Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship](#)

For academic high-achievers in science, engineering, and information tech

traditionally under-represented in such programs

Haven't decided where to continue your education???



University of Pittsburgh, Bradford

The University of Pittsburgh, Bradford is ideal for both domestic and International students. For those students who are "risk takers" and who would like to explore new and better opportunities...or would just like to experience the East Coast, please see Mana'o at the SLA Center or check out their website: <www.upb.pitt.edu> for more information!

TTD Computer Lab Hours For students usage:

LAB A:	MWF	11:00-12:00
		1:00-4:00
LAB B:	T-TR	2:00-4:00
	T-TR	8:00-11:00

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ASCC PTK Seeks Community Support to Attend National Conference

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

For many years, the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society has held a special place in campus life at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC). However, few may realize that the PTK is in fact part of a nationwide organization, a fact that will come into sharp focus when the Society holds its 2012 Annual Convention on April 12-14 in Nashville, Tennessee. The official PTK website predicts that more than 3,000 Society members from across the USA will attend the three-day event, described as "one of the largest gatherings of Phi Theta Kappans under one roof in recent history". Members of the ASCC chapter of the PTK, known as Alpha Epsilon Mu, have had a number of fundraising activities to try and send delegates to the upcoming Annual Convention.

"We want to attend the event to obtain new information and methods on how our members can better approach the four PTK hallmarks - leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service - within our school and community," said Alpha Epsilon Mu President Sophia A'asa. She explained that the local chapter hasn't attended a regional or International PTK convention in about 15 years. "We PTK officers would love to see our society grow into something more significant than what it is now," A'asa said. "Attending the upcoming conference would allow our delegates to learn the fundamentals and objectives of the Honor Study Topic Program and apply it to the local chapter, which would in turn open up more opportunities for PTK members to go on to higher degree universities. We need to develop a stronger connection with Phi Theta Kappa members within the Pacific region as well as internationally, and also be recognized by headquarters as an active society", she said.

Among a wealth of planned activities, the Annual Conference will include information on the PTK Five Star Development Program, which many chapters now follow to bring mutual benefits to

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Society members, their schools, and their communities. Alpha Epsilon Mu's own community-oriented goals include the establishment of a Alumni Association to provide support for their activities, programs, and services. "Most of our local community, except for PTK alumni, doesn't know who we are and what we stand for", said A'asa. "You can say that trying to improve our local chapter is our legacy that we want to leave behind. We have so many hard-working and intelligent people involved with the Society, and we want them to reap the benefits of their hard labor. This is why it is important for us to go to the conference and why we are so passionate in getting this goal accomplished."

The Alpha Epsilon Mu chapter of the PTK recognizes and encourages excellence in scholarship among ASCC students. Every semester, PTK advisors review student transcripts, reference letters, application forms and essays, and other relevant data to determine which students qualify for the membership in the society. Candidates must have taken at least 12 credits, passed their English 150, English 151 and Math 90 classes, and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Qualifying students receive an invitation to join PTK, and most of those invited readily accept the offer.

For more information on the PTK Annual Convention, visit the website: convention.ptk.org.

PTK is currently working with AYFS (American Youth Football Samoa), and will continue to work with them throughout the semester, to provide tutorials for their studies, conduct workshops about non-violence, being drug free, etc.

Upcoming Events

February 28—Intramurals with SGA

April 27 - Fundraising booth at the ADEAZE and AARADHNA Concert at the Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Tafuna!!!

**Will set up a food drive in March for the concert!*

REMINDER: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Students! Please know and understand that this policy is very crucial.

Zero Tolerance Policy

"As with any community educational environment certain policies are established to ensure health and safety of all the students and employees of the institution.

ASCC defines zero tolerance as: *the strict application of consequences regarding violation of ASCC's rules on weapons, explosives, fighting, drugs, and alcohol. If a student is found to have violated any of aforementioned rules, then the consequences shall be applied without exception.*"

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.

CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION



Business Hours

699-9155 x305

After Hours

699-6299

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STUDENTS CORNER

MEET YOUR PEERS!



Name: Mariana Sefo

Age: 20

Birthday: Mystery

Village: Ili'ili

Major: Marine Science

Short-Term Goal: Be more awesome than I am now ;)

Long-Term Goal: Finish school & Join the army.
Become a Marine Biologist!

Interesting Fact: I can sleep with both eyes open ☺

Name: Angel Tipi

Age: 19

Birthday: October 10, 1992

Village: Pago Pago

Major: Pre-Law; Liberal Arts

Short-Term Goal: Graduate this Fall

Long-Term Goal: Graduate from UCLA in 4 years with a Law degree ☺

Interesting Fact: I work best under pressure ☺



Name: Marilyn Sapolu To'omalatai Figiel

Age: 42

Birthday: March 08, 1970

Village: Pava'ia'i

Major: Education

Short-Term Goal: Complete my compilation of Samoan Poems, learn how to play the guitar, and of course Graduate with high honors ☺

Long-Term Goal: Receive my PHD, return back to A.S. and work at ASCC and one day be the President of ASCC ☺



Interesting Fact: I've just received my Certification for the completion of the Coastal Community Resilience Training Program for Disaster Preparedness. I am also a certified florist; received my certification from The Advance Floral Art Course at the University of the South Pacific, Apia Samoa. I was also certified in California as a Nurse Assistant. I am a mother of 5 and YES I am Sia Figiel's sister and proud of it ☺ I love to watch cartoons. I have been smoke-free for 2 years now. Personal Motto that I live by: "Where there's a Will, there's a Way" ☺

Word of the Day

apotropaic \ap-uh-truh-PEY-ik\
adjective:

Intended to ward off evil.

In an older kind of fairy story, the magic of the flowers would be potent but unspecified, vaguely **apotropaic**.

The More You Know... ORIGIN of RSVP

RSVP comes from the French Repondez S'il Vous Plait which translates roughly as "please reply" or "reply if it pleases you". So how did R.S.V.P make its way into being used for wedding invitations and the like? This dates all the way back to around the 11th century when French became the fashion among the elite of the English court. This continued in England for several hundred years. It was also the fashion in the United States, among high society, to use French as the language of refinement up until around the 19th century. From this, many such similarly themed French phrases and words made their way into English, another example being the word "etiquette" itself. Ironically, the French themselves don't typically use R.S.V.P anymore, more typically using Priere de Repondre these days.



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LOGIC PROBLEM

Which is heavier: a ton of gold or a ton of feathers?

Ans: Both weigh the same; a ton

FUN FACTS

- 1) Smearing a small amount of dog feces on an insect bite will relieve itching and swelling
- 2) 40% of our Army personnel are members of an ethnic minority.
- 3) Mormon leader Brigham Young had 56 kids by 27 wives!
- 4) *Listening to music increases your strength because the brain is distracted by what you're hearing and doesn't focus on what you're lifting.*
- 5) One McDonald's fruit smoothie contains as much sugar as 4 Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Thought for the day:

However good or bad a situation is, it will change ☺

Have a great week ☺

(Photos from the WASC Visit)



Photos courtesy of Jim Kneubuhl

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