

BIOGRAPHY

American Samoa Community College Board Members

D.Ed Uta, L. Tagoilelagi **Chairman** **Fagasa, American Samoa**

Dr. Uta is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education a position he held since 2007. In addition is the Director, Office of Protection and Advocacy for persons with disabilities during Governor Togiola's Administration, 2007. He held a variety of appointments with the American Samoa Government. In the Governor's Office, he was appointed: Commissioner of Insurance, Special Assistant to the Governor for Boards and Commissions, and the Governor's Liaison to the Legislature of American Samoa. Dr. Uta has been an Educator and has served with distinction as Director, of Education, Deputy Director Personnel and Community Services, Assistant Director of Secondary Schools, Director of Testing and Evaluation, High School Principal/Assistant Principal/Teacher and Television Instructor during Governor Rex Lee's administration. He also sits in the following Boards/Commissions as appointed by Governor Togiola: Chairman, Read to Me Samoa Council; Chairman, Amerika Samoa Humanities Council; and Chairman, Registration Board.

Dr. Uta received his Doctor of Education in Education Administration from Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1983; Master of Education in Secondary School Administration from Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1978, and a Bachelor of Science from the Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, OK, 1966.

He is currently residing in the Village of Fagasa, American Samoa.

Mr. Pemerika Tauiliili **Vice Chairman** **Iliili, American Samoa**

Mr. Pemerika Tauiliili is an appointed member of the Board of Higher Education and has been serving for over ten years in this capacity. He was elected and served as Chairman of the Board of Higher Education from 2004 until 2007, and is currently holding the position of Vice Chairman. He has earned a Master's degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1964. Prior to his appointment, he held various positions with the American Samoa Government; Dean/Director for Land Grant, American Samoa Community College, and in 1964 was Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Pemerika is retired and working on his 4th publication of Samoan traditional legends used by students of ASCC as reference to their Samoan studies. He was born in Leloloa, American Samoa, 1935. He enlisted in the United States Navy, 1954 where he met his lovely wife Sylvia Blomerly and has four children. They currently resides in the village of Iliili, American Samoa. He is a well-respected member of the Methodist Church, where he consults and teaches in Samoan traditional oratorical skills to the youth.

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Mr. Sapini Siatu'u
Board Member
Tafuna, American Samoa

Mr. Sapini is an appointed member of the Board of Higher Education for American Samoa Community College since 2006. He is a retiree of the American Samoa Government. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Sapini was held a cabinet member of Governor and held the position of Director, Human Resources of the American Samoa Government from 1963-2001. His is also a Board Trustee for the Board of Humanities, American Samoa. He graduated from College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration.

Born in Olosega, Manu'a, 1936 and currently residing in Tafuna, American Samoa. He was married to late Ms. Alauni and has four children. He serves as Deacon of the Petesa Congregational Church, and is quite respected in this position through his community activities in promoting spiritual and healthy living among fellow church members and the youth.

Mrs. Mine Pase
Board Member
Tafuna, American Samoa

Mrs. Pase has been serving as a Board member for the Board of Higher Education since 2007. She held the position as Executive Director for Service Programs which provides assistance to youths of American Samoa for workforce and college opportunities from 2001 until 2011. She taught at the American Samoa Community College, 2001-2004, Kanana Fou High School, 1990-1998, and Leone High School, 1973-1974. During her career as an educator, she has published poems, religious journals, and articles related to Samoan community life. Mrs. Pase graduated from University of Hawaii with a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Mrs. Pase was born in Fagatogo, American Samoa and was married to the late Reverene Valentino Pase and has three children. She has receive a Theological Award in 1978, and was honored for her exemplary service with the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Church, American Samoa (CCAS). She is affiliated with the Kanana Foun Theological Seminary Board; Board member for the Kanana Fou Elementary School, Secretary for the Women's Fellowship for CCAS, and Chairwoman for Ecnemical Women's Work.