

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

Weekly Information Bulletin  
*“Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus”*  
May 10, 2010 to May 14, 2010

**Quote of the week:**

*“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”*  
~Eleanor Roosevelt

**SPRING 2010 GRADUATES!!**

5/11/10: Passing out of regalia & Picture-taking @ Gym @ 9am

5/12/10: Graduation Rehearsal – Gym @ 10am

5/12/10: Banquet – Hong Kong @ 5pm

5/14/10: Commencement – Gym @ 10am

\*Please see Deidra for water & juice @ 9am before ceremony

**Spring 2010 Academic Calendar**

**May 10:** 2010 Spring Semester Graduates Grades Due

**May 14:** 2010 Spring Semester Commencement

**May 19:** All 2010 Spring Semester Grades Due

**May 25th & 26th:** Summer PLACEMENT TEST

**June 9th-11th:** Summer REGISTRATION

**June 14th:** INSTRUCTION BEGINS!

**May 18th-20th:** ASTEP Registration

**June 1st:** First Session STARTS

**July 2nd:** First Session ENDS

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Summer Regular Session Ends

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Fall Regular Session Starts

**We can help!**

## ASCC Spring 2010~ENGLISH TUTORING @ SLAC

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENGLISH WRITING?

TROUBLE WITH STYLE, STRUCTURE, GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY, ESSAYS OR RESEARCH WRITING? UNSURE ABOUT BIBLIOGRAPHIES, QUOTATIONS & CITATION FORMATS?

Come see us at the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC, by the Cafeteria), and we can work together to help you with writing challenges during your semester at ASCC.

LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR PAPERS! We offer:

- Continuous 1 on1 English writing tutorials;
- Newly renovated center with computer lab;
- Help with grammar/punctuation/vocabulary usage, Essay & Research writing, APA/MLA formats, citations/bibliography & writing structure;
- Help with other areas in collegiate English writing;
- Checklists for preparing your papers

**Student Learning Assistance Center (by cafeteria)**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am – 10:00am**

\*CALL SIA ACHICA @ 258-9430 / 699-9155 EXT. 323 (EMAIL: Sia at l.achica@amsamoa.edu), OR CALL THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO COME IN AND VISIT US!



## SGA ACTIVITY CALENDAR *Spring Semester 2010*

May 12	Graduation Banquet	May 14 2010	Spring Semester Commencement!
		May 15	SGA Farewell Dinner

## 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](mailto:e.seumanutafa@amsamoa.edu))**

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**Date: May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010**

**Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**List of books for “Buyback” 2010**



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<b>EDUCATION</b>
The first days of school – 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Curriculum and Instruction methods for elementary & middle school – 7 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Exceptional Children Introduction Special Education – 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>
American Narrative History Vol. I – 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
AMERICAN NARRATIVE HISTORY VOL II 8TH ED
EARTH & ITS PEOPLE VOL I 4TH ED
EARTH & ITS PEOPLE VOL II 4TH ED
HUMAND DEVELOPMENT 9TH ED
UNDERSTANDING SOCIOLOGY 8TH ED
INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY 8TH ED
INVITATION TO PHILOSOPHY 10TH ED
AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY 9TH ED
INTERNATIONAL RELATION 9TH ED
ESSENTIAL OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS 3RD ED
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 9TH ED
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT POWER & PURPOSE 11TH ED
WORLD RELIGION 2ND ED
PACIFIC ISLANDS: ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY
REGIONS 12TH ED
CULTURAL ANTROPOLOGY 12TH ED
ON THE ROAD OF THE WIND
PACIFIC ISLANDERS 1ST ED
<b>NURSING</b>
Math for Meds – 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Contemporary Practical Vocational Nursing – 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
<b>MATH</b>
Elementary Algebra – 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Intermediate Algebra – 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Elementary Technical Math – 8 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Introductory Statistics – 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Math 250 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition
<b>ENGLISH</b>
Of Mice and Men novel Writing analytically – 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Norton Intro. Literature (English 150-250) – 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Where We Once Belong

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1984 George Orwell

**FINE ARTS**

Garner's Art Through The Ages Vol. 1 – 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

Garner's Art Through The Ages Vol. 2 – 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

**CNR**

Environment: The Science Behind The Stories – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

Introduction to Animal Science

**ITT**

Basic Automotive Service and Maintenance – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Automotive Electricity and Electronic – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Understanding Technology – ICT 150

**HHS**

Using Assessment Results for Career Development – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

Diversified Health Occupations – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

Medical Terminology – 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

**SCIENCE**

Concept in Biology – 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

Hole's Human Anatomy & Physiology – 10<sup>th</sup> Edition

Modern Biology

Science Spectrum – Physical Science

Modern Chemistry

**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@amsamo.edu) ext.362; Mark Mageo (m.mageo@amsamo.edu) ext.326; Mary Taufete'e (m.taufete@amsamo.edu) ext.377; Matesina Willis {m.willis@amsamo.edu} ext. 426

**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@amsamo.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)

Date: April 29, 2010

Washington, D.C. --

### **FALEOMAVAEGA HIGHLIGHTS BENEFITS OF STUDENT AID REFORM FOR AMERICAN SAMOA**

Congressman Faleomavaega today announced that the recently passed H.R. 4872, the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010, included major student aid reform that will provide substantial benefits to college-bound students from American Samoa.

"I am pleased to share that, in addition to making significant changes to America's health care system, this new law will make important investments in many federal student aid programs that directly affect our students. These investments will help more of our students pay for and succeed in college through affordable loan options and increased funding in grants and support services," the Congressman stated.

#### ***Makes student loans more accessible***

Beginning in July 2010, this new law will take the middle man out of student lending by switching all schools to the more efficient Direct Loan program, which lends money directly to students, instead of giving subsidies to banks. This change will result in \$61 billion saved over the next 10 years, money that will be re-invested in students through the Direct Loan program, the Pell Grant, and other programs.

#### ***Increases the maximum Pell Grant and the number of grants available***

Of the money saved, \$36 billion will go to the federal Pell Grant program, which offers need-based educational grants that do not need to be repaid. The U.S. Department of Education reports that roughly \$115 million in Pell Grant funding will be available to students from American Samoa over the next 10 years, reaching a little more than 26,000 students.

The maximum Pell Grant will rise to keep up with the costs of tuition and books, jumping to \$5,550 in 2010 and \$5,975 by 2017. It will also be linked to the Consumer Price Index to match future increases in costs.

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### ***Expands the income-based loan repayment program***

To ensure that loan payments are not a burden, the law also includes a new system of loan repayment and loan forgiveness for federal student loans. Right now students can cap their loan payment at 15% of their discretionary income. Any balances left after 25 years of payments will be forgiven. After full implementation of the bill in 2014, new borrowers will have their federal student loan payments capped at 10% of their discretionary income with payments forgiven after 20 years.

### ***Increases funding for college access, completion, and support***

The law also increases funding to \$750 million for College Access Challenge Grants, aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in college. Of this total, there will be \$7.5 million in available funding for American Samoa over the next 5 years.

College Access Challenge Grants are distributed through project proposals which are submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Authorized projects are those that offer support services such as: providing college and career information to students and families; promoting financial literacy and debt management; assisting students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA); providing need-based grant aid; conducting professional development for college admissions counselors; and offering loan incentives for borrowers who are employed in a high-need geographical area or a high need profession.

### ***Invests in universities and community colleges***

To build capacity in support services, the government will also dedicate \$2.55 billion to Minority-Serving Institutions, like those that enroll our students from American Samoa. These funds will help provide students with the assistance they need to stay in school and graduate. Each year, an institution must re-apply for eligibility to be considered for the following fiscal year.

Lastly, a new \$2 billion national competitive grant program will help community colleges develop and improve educational or career training programs.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Obama and Speaker Pelosi for their dedicated leadership and for making sure our youth gain affordable access to higher education.

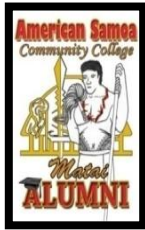
As our economy recovers, it is important to be assured that our students and their families will have greater means to finance their education and that our colleges will be supported in their efforts to help our students thrive in their studies and future endeavors. That we can better provide this basic right to our young people is a victory for us all,” the Congressman stated.

“More importantly, I would also like to encourage all of our students in their pursuit of higher education and commend their parents, family members, educators, and mentors for their support and guidance along the way. The passage of this bill is a sure sign that America makes it a priority to offer opportunities for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds to accomplish their dreams. I encourage our students to constantly seek out these opportunities and I am confident that the new law will help bring the dream of higher education closer to reality,” the Congressman concluded.



## **ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS!!**

**For Part-time jobs, please see Mrs. Fuala’au Lancaster. For more information, please call Maria or Minnie at 699-6557.**



**Next Meeting: 5/20/2010 @ 12noon @ Faculty Lounge**

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.426 {m.willis@amsamoa.edu}, for more information. Hope to see you there!☺

**Notice:** For all 2010 Spring & 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.



**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.**

**CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION:**

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

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