

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Weekly Information Bulletin

"Connects Students to What Is Happening On Campus"

September 7, 2009 to September 11, 2009

Quote of the week:

"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, self-discipline, and effort."

By: Jesse Owens



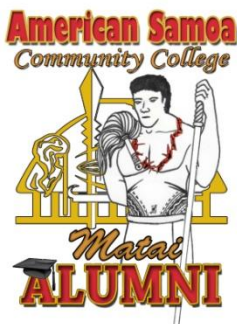
There will be a Graduation Meeting for all prospective graduates of Fall 2009.

Date: September 9, 2009

Place: Lecture Hall

Summer 2009 Graduates need to fill out a graduation application form! Deadline for Fall 2009 Graduates is October 2, 2009. Please pick up application at Admissions & Records Office. If you need further information please call 699-9155 ext. 411, 318, 380 or 379.

"The sooner the better"☺



Next Meeting! Date, time and place- TBA☺

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 2009 Summer & Fall Graduates, please fill out an "Alumni Exit Survey form" with the ASCC Alumni Counselor, Ms. Matesina Willis. Where? Student Learning Assistant Center (SLAC) located at the old Book Store before entering the cafeteria.

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE:

August 26 – September 11:	Administrative Drop & Drop Only period
September 1-3, 2009:	ASTEP Registration
September 4, 2009:	ASTEP Late Registration
September 7, 2009:	HOLIDAY- Labor Day
September 8, 2009:	ASTEP Instructions Begin!
September 8-9, 2009:	ASTEP Add/Drop Period

BUSINESS OFFICE

The "Le Bookstore" Sale is still going on!



***50% OFF!** On ALL baby outfits, and **15% OFF** on ASCC T-Shirts!! Woo hoo!!
We even have a \$1 book sale rack!! So, get them while they last☺

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

COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE: *Located in the cafeteria*

Need to see a Counselor?

• ***Student Transferability***

Prospective graduates of Fall 2009 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 ext. 362 {a.panama@amsamoa.edu}, Mary ext. 377 {m.taufetee@amsamoa.edu}, Mark ext. 326 {m.mageo@amsamoa.edu} or Deidra ext. 461 {d.saelua@amsamoa.edu}



- **Tutorial (FREE)**

- Students interested in getting tutored in Math or English, see the Tutorial Counselor, Annie Panama.
- All tutorials are free and appointments are made with Annie Panama or Deidra Saelua at the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) ext. 461.



Want to become a **TUTOR?**

- Must be a Full/Part time ASCC student
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Currently taking English 150/151 or above
- Currently taking Math 90 or above

Calling all TUTORS!!
If you meet these qualifications, come on down! We want YOU ☺

**Please pick up applications at counselor Annie Panama's office or Deidra Saelua at the SLAC office.*

- **Personal and Academic Counseling / Peer Counseling**

- 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}



Student Government Association (SGA)
Attention all females! If you want to become our next MISS ASCC, please contact our SGA Advisor, Maxine Tuiolemotu at 699-9155 ext.341 or email: m.tuiolemotu@amsamo.edu

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Attention all Students! Here are your new Student Government leaders for this Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 school year.

Student Representative to the Board: Tammie Talalemotu

President: Vincent Tofilau

Vice President: Valentana Faumuina

Secretary: Gloria Tavita

Treasurer: Christian Sa'alea

Sophomore Representatives: Cinta Ching Sam
Solomona l'atala

Timali Pele
Dorecca Leota

Ceivareen M. Siu

Freshmen Representatives: Beauty Tuiasosopo

Carla Felix

Hope Poialii

Charis Tafaovale

Fred Maloata

Notice: Student & Employee ID's will be put on hold until further notice.



IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP:



1. "Presidential Merit Scholarship"

2. "Sa'ili le Atamai" Non-pell Scholarship

**Applications are now available at the Student Services office. Deadline to turn in complete application is Friday, September 18, 2009.*

Financial Aid

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| 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 you 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. FWS request forms are available for all ASCC departments that would like to request FWS students for the Fall 2009 semester. |
| 5. 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) |
| 6. If you are not sure of your financial aid status be sure to stop by the financial aid office and see the appropriate counselor. |
| 7. FWS applications are available for those interested in working the Fall 2009 semester. Check with the FWS Coordinator, Alby Moananu, for application status if you have already applied. |

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 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.

**APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2009
FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM
ARE @ THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTER
(located by the cafeteria next to School-to-work office)**

**ONLY STUDENTS THAT WILL BE
ATTENDING FALL 2009**

**MUST BE A FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENT and
NOT ON FINANCIAL AID PROBATION/SUSPENSION
(JOBS AVAILABLE ON AND OFF CAMPUS)**

SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM for Non-Pell Students!

Please pick up an application at the School-to-work office by the cafeteria in between SGA and VA office. If you have any question regarding STW, please contact Thomas Laban at 699-9155 ext. 449; or email (t.laban@amsamoa.edu)

Deadline for applications: September 11, 2009

Program STARTS: September 14, 2009

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT for Non-Pell Students!

For further information, please contact Mrs. Fuala'au Lancaster at 699-9155 ext. 426, or email her at (f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu), or make time to go in and see her at the office located by the cafeteria (Student Employment / VA Student office) next to the School-to-work office. Office Hours: 8am to 4pm

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship *and Excellence in Education Program*

Purpose:

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was authorized by the United States Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate. The creation of this program pays tribute to the leadership, courage, and vision of Senator Goldwater and establishes in his name an endowed recognition program to foster and encourage excellence in science and mathematics.

Award: up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually

***For further information, please see the Dean of Student Services.**

SCHOLARSHIPS!!

Attention all Students!! Register in this website and you'll discover a number of great scholarships offered by "FastWeb". Tuition is rising each year, so get in there and check out their Scholarship Matches!

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships>

Apply for these scholarships NOW!

- **Apogee Search Scholarship Program**
<http://www.apogee-search.com/scholarship/index.html>
Deadline: December 1, 2009
- **FIREs "Freedom On Campus" Student Video Contest**
<http://www.thefire.org/index.php/contests/>
Deadline: November 6, 2009

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FREE Money for School

President Obama has urged congress to pass a bill that would give students **\$5,000** toward tuition or loans in exchange for one year of volunteer service. Get all the information you need to successfully finance your career-targeted education.

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships>

- Obama Promises \$5,000 to Students
- Loan Forgiveness Programs
- College Grants

Scholarships for Minorities

There are more minority scholarships than most people realize. In academia, the term “minority” applies to a racial, gender, cultural, or social minority group within a particular field of study or population of students. Here are just a few of the groups that qualify for minority scholarships.

[The Gates Millennium Scholars Program](#), a \$1 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is exclusively targeted to racial minorities in education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented.

- Gender minority in a field of study (female engineers, male nurses)
- African Americans
- Asian & Pacific Islanders
- Latino & Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Gay Lesbian Bisexual, & Transgender (GLBT)

FASTER, FRIENDLIER FAFSA COMING IN 2010

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has announced the U.S. Department of Education is taking steps to make the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) shorter, simpler, and more student friendly. The changes-some of which are already in place while others will be phased in over the next few months-are designed to increase postsecondary enrollment, particularly among low- and middle-income students. Students and counselors can track the rollout of the new form at the FAFSA website.

College Prowler “No Essay” Scholarship!

Deadline: September 30, 2009

We know you're busy and we know times are tough. That's why we decided to create the easiest possible scholarship to give something back to students.

Students can use the money to help cover tuition, housing, meal plans, books, computers, or any education-related expenses. The scholarship is open to all high school and college students and those planning to enroll in the next 12 months.

The List is Out: America's Best Colleges

Log on to: http://www.fastweb.com/student-news/articles/1485-the-list-is-out-americas-best-colleges?from_session=true

Colleges often count military credits!

For a list of schools that accept military credit, visit <http://www.soc.aascu.org/> on the Web. Begin by looking at that institution's Web site. First, complete an application form. Then send in the transcripts from each school you've attended, including military transcripts. All the military training you completed may count toward your education goals.

FOR MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS

Air Force: <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Navy, Marines: <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/transcript.html>

Army: <http://aarts.army.mil/>

Coast Guard: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/ve/official_transcript.asp

For more information please contact Jim Sutherland at 699-9155 ext. 411

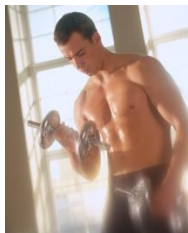
VA Accepting Applications for Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits

Washington (May 1, 2009)- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that Veterans can begin submitting applications online for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944. It provides eligible applicants with tuition payments to assist them in getting a college education. For many participants, it also provides a housing allowance and a stipend for books and supplies.

Information about the new program and VA's other educational benefits can be obtained through www.GIBILL.VA.gov or by calling 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551).

Fualaau Lancaster at 699-9155 (ext.426), for more information.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To ALL students: The gym is for physical education classes ONLY. Please use the library or cafeteria for study. The gym is not a hang out. If you have any queries regarding this matter, please see PE Instructors Ed Imo or Richard Park. Thank You☺



**HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND REMEMBER TO...
ALWAYS SAY "THANK YOU"☺**

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