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411 Newsletter

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"



**2013 Fall Issue:
Oct. 28 – Nov. 1**

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

Happy Halloween

It's Spirit Week here at ASCC, we hope you have your costumes ready to win prizes. Enjoy the week and stock up on the candy goodies!



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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.

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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.”

Activity line up for the Counselors

A variety of activities like “Ask the Counselors,” “Appreciate your Diversity,” and the “Peer Mentor Table.” Keep an eye out for these tables in the cafeteria throughout the week. Get all the information you need and expect some freebies when you sign in and participate.

Counselor Contact/Location

Annie Panama
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Counselor
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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.



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. The 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.



More Student Services on Campus



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.

SGA – Spirit Week

<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Wear PINK Day</p>	<p>Thursday</p> 
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Bring your costume to the Amphitheater outside the Cafeteria from 12 – 1 p.m. You could win prizes for the best costume each week. Must have your student ID to participate.

Scholarship Opportunities



Barry Goldwater Scholarship

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

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

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 18, 2013

ASCC/SGA Hosts Topical Workshops

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Student Government Association (SGA) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) encourages professionalism and improved quality of activity and service for the student population by providing academic and social activities. This semester, to help diversify the learning opportunities available to all ASCC students, the SGA is hosting a series of workshops this month on a diverse selection of topics ranging from Professional Development to Money Budgeting to Living Healthy. The workshop series, now in progress, features speakers from both on-campus and community organizations.

“The purpose of these workshops is to let students be aware of the importance of different committees on and off campus, and the value of getting involved with them while in college,” explained SGA President Theresa Togia. “Besides the valuable work these committees do, each of them sets an example of how goals can be achieved by people working together.” Since the series got underway at the beginning of October, the workshops have drawn not only SGA members, but also participants in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Peer Mentors, the College Research Foundation and interested members of the general student population.

The series has included two workshops a week, opening with a presentation on Professional Development featuring contributions from ASCC Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff-Belle, Dean of Student Services Dr. Emilia Le’i, Chief Financial Officer Emey Silafau and counselor Annie Panama. The second workshop of the week was an Introduction to the American Samoa College Research Foundation given by Matesina Willis and Tiare Tupua. For SGA Treasurer Josephine Yandall, the Foundation workshop offered insights into how a student or alumni can make contributions other than money to a good cause. “It was interesting to learn that with an organization like the Foundation, I can contribute my time and resources to help my school,” she said. “Until I get a high paying job and can donate money, I can still donate my time and assistance.”

For the third workshop, ASCC Chief of Security Misi Tauai gave a talk on Campus Safety. Tauai’s presentation made a strong impression on SGA Treasurer Visa Vaiau, appreciated the campus safety procedures. “We learned the rules and

regulations of ASCC, and how disciplinary hearings and suspensions can result for those who don’t follow them,” said Vaiau. “I will definitely adhere to the rules and make my school life here safe and enjoyable.” Fourth in the series was an overview of Tutorial and Counseling Services available to all ASCC students, presented by counselors Maria Kim-Lagafuaina, Kayla M. Sauafea and Lyndia Tinitali, and the fifth workshop was given by ASCC Business Department chairperson Dr. Faofua Faatoafe, who shared her expertise on Money Budgeting

Workshops still to come include, Tunoa Peleti of DHSS presenting on Alcohol and Drunk Driving, and Travis Fleming, Community Nutritionist with CNR, offering insights into Healthy Living. SGA President Togia said she hopes the series will help ASCC students broaden their awareness, which in turn aligns with the SGA mission to motivate students to stay in school, further their education, and succeed in life. “This has really opened my eyes to the bigger picture and taught me about the value of teamwork,” she reflected.

For more information on ASCC, visit www.amsamoa.edu.



Following the conclusion of a workshop on Guidance & Counseling, members of the ASCC Student Government Association congratulate (seated 1-r) Maria Kim-Lagafuaina, Lyndia Tinitali and Kayla M. Sauafea of the Division of Student Services. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

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ASCC PRESS RELEASE

October 21, 2013

ASCC/PTK Fall 2013 Induction

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) chapter of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honors Society welcomed 18 new members during its fall 2013 induction ceremony this past Friday, October 18. With chapters at community and junior colleges across the United States and its territories, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages excellence in scholarship among associate degree students. The Greek words Phi Theta Kappa mean wisdom (Phi), aspiration (Theta) and purity (Kappa). The society bases its programs on its four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

Family and friends, including ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Irene Helsham, packed the ASCC Lecture Hall for the ceremony, as the PTK celebrated the scholastic achievements of the College's "best and brightest". The theme for this semester's induction was "Today's Determination Brings Tomorrow's Success", a theme expanded upon by special guest speaker Mr. Joey Cummings, General Manager of radio stations KHJ and V103, and himself a former PTK member. The ceremony also included a stirring performance of the PTK theme song by PTK alumni Tony Tuigamala, followed by the traditional lighting of candles representing the "flame of knowledge" by the inductees, followed by their reciting the oath of allegiance to the PTK.

This semester's inductees are Destinee Afalava, Anna Imelda Afoa, Nikolao Alo, Olita Laumua Hollister-Godinet, Jireh Kruse, Filoisamoa Langkilde Jr., Tufanua Mase, Ella-Monique Misa, Mellody Parungo, Togasi'i Peter Peko, Paul Alaituasivi Saulo Jr., Talimeli F. Taufete'e, Jessica Tuiletufuga, Anthony Tuiolosega, Chastity Tuiolosega, Merieni Maryann Tupuimatagi, Siuila Uele, and Zihao Zeng. They will join current members Marietta Lafaele (President), Sia Niupulusu (Vice President), Maria Magalasin (Secretary), Wittenberg Mariner (Treasurer), Easter Kim, Peniamina Tai'I, Seong Hee Kim, Yeseul Kang, Nyrese Pato, Fa'afetai Ifopo, Moya Beyer, Leli'a Mona Chang, Salani Leota, Zerahamla Mamea.

Each semester, PTK advisors Toaiva Fiame-

Tago, Evile Feleti, Anthony Felise, Kuki Tuiasosopo, and Evelyn Fuean review the ASCC Dean's List and other relevant data to determine which students qualify for the membership in the Society. At ASCC, PTK nominees must have taken at least 12 credits, passed their English 150, English 151 and Math 90 classes, and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Qualifying students receive an invitation to join PTK, and most of those invited readily accept the offer.

Phi Theta Kappa provides more than \$35 million worth of scholarships annually to student members nationwide. Each member is automatically nominated for inclusion in the prestigious National Dean's List, and is also enrolled in the PTK Transfer Database, which links senior institutions across the nation offering scholarships to PTK members. For more information on the Phi Theta Kappa Honors society, visit their webpage at www.ptk.org.



Joey Cummings (center, standing), General Manager of radio stations KHJ and V-103, visits with advisors and members of the ASCC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society following the fall 2013 PTK induction ceremony this past Friday. Cummings was guest speaker at the ceremony, during which 18 new members were inducted into the PTK. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

PTK Induction Photo Collage

(Photos Courtesy of James Kneubuhl)



ASCC PRESS RELEASE

October 28, 2013

ASCC Holds Fourth Annual Student Science Symposium

By Kelly Anderson Tagarino, Sea Grant Extension Agent

Want to learn more about agriculture, molecular biology, and coral reefs? Then come to the ASCC Student Science Symposium on October 31, 2013 in the ASCC Lecture Hall at 12:30-2pm. You will hear from students who have conducted research both locally and nationally on some of the pressing issues of today. We live in a wonderful natural laboratory for studying best management practices in tropical ecology – a hot area currently due to the increasing pressures of climate change and human population growth. Areas of research include how to improve propagation of taro, swine viruses, and coral reef's response to sedimentation. Living on a steep-sloped island we can readily study the effects of land-use practices on our reefs, and hopefully from this learn how to improve both our land and our sea. The theme for this year's symposium is "Sustainable use now for a better future," and while the research topics are diverse they all relate directly to this theme.

Student Reviews

Escape Plan

Review by: John Jr. Pu'e

Opened in Theaters: October 18, 2013

Escape Plan is a mix of action and comedy. The two main characters in the movie are Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger. These characters alone can hold this movie up. The Escape Plan brings a humorous side to the well known Rambo and Terminator actors. Do not expect a highly intellectually designed plot, but it will tickle your fancy. I highly recommend this movie for anyone, especially if you are a fan of these two old-timer action stars.



Grand Theft Auto V

Review by: Adi Tuato'o

Developer: Rockstar North.

Publisher: Rockstar Games.

Rated M for Mature: Blood and Gore, Intense Violence, Mature Humor, Nudity, Strong Language, Strong Sexual Content, Use of Drugs and Alcohol

Players: 1. Online: up to 16.



Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas fans rejoice, we are going back to Los Santos.

Grand theft Auto V is a massive game with a vast environment that allows you to do just about anything from bike riding, car customizing, racing, running marathons, parachuting, to stealing a tank from a military base, and bank robbing. Like previous GTA games, GTA V has you play outlaws, but this time instead of just one main character, you now play as three, each having their own special ability and unique personality. Michael, a family man whose past might tear his family apart, Franklin, a young man trying to make it out of the hood, and Trevor, an old friend of Michael's and a total nut job. In the game you can switch to any character simultaneously that causes this *Google Earth* type zoom out and zoom in that has the camera go to the character you want to play. It is pretty cool.

Overall: Grand Theft Auto V is a great game to play and to add to your game collection. It has a great plot with great missions, and is a great game to play for the weekend, and now with GTA V online multiplayer, you'll never see the outside again.

Warning: if you are in a relationship, prepare not to talk to your Boyfriend (or Girlfriend) for quite a while because of this game.

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: ascc411newsletter@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: “Spirit Week”

Got your costumes ready for Spirit Week? Why or why not? Staff Siuila Uele, finds out what students are doing for Spirit Week this year.

Destinee Afalava: *“Yeah, sure! I would love to participate just to show school spirit.”*

Malelega Ah-Kau: *“No. Sorry. I was not aware of such activities.”*

John Faleafine: *“I would like to participate because it sounds like fun and there is a monetary prize for the winner, but I don’t have money to buy a nice costume to win the money.”*

Paul Roache: *“No. I don’t want to look stupid waiting at the market or riding the bus. I don’t want people to make fun of me in my costume.”*

Jasmine Muasau: *“Yes, I am really looking forward to participating in next week’s spirit week, particularly Thursday’s costume day.”*

Miranda Galo: *“No, I don’t want to dress up for Halloween.”*

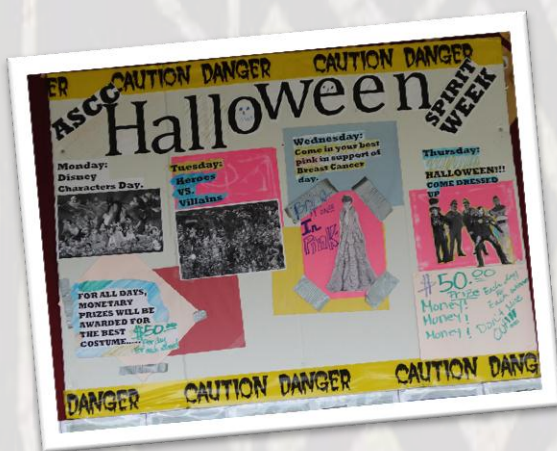
Peter Schuster: *“Yes, I am going to participate on Pink Day (Breast Cancer Awareness Day), and I am excited to be “Wreck-it-Ralph” on Costume Day (Thursday.)”*

Sabrina Uele: *“No, I really don’t like costumes, and I really don’t like Halloween, but I love candy.”*

Marlene Teone: *“Oh yeah! Me and my sister already planned all our costumes for next week.”*

Adolf Petaia: *“I only want to participate on Tuesday and Thursday. I want to be Superman on Tuesday. On Thursday, I am going to dress up as a vampire.”*

Ian Penalosa: *“Yes, I am going to participate for sure on Wednesday. I want to come pink from head to toe, even my hair, because my aunty is a survivor from breast cancer for two years now.”*



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”

Siana-Marie Ulufale
From Futiga/Iiili
Criminal Justice Major
18 years of age

Favorites:
Movie: The Notebook and
Despicable Me
Sport: Rugby
Restaurant: Zippy’s
App Google Play Store
Junk Food: Ice cream
Subject: History



Something interesting about Siana:

“I am defensive and I don’t change myself for anyone.”

What Siana does outside of school:

“Anything fun.”

Where do you see yourself five years from now?

“Back in Hawaii, continuing school and/or working.”

Advice she has for you:

“Work hard and don’t give up on your goals and dreams.”

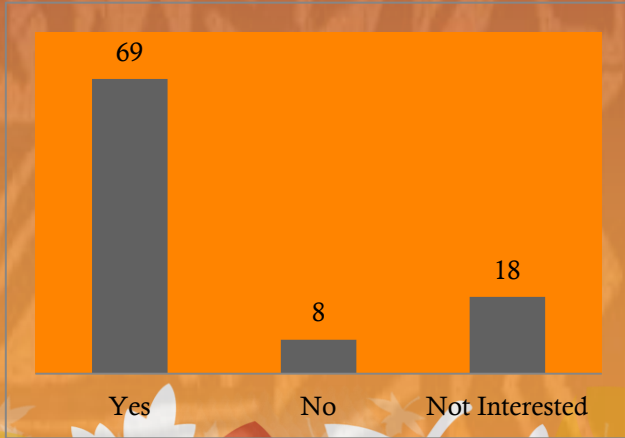
Get to know your peers through the 411’s “Chief of the Week.” Every issue will have a different student. All featured students that make the 411 will go into a drawing at the end of the semester to win a prize. Pick up a form to fill out from the S.L.A. Center or ask for one via email to

ascc411newsletter@gmail.com.

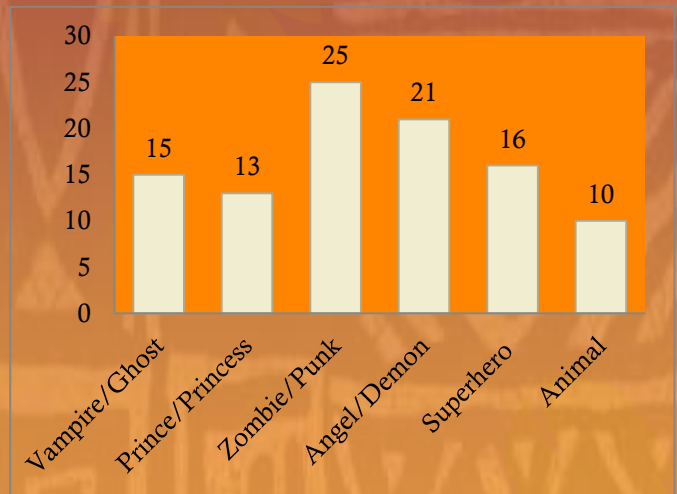
Student Corner

Student Polls

Are you aware of the SGA Spirit Week?



For costume designs, which category will you most likely be in?



Student Polls by Visa Vaiau & Jessebeth Ropeti

Word Search – Halloween

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Word of the day:

Dubious adj. Hesitating or doubting. Not be relied upon; suspect. "He seemed dubious about the idea."

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

- Albert Einstein