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411 Newsletter

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"



**2013 Fall Issue:
Oct. 21 - 25**

Important Dates

- 10/21 - 11/8 Withdrawal period to receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/12 - 12/5 2014 Spring & Summer Priority Registration

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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@amsamo.edu or ascc411newsletter@gmail.com. Or you can 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.”

Counselor Activities Overview

Month of September & October

Meet the Counselors

Every now and again, the counselors come out to meet you. Armed with information and of course candy delights, Ms. Annie Panama, Mrs. Maria Kim-Lagafuaina and Ms. Kayla Sauafea take the hallways to mingle with the students, to make sure they're known on campus.

Peer Mentors

The counselors manage and advise the Peer Mentors, a unique group of students who mentor or help students on campus. Every so often they set up and inform the student population of services or upcoming events. Keep an eye out for them!

YANA – You Are Not Alone

Not many students know that there is a help-line for those who are struggling and in need of confidential counseling, during non-traditional hours. The counselors manage a help-line that is available to any student 24 hours; just call 252-YANA (252-9262.)

Counselor Contact/Location

Annie Panama
Diversity/Tutorial Counselor
Ext 326
a.panama@amsamoa.edu

Maria Kim-Lagafuaina
Academic/Personal
Counselor
Ext. 480
m.lagafuaina@amsamoa.edu

Kayla Sauafea
Academic/Transfer
Counselor
Ext. 362
k.sauafea@amsamoa.edu

All counselors' offices' are located in the cafeteria with hours posted on their doors.



To see more pictures of the counselors or peer mentors, like the ASCC 411 Newsletter page on Facebook.

More Student Services on Campus

Veterans Student Services Corner

Effective immediately, those enrolled in education benefit programs other than the Chapter 33 or Post 9/11 GI Bill, may verify their enrollment via the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) website, or by calling 1-800-823-2378. Those utilizing Chapter 35 (DEA) or Family members should call 1-800-827-1000 for verification. VA students attending under Chapter 33, or Post 9/11 are not required to verify enrollment. Your school, in this case ASCC Business Office will submit "invoices" for tuition to the VA before payments are processed and issued. Further questions should be referred to your VA representative and certifying official. For ASCC students, please see or contact Ms. Rosie F. Tago Lancaster, 699-9155 ext. 426 for more information.



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@amsamoa.edu

SLA Center

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 (Math & other subjects) or 479 (English), 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.














Student ID's – SGA Office

If you have not yet received your Student ID, you must do so as soon as possible. Having your ID on campus allows you to use essential services and participate in SGA activities. Remember, campus security has the right to send you off campus if you do not have your ASCC Student ID with you. Since it is now past the deadline to take ID's there is a charge of \$5.00 to get it.

Calendar for Counseling Activities (October)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Continue Low Grade Counseling.....	1	2 Peer Mentor – Information Table/ Cafeteria 10:00am-12:00pm	3	4	5
6	7 Midterm Exams>>> YANA "Recognizing You Are Not Alone " Day 12:00 – 2:00pm	8 Midterm	9 Midterm	10 Midterm	11 End of Low Grade Counseling session...	12
"YANA in support of students during Midterms"						
13	14 Holiday – Columbus Day!	15	16 Peer Mentor-Information Table/ Quad Area 10:00 – 12:00	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 "ASK the Counselor" cafeteria/peer mentor corner... 12:30 – 2:00	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
"Appreciate Diversity Week"connection to SGA Spirit week!						
			Peer Mentor IB – East Wing Hall 10 – 12:00			

Calendar for SGA Activities (October)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Workshop "Teen Pregnancy & Abstinence" LECTURE HALL		3 Workshop "Campus Safety" Policies, Rules, Regulations -Drug Free; Graffiti and Bullying LECTURE HALL	4 	5
6 	7 MIDTERMS	8 MIDTERMS		10 MIDTERMS	11	12
13	14 HOLIDAY 	15 Workshop "Tutorial, Counseling & Student services" LECTURE HALL	17 Workshops "Money Management & Budgeting" LECTURE HALL	19		9
20	21	22 Workshop "Alcohol and Drunk Driving" LECTURE HALL		24 Workshop "Living Healthy" LECTURE HALL "A" papers Competition no. 2		
27 	28 School Spirit Week "Disney" For ALL Students, Faculty, & Staff	29 School Spirit "Super Heroes vs. Villains" Costume Contest	30 School Spirit Pink-Cancer Awareness Costume Contest Competition no. 3	31 Trick-0-Treat Community Children ASCC ENTRANCE		

Student Government Association

Halloween week is next week! Participate to win monetary prizes! Must have your student ID to participate.

Monday: Disney Characters

Tuesday: Super Heroes vs. Villains

Wednesday: Wear Pink Day

Thursday: Trick-o-treat, be anyone you want!

Happy Halloween Everyone!



Scholarship Opportunities



Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Visit faculty representative, Emilia Le'i, the Dean of Student Services for more information.

Application Deadline: January 28, 2014

Information and instruction can be found at:

<http://www.act.org/goldwater/apply/files/ApplicantInfoandInstruction.pdf>



Jack Kent Cook Foundation seeks high-performing community college transfer students with financial needs for its Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

Visit the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation website:

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/> or see

Emilia Le'i, the Dean of Student Services for more information.

Application Deadline: January 28, 2014

GOT A LIBRARY CARD? GET ONE TODAY!



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.

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>

HIRING

Student Tutors for CAPP Math & English
(Embedded)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Have completed MAT 151, ENG 150, and/or ENG 151 with a "B" or better grade.
- OR -
- Placed in MAT 151, ENG 150, and/or ENG 151 via Placement Exam or SAT.
- Write a 100 words essay explaining your interest in becoming a CAPP Tutor.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in becoming an Embedded tutor for CAPP Math & English, stop by and pick up an application from Victor Ualesi at the Office of Academic Affairs or the following CAPP advisors for further inquiries:

- Mrs. Letupu Moananu (CAPP Math Advisor)
- Mrs. Elisapeta Fa'alafi (CAPP English Advisor)

PAYING \$5.00/hour at
20 hours/week

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

October 8, 2013

ASCC Networks with High Schools at College Readiness Workshops

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

In order to update instructors and counselors in the territory's public and private high schools on the placement processes for students entering the American Samoa Community College (ASCC), and to familiarize them with the ASCC College Accelerated Preparatory Program (CAPP), the College's Department of Academic Affairs recently hosted two open College Readiness Workshops to outline the procedure by which incoming students test into English and Math classes appropriate to their existing skill levels, and to explain the purpose and methods of the CAPP Program.

One workshop on placement and CAPP classes in Math took place on Thursday, September 26th, and a corresponding workshop on placement in English courses was held one week later on Thursday, October 4th. Attendees included staff from Leone High School, Tafuna, Nuuuli Voc Tech, Kanana Fou, Fasao/Marist, and the Department of Education. Staff from Academic Affairs and CAPP explained how incoming students to ASCC have the option of submitting their SAT scores or taking the ASCC entrance exam. The SAT scores or entrance exam results determine whether the student is routed to either college-level courses (typically numbered 150 and above) or remedial classes in English and/or Math. The workshops included a general description of the content area covered in the ASCC entrance exam, which is comparable to standard college entrance exams used across the United States, as well as advice on how students can best prepare for it.

To best serve students who test into remedial English and Math classes, ASCC introduced its College Accelerated Preparatory Program during summer 2012. Rather than attend a combination of classes under and above the 150 level, as had taken place in the

past, students in CAPP focus solely on their pre-150 English and Math courses, which are taught at an accelerated schedule. Rather than meeting three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or twice on Tuesday and Thursday, CAPP classes meet daily for a minimum of 1 hour and 20 minutes for six weeks. Under CAPP, students can finish two remedial level classes in a semester at the same pace it would have previously taken to complete one. When a student has passed all of the required remedial classes, then he/she can enroll in the 150 and above courses, having secured the academic prerequisites.

Helping students progress as quickly as possible through remedial courses became an especially urgent priority for ASCC when new federal regulations stipulated that financial aid will cover no more than twelve semesters (or six years) towards completion of a bachelors (BA) degree. The average ASCC student may take between two to 3.5 years to complete an associate in arts (AA) degree, and the quicker this goal is reached, the more semesters he/she will have while still eligible for federal financial aid to fulfill the rest of the requirements towards the next level degree, the BA. With CAPP giving students the opportunity to move through necessary remedial courses at an accelerated pace, this gives them greater assurance of their financial aid lasting through the remainder of their studies towards an AA at ASCC, as well as towards a subsequent BA, either in the ASCC Teacher Education Department, or majoring in another subject area at an off-island university.

"Given the new financial aid requirements, our fellow educators in the territory's high schools have taken a greater interest than ever in seeing their students do

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October 8, 2013

ASCC Networks with High Schools at College Readiness Workshops (Continued)

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

well on the ASCC placement test,” said the College’s Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Irene Helsham. “Those who joined us for the workshops now also have a clear understanding of how CAPP works, which they can in turn share with their students. I’m always grateful when those in the local education community take an interest in our procedures at ASCC, which we are always willing to clarify, especially for the benefit of students.”

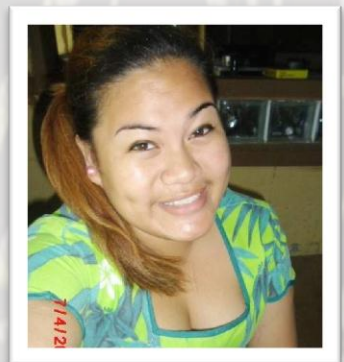
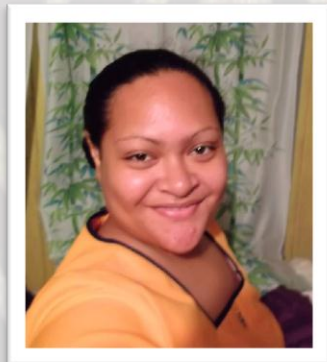
For more information on ASCC, visit the College’s web page at www.amsamoa.edu.



ASCC students Deidra Tusani (left) and Poyer Ah See take a moment to informally consult with CAPP instructor Mrs. Ethel Sokimi. ASCC recently held to College Readiness Workshops to familiarize instructors, counselors and administrators in the territory's high schools with the College's entrance procedures and placement policies for Math and English classes. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

Tutors of the Month

Congratulations to the SLA Center’s Tutors of the Month! English Peer Tutors Maria Larriane Magalasin and Siuila Uele, and Math Peer Tutors Wittenberg Mariner, and Cherylyn Lolua are recognized for their excellent work for the month of September. Good job.



Student Reviews

Gravity

Review by: Adi Tuato'o

Opened in Theaters: October 4, 2013

Gravity is about a space mission that goes horribly wrong and sends our main characters into the silent and scary space, not in a ship, just them in their astronaut suits floating in space.

When *Gravity* opens, it starts with a long shot of Earth; it is visual and very beautiful. It is not a fast paced movie, and it is not supposed to be. It is the kind of film you go in relaxed and enjoy the beauty of space. Some people might be put off with their expectations, but with the right mindset, *Gravity* is an enjoyable film. Overall: *Gravity* is the kind of film that needs savoring while you watch it, it shows you the beauty of space, as well as how scary it is. It's best not to go in expecting an action movie.



The Purge

Review by: Nehemiah Sagiao

DVD Release: October 8, 2013

In 2022, America is reborn with a new government. Every year, people are allowed to engage in any kind of crime, including murder, for 12 hours without being punished. Medical services, fire departments, and police departments are to be suspended for those 12 hours. This new law is called "The Purge." The film revolves around the Sandin family who are confronted by a group of college students hunting a man on the night of the Purge. A man the Sandin family had allowed into their home after lockdown. The "Purgers" drastically try to break into the family's home causing James (Ethan Hawke) and Mary (Lena Headey) to protect their children from the invaders in order to survive the night. Will James and Mary give up the stranger to the "Purgers" in order to save their family or will they die protecting their children as the invaders "Purge?" If you're a fan of thrillers, you'll love "The Purge," it is a great movie.



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: ascc41newsletter@gmail.com. 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: “Cafeteria”

Ever wondered about the cafeteria opening late or tried the food there yet? Here are some thoughts from various students on campus who have.

“The cafeteria should’ve been open before the semester started, yet due to whatever circumstances it was closed for some time. I do hope this does not happen again and that whoever is in charge of the cafeteria being closed should put more effort into opening it. After all, what is a school without a cafeteria?”

Visa Vaiau
Continuing Student



“The prices are a bit reasonable. My only real concern is that a few plates were distributed the first few days that contained raw food. Since they took forever to open up, the least they could’ve done was have the food to be prepared and cooked well.”

Jessebeth Ropeti
Continuing Student

“The cafeteria prices are a little steep for my budget, and I think a lot of other students feel the same. The sooner they figure this out, the better. Other than that, I’m not complaining. It’s also nice to hear some tunes playing for a change. Hope to see a menu soon, so I can see what else they have to offer.”

John Jr. Pu’e
New Student



Got an opinion about a hot subject on campus? Drop by 411 Editor Katrina Garcia’s office or email her at ascc41newsletter@gmail.com. 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”



Jessica Tuiletufuga
Hails from Masefau
Liberal Arts Major
Job/Club: Former
New Generation
dance member.



Favorites:

- Movie: 50 First Dates
- Book: The House of Night Series
- Singer: Beyonce
- TV Show: Pretty Little Liars
- Food: Cheeseburgers
- Sport: Volleyball



Something interesting about Jessica:

“I am running for the Miss American Samoa 2013 – 2014.”

What Jessica does outside of school:

“Catch up with my TV series or watch movies.”

Where do you see yourself a few years from now?

“Graduating with my BS in Travel Industry and Management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.”

Advice she has for you:

“Stay focused in college and surround yourself with positive people.”

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

ascc411newsletter@gmail.com.

Student Corner

Student Polls

What did you do to prepare for midterms?

- Study – 42%
- Relax – 23%
- Find ways to cheat – 15%
- Other 20%

Do you know about the SGA Workshops?

- Yes – 10%
- No – 85%
- Not interested – 5%



Painting by Sarojni Singh
ASCC Student

Word Search – Math

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Word of the day:

Onerous adj. Involving heavy obligations. Involving a burdensome amount of effort and difficulty. “The court’s stipulations were onerous.”

“A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.”

- Confucius