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the 411 Newsletter

“Connecting Students to What’s Happening on Campus”



Important Dates

- 9/9 - 10/18 Withdrawal period to receive a “W”
- 9/16 – 10/18 Low grade reporting
- 9/27 Deadline to submit make-up work for 2013 spring & summer incomplete grades
- 9/27 2013 fall semester graduation application deadline

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2013 Fall Issue: Sept 23 - 27

If you haven’t heard already, there are some prizes to be won by participating in the 411. Take a look inside to find out how you can win prizes at the end of the semester. Have a good week everyone!

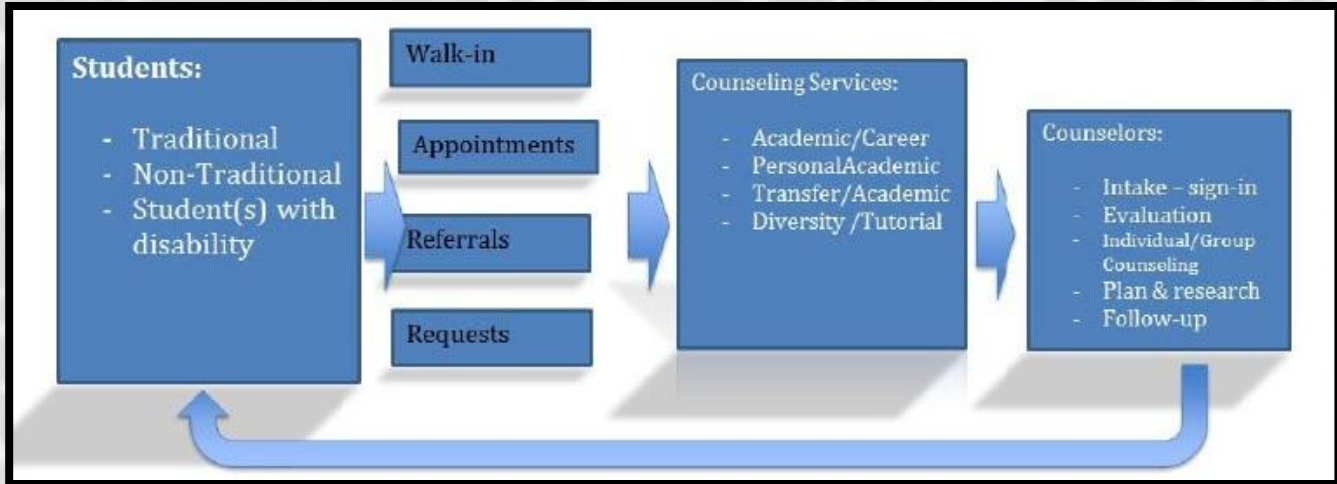
Announcements

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 or call 699-9155 ext. 479.

Division of Student Services

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

Comprehensive Counseling Process



- How students find out about counseling services:
- 411 newsletter
 - New student orientation
 - Brochures/ Flyers/ Bulletin boards
 - Word-of-mouth
 - Counseling activities
 - Faculty/ Staff referrals
 - Other ASCC newsletters
 - ASCC website
 - Outreach
 - Catalog

Counselors’ offices are in the Coleman Building (Cafeteria).

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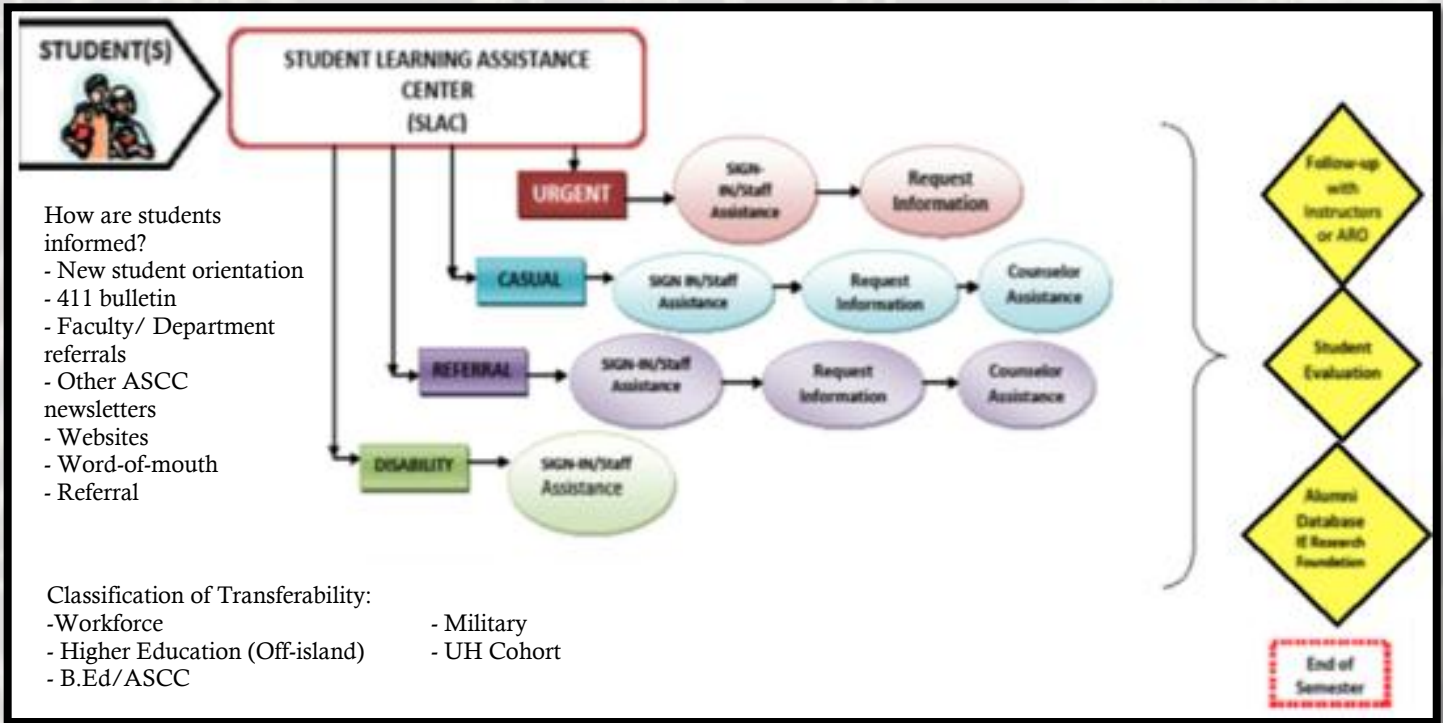
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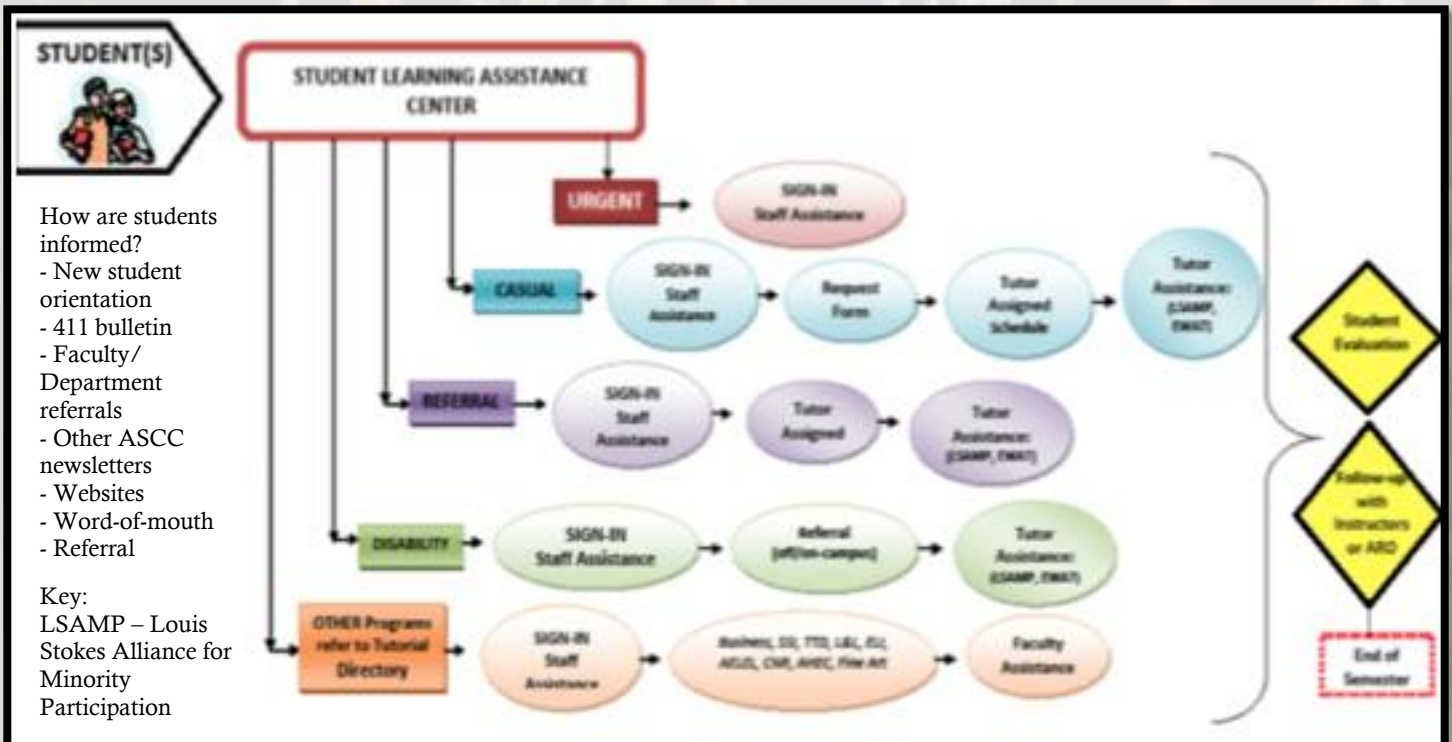
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Comprehensive Transfer Process



Comprehensive Tutorial Process



Calendar for Counseling Activities (September)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Holiday Labor Day</i>	3 *Counseling Services continue.....>>>	4	5	6	7
8	9 *W* period	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Low Grade Reminder to all ASCC Faculty...</i>	17 ""	18 ""	19 ""	20 <i>Recruiting Peer Mentors... sign-up - Application</i>	21
22	23 <i>"Meet The Counselors, Day" Quad 12:30-2:00</i>	24	25 <i>Peer Mentor Application Due...</i>	26	27 <i>Orientation and Training - New Peer Mentors - SLAC ANNEX 12:30</i>	28
29	30					

Calendar for SGA Activities (September)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 HOLIDAY LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Student ID LAST DAY for Student ID taking	14
15	meet & greet	17 Greet & Meet Mixer 12:30pm-2:00pm	18 	19 Earth Day Go Green ASCC Campus SGA/Peer Mentors/PTK	20 	21
22	23	24 Volleyball Games Begin Competition no. 1	25	26 Volleyball Finals	27	28 SGA Professional Development/Retreat ASCC Lecture Hall 1-Day Workshops
29	30					



Student Learning Assistance Center and Annex

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

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 368 or 479, to set an appointment or just walk in.

We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

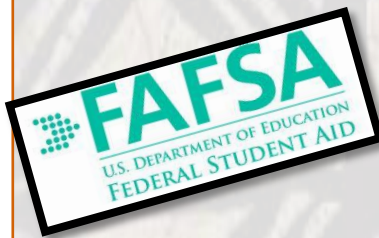
If a teacher refers you to the Center, you must have a referral form.

It's FREE for all ASCC students; just need Student ID to use services.

Financial Aid Outreach Coordinator

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 S.L.A. Center, Annex, and see Mana'o Satele-Vaovasa.

Phone: 699-9155 Ext. 454 Email: m.vaovasa@amsamo.edu



Veterans Student Services Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing an initiative to expedite compensation claims decisions for Veterans who have waited one year or longer. Effective April 19, 2013, the VA will begin to make "provisional decisions" on the oldest claims in inventory, which will allow Veterans to begin collecting compensation benefits more quickly, if eligible. This initiative provides one-year safety net to submit further evidence should it become available and protects the Veteran's rights to appeal the decision.

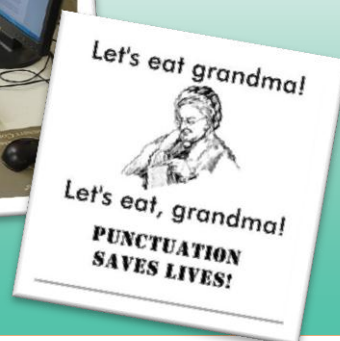
For more current and updated information, please visit the GI Bill website: www.gibill.va.gov or see the ASCC Veteran Student Services staff, Ms. Fualaa Tago Lancaster, VA/Student Employment Center, outside the cafeteria area. Office hours are 8 am – 4 pm. Contact: 699-9155, ext. 426 or email f.lancaster@amsamo.edu.



Writing Tips

Paper assignments are starting to pile up. Here are some things to keep in mind while typing your paper.

1. Watch that your sentences do not run on.
2. Font size 12 pt. Times New Roman.
3. Indent on paragraphs and watch the length.
4. Keep an eye out on those tenses.
5. Do not use contractions (e.g. don't, can't, it's, shouldn't, etc.)
6. SPELL CHECK! Microsoft Word has this handy dandy spell check tool. Use it.
7. Check out www.owl.english.purdue.edu if you're struggling with APA and MLA formats.



Interested in writing for the 411 Newsletter?

Come see Katrina in the S.L.A. Center or email k.garcia@amsamoa.edu for info about joining a "Journalism Club."

Waiting for more interested students to join and be apart of putting the 411 together. If you have a passion or career pursuit in media, photography or journalism, this is a good place to get an inside look into how things might work in a newsroom setting. Club activities will not be limited to the 411, and will eventually venture into other forms of media.

TRADES & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (TTD)



PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ASCC:

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (ACR)
- *Architectural Drafting Technology (ADT)
- Auto Body Repair (ABR)
- Automotive Technology (AUTO)
- Carpentry (CARP)
- *Civil Engineering Technology (CET)
- Diesel Engines (DISL)
- *Electronics (ELE)
- Networking & Computing (ICT)
- Welding (WLD)

Autodesk

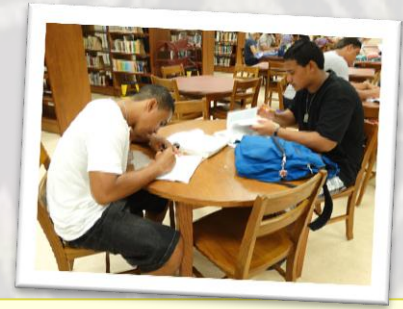


CompTIA A+



A Career in Trades & Technology is waiting for YOU!

Contact E.V. Fruean: 699-9155 ext. 325
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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

ASCC Library Catalog Online Research

Are you looking for a specific book at the library, but have no idea where to find it? Well, not to worry, our online library catalog search is now available. You can search for the call number on the college website www.amsamoa.edu and click on the “Search Library Catalog” link located on the left hand side of the website. For more information concerning this online service contact us at: 699-9155 ext. 418 or 330.



How to Make a Library Card

Stop by the ASCC Library and make a library card!

Documents needed for a library card are:

1. Valid Local Photo ID or Passport
2. Class schedule
3. Social Security Card

Please note: First time library cards are free and to replace a card is \$7.00.

Are you looking for information about Samoa and the Pacific Islands for your research paper?

The Library Special Collection Room has information that you need!

Open Regular Library Hours.

Check it out and find out more about Samoa, as well as other Pacific Islands!

Attention Students and Faculty!

The library has a variety of free books available at the first floor.



The ASCC Financial Aid Handbook for Award Year 2013-2014 is now available online at the school website. Feel free to access and review financial policies and procedures in effect for this award year. Please visit or call the ASCC Financial Aid Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the handbook. Here's the link to the handbook:
<http://www.amsamoa.edu/studentsfianancialaid.htm>



Author Lani Wendt Young (left) meets with Emma FC Pen of the ASCC Library. Lani was in town earlier this month to promote her new novel, "The Bone Bearer". (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

August 20, 2013

ASCC-ROTC Leader Encourages Students to Pursue Army Scholarships

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

When the fall 2013 semester got underway at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC), lead ROTC instructor Asosama Saipale Vaouli noticed that as a general tendency among new students, many of them are not aware of the opportunities open to them in the form of Army scholarships. "The young adults here in the territory, both at ASCC and in the high schools, know about the military as a career option," Vaouli explained, "but many of them don't realize they have the option of the military assisting them with their college education as well."

Vaouli has managed to get the word out about the Army scholarships starting with his own students, but expressed concern that many more who could potentially qualify simply don't know. "Most of the current ROTC students are taking advantage of this opportunity," he said. "They are also training hard in order to pass the physical fitness test that's required to get

contracted and earn a scholarship. We also challenge them to do well in their classes besides ROTC so they can improve their GPA in order to compete well with others. Unfortunately, there are still a lot of great potential recipients out there who are not taking advantage of this opportunity. I urge them to consider this as an option to pay for school and become future Army Officers."

The Army offers two-, three-, and four-year scholarship options based on the time a student has left to complete his/her degree. The scholarships cover full tuition, including additional allowances for books and fees, and with an option for room and board in place of tuition for those who qualify. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, between 17 and 26 years of age, have a high school grade point average of at least 2.50, have a high school diploma or equivalent, score a minimum of

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920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores), meet physical standards, and agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard). “To qualify for these benefits, the student must make an eight-year service commitment to the Army,” clarified Vaouli. “This is typically a combination of four years full time in the Army and four years with the Individual Ready Reserve.” Selected Cadets may choose to serve part time in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career.

“There has been some confusion over the citizenship requirement for Army scholarships,” said Vaouli, “but students from American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico who are US Nationals are in fact eligible to apply. I was an US national when I received the ROTC scholarship. “ Students with questions about eligibility may seek advice from Vaouli or his co-instructor Faaotaota Kit Moliga. “We’re always available and willing to provide information for those who are interested,” said Vaouli. “I just want every student in American Samoa to be afforded the chance to compete for these scholarships. Faaotaota and I will be visiting all High Schools throughout this school term to engage students about this opportunity.”

Vaouli also addressed the misconception that only students currently enrolled in ROTC classes can apply for the educational benefits offered by the Army. “The scholarships are open to anyone who is interested and qualified,” he stated. “When in college, they will have to be enrolled into a Military Science Leadership class in order to stay contracted and receive ROTC scholarships, but at the time of application, participation in ROTC is not a requirement.” What is required of an applicant, however, is that they meet the GPA standard, which is why

the ASCC ROTC program places a strong emphasis on academic support. “We make use of all the tutors available at the college to help our students who need assistance in any areas of study,” said Vaouli. “We are here to help them succeed in whatever they want to do in life.” The ASCC ROTC program will also work in collaboration with a certified nutritionist and physical trainer this semester to help students better prepare for the military regimens.

On behalf of himself, co-instructor Moliga and the full student body of the ASCC ROTC program, Vaouli expressed his respect and condolences to the family of fallen Toa o Samoa, 1LT Jason Togi, a recent casualty of the Afghanistan conflict. “We thank 1LT Togi for his service and his ultimate sacrifice to allow us the freedom that we enjoy daily,” said Vaouli. “We pray that God comforts all his loved ones and that his spirit now flies with angels.”

For more information on the ASCC ROTC program, call 699-8820.



ASCC ROTC instructor Asosama Saipale Vaouli (right) commemorate's the commissioning of Army scholarship recipient Cadet Raelynn Mapu (left), now studying in Hawaii, in this photo from earlier this year. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

Student Reviews

We're the Millers

Review by: Junior Luvu

Opened in Theaters: August 7, 2013

If you are looking for a “Laugh Out Loud” until it hurts, comedy movie, then “We're the Millers” is the movie for you. A small time drug dealer gets in trouble with his boss and to make up for it, he creates a fake family to smuggle drugs out of Mexico. The drug dealer promises each individual, consisting of a stripper, a runaway and a virgin, money in return to act as an unsuspecting, normal, suburban family, when crossing the border. This movie contains memorable characters and had unexpected plot twists; you never knew what they were going to get themselves into next. This movie deserves a place on your DVD shelf when it comes out.



Bioshock: Infinite

Review by: Dezmond Applin

Game Release: March 26, 2013



Bioshock: Infinite's steampunk themed/First Person Shooter (FPS) atmosphere and mechanics, in which much of the game's designs are based upon, are just a few components that separate it from the rest of the competition. Tag-teamed with unnatural powers and endless action and drama, ensures unending excitement as players take on the role of Booker Dewitt followed by his sidekick, Elizabeth. *Bioshock: Infinite* takes gamers into a nosedive emotionally, mentally, and even spiritually as gamers explore the outcomes of their actions throughout their adventure. The game's plot is amazing and original, it will make every gamer appreciate it as a true work of art. I give it 10/10 and five stars. 2K and Irrational Games have crafted a masterpiece.

Submit your Review!

Watched a new movie or read an exciting book lately? Submit a review on it to 411 editor, Katrina Garcia via email: k.garcia@amsamo.edu. A short paragraph, positive or negative on movies, books, video games, Apps, products, restaurants, TV shows, even a UFC pay-per-view, you name it! I want to hear about it. Just no spoilers! All reviewers that are published will go into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the semester.

Campus Talk: “Textbooks”

Bought your books for class yet? Still looking for that free copy from a friend that took the class last semester? Here are a few people talking about textbooks and the Bookstore.

“The Bookstore is expensive, sometimes I try to get friends books that have taken the class already, but I mostly buy from the Bookstore.”

Honorina Vaiau
Continuing Student

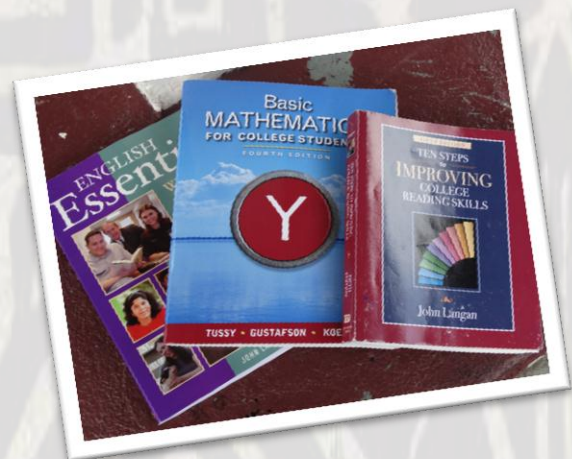


“I bought my books with my own money because my Financial Aid didn’t kick in on time. I spent \$195 just for two English books. That is really expensive”

Fausaga Veavea
Continuing Student

“I borrow books from friends or family because I don’t get Financial Aid, it’s just too expensive. I don’t want to get dropped out of a class just because I don’t want to buy a \$200 book.”

Faleu Filemoni
Continuing Student



“I’m glad that I have Financial Aid to pay for my books so that I don’t have to use my own money.”

Steven Safotu
New Student

Got an opinion about a hot subject on campus? Drop by 411 Editors’ office, Katrina Garcia or email her at k.garcia@amsamo.edu. All students that participate on “Campus Talk” will go into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the semester.

“Chief of the Week”



Adi Tuato'o
From the village of
Alofau
Liberal Arts Major
Job/Club: The
Unemployed club.



Favorites:

Movie: Play it again Sam
Book: The Goosebumps Series
Singer: Rivers Cuomo
TV Show: Louie (among others)
Food: Pizza (especially if free)
Sport: Air Hockey



FREE PIZZA!



Something interesting about Adi:

“I am just like everybody else.”

What Adi does outside of school:

“If I had anything to do outside of school, I don't think I'd be IN school.”

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

“In 2018... hopefully happy.”

Advice he has for you:

“The pressures of college could really stress someone out. Remember to breathe, there is no rush to graduate, we all go at our own pace.”

Adi's shout-outs go to:

“You know who you are.”

Get to know your peers through the 411's “Chief of the Week.” Every issue will have a different student. All featured students that make the 411 will go into a drawing at the end of the semester to win a prize. Pick up a form to fill out from the S.L.A. Center or ask for one via email to

k.garcia@amsamoa.edu.

Student Corner

A few ways to win prizes through 411:

- Writing a review.
- Participating in “Campus Talk.”
- Become “Chief of the Week.”
- Submitting your email to receive the newsletter.

If you have any ideas or want to be involved with the 411 newsletter, call ext. 479, stop by the S.L.A. Center or email k.garcia@amsamoa.edu.



Word Search – New Orleans

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Word of the day:

Colloquialism n. An informal word or phrase that is more common in conversation than in formal speech or writing. Colloquialism can include words such as “gonna” and phrases such as “ain’t nothin’.”

“All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them.”
- Walt Disney