

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES



Weekly Information Bulletin  
"Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus"  
September 28, 2009 to October 2, 2009

**Quote of the week:**

*"There is only one difference between a long life and a great dinner: that, in the dinner, the sweets come last"*

**By: Robert Louis Stevenson**

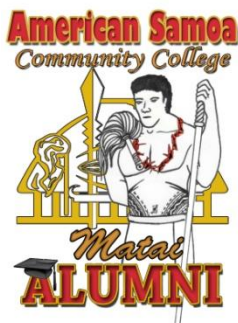
**"SWINE FLU" Workshop**

*Presentations by Department of Health*  
Lecture Hall @ 12:30pm – 2:00pm

**PHOTO I.D. machine is temporarily "out of service", so ALL photo ID-taking will be put on hold until further notice.**

**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! October 9, 2009. Alumni lounge@12noon!**

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 there!**

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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.

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

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

### **"LE BOOKSTORE"**

**\*50% OFF!** On ALL baby outfits, and **15% OFF** on ASCC T-Shirts!! Woo hoo!!  
**We even have a \$1 book sale rack!! 40% OFF** on other college logos. So, get them while they last☺

## **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, Deidra Saelua, or Mana'o Vaovasa at the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) ext. 461.

- ***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@amsamoa.edu}

## **Student Government Association (SGA)**

**Attention all FEMALES!** Become our next MISS ASCC for this 2009/2010 school year! You'll also **win \$1000.00 Scholarship!!** Woo hoo!! So, if you want to know more about this great opportunity, please contact our SGA Advisor, Maxine Tuiolemotu at 699-9155 ext.341 or email: m.tuiolemotu@amsamoa.edu

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## **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

## **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. 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)

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- 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.

## **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**

## **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 students 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](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](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**

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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 assist them in getting a college provides a housing allowance



since the original GI Bill was signed into eligible applicants with tuition payments to education. For many participants, it also and a stipend for books and supplies. new program and VA's other educational through [www.GIBILL.VA.gov](http://www.GIBILL.VA.gov) or by

Information about the benefits can be obtained calling 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551). For ASCC Students, please call Mrs. 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☺

### ***Club signing***



### ***Club Rally***



## **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.**

***A THANK YOU letter...from a parent!!***

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Dear Editor,

On September 17, 2009 at approximately 10am, my daughter Zeimydarling Angel Uta'i, a freshman there at ASCC, did not make it to the door of her class. She fainted and was taken by ambulance to the Emergency Room at LBJ Medical Center.

She had been sick with chills, fever and loss of appetite for 3 days prior to the event. Despite her health conditions, she insisted that morning, to return to school because she was greatly concerned over missing too many days of school. She feared being dropped from her classes.

I drove towards the back of the cafeteria building to drop her off that morning, and went about running my errands. A little while later, my phone rang constantly and when I answered it, I was told that my one and only daughter had been taken to ER via ambulance; you can imagine how worried I was. As I became aware of what took place, the physician who tended to her at the hospital diagnosed her with hypoxia.

As a mother, I am impelled to write this "Thank You" letter for the good Samaritans who offered help for my daughter. I am indebted to each one of them and I would like to convey my gratification for their generous efforts. On behalf of my daughter and I, Thank You kindly from the bottom of my heart for extending your thoughtfulness and kindness in assisting my daughter during her crisis. Individuals like you deserve much more than a mere Thank you. But I pray that our Heavenly Father, who is the source of love and compassion, may bestow His blessings on each of you. Your names will not be forgotten in my prayers.

The following individual's names of whom I wish to acknowledge for their kind deeds are:

**Vincent Tofilau** (Darling's classmate)- Thank you for responding quickly with your M&Ms, juice, and water for my daughter.

**Valentina Faumuina** (Darling's classmate)- Thank you for coming first hand to the aid of my daughter.

**William Pedro** (student who responded first)- Thank you for being there and helping my daughter up.

**Sefo Asoiva** (Security Officer)- Thank you for constantly calling my cell to advise me of the situation.

**Misi Tauai** (Chief Security Officer)- Thank you for escorting my daughter to the front office.

**Tupusala Tupulua** (Security Officer)- Thank you for your assistance.

**Tagataese Afoa** (Security Officer)- Thank you also for your assistance.

**Maxine Tuiolomotu** (SGA Advisor)- Thank you for your help!

**Dr. Le'i** (Dean of Student Services)- Thank you for checking up on Darling's condition and for showing your great concern.

-There was another student that brought sandwiches for Darling while at the hospital- Forgive me if I've forgotten your name, but whoever you are, Thank You! Your efforts were and still are very much appreciated.

Thank you very much to the students who responded quickly and stayed until my daughter was escorted away. Last but not least, I'd like to thank the EMS team who responded promptly. Faafetai Tele Lava! May the Good Lord bless you all!

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

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