

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES



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Weekly Information Bulletin
"Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus"
December 21, 2009 to December 25, 2009

Quote of the week:

"When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers"

~ Kenyan proverb

STUDENTS!

Tuesday (12/15/09) Regalia/Graduation Invitation – 9am @ Gym
Picture taking☺
Wednesday (12/16/09) Rehearsals: 9am @ Gym
Thursday (12/17/09) Graduate's Banquet & Awards @ old Equator – 5:00pm
Friday (12/18/09) GRADUATION: ASCC Gym @ 9:00am
Refreshments during line-up

***Faculty breakfast - Friday (12/18/09) 7:30am
Please pick up tickets from Mana'o at ASCC Cafeteria**

ACADEMIC REMINDERS:

Priority registration for ELI – December 15th and 16th

- **FINALS** – December 14th, 15th, & 16th for Level #100 or above

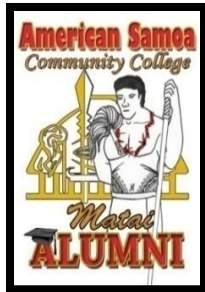
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NEED YOU HELP WITH GRADUATION DECORATION! ☺

INSTITUTE OF TRADES & TECHNOLOGY

ITT Computer Lab C will be available for students (and ASCC staff and faculty if needed) for use this week (December 12, 2009). There will be a lab monitor on site to assist students from 9:00am - 1:00 pm.

For more information please contact Tina Tapua'i at 699-9155 ext.325 or email: (t.tapuai@amsamoa.edu)



Next Meeting: 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!**☺

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 Assistance 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.

*After 1 week of holding on to checks, Business Office will mail out the student's checks to their existing addresses. **So please pick up your F/A checks ASAP.**

"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. **PLUS!**
For our Halloween sale, all our **ORANGE clothing** is **60% OFF!** So, get them while they last☺



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Credit & Collections

To all students with outstanding balances for the month of October, please make arrangements to get this matter resolved immediately. Your immediate response to this matter is greatly appreciated. Give us a call or stop by our office for any inquiries and/or payments. *Vaesavali Ta'ala, ext.342*

(v.taala@amsamoa.edu), Carmen Umi ext.342 (c.umi@amsamoa.edu), Enele Seumanutafa ext.389 (e.seumanutafa@amsamoa.edu)

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 Panama (a.panama@amsamoa.edu) ext.362; Mark Mageo (m.mageo@amsamoa.edu) ext.326; Mary Taufete'e (m.taufete'e@amsamoa.edu) ext.377; Matesina Willis {m.willis@amsamoa.edu} 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

- **YANA – You Are Not Alone!**

- Don't be scared...don't be ashamed... come talk to me☺



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 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. 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



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iii.	Birth Certificate and/or US Passport
iv.	Social Security Card
d. Attendance form (complete with signatures from instructors)	
5. If you are not sure of your financial aid status be sure to stop by the financial aid office and see the appropriate counselor.	

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.

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

Deadline: December 29, 2009

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



WHICH BENEFITS ARE YOU USING?

POST 9/11 VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2008

MONTGOMERY GI BILL – ACTIVE DUTY

MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



POST 9/11 BENEFITS- Can pay some or all of your tuition. Provides a housing allowance for resident training. Provides a stipend for books and supplies. If you are active duty, it will pay all of your tuition and fees no matter the cost. Please see your School certifying official if you have any questions. There are certain requirements to meet all the criteria for payment of each of the above. Yellow ribbon is also a benefit of Post 9/11; however some schools may have limited participation.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL- ACTIVE DUTY- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on the number of years of active service and your rate of pursuit, kicker or buy-up.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL-SELECTED RESERVE- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on rate of pursuit and kicker. Requires a six year contract with the Reserves or National Guard and actively drilling.

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Your rate is based on the number of years of aggregate active service and your rate of pursuit, kicker.

DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- Provides a monthly stipend to go to school. Students with this benefit are a spouse or child of a veteran who is permanent and totally disabled or determined to be unemployable. **Not to be confused with Transfer of entitlement for spouses and children of active duty persons transferring Post 9/11 entitlement.**

Please contact Mrs. Fuala’au Lancaster at 699-9155 ext.426 or email: f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu for any questions regarding VA benefits.

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.

Have a great week and remember...always say “Thank you” ☺



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