

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES
 "Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"
 January 23-27, 2012



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"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

-Abraham Lincoln

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WIN a free trip to attend the Center for Island Sustainability Conference!!

USDA Summer Student Employment Program!

Spring 2012 Academic Calendar

January-March

SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

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2012 Spring Academic Calendar

January 12-18.....	Add/Drop Period
January 16.....	HOLIDAY-MLK's Birthday
January 17.....	Instruction Begins
January 17-18.....	Late Admissions & Late Registration
January 19-27.....	Administrative Drop Period
January 19-Feb 03.....	Drop Only Period
January 24-26.....	ASTEP Registration
January 27.....	ASTEP Late Registration
January 30.....	ASTEP Instruction Begins
January 30-31.....	ASTEP Add/Drop Period
February 1-3.....	ASTEP Administrative Drop & Drop Only Period
February 6-March 9.....	ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W"
February 6-March 23.....	Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W"
February 13.....	Deadline for Low Grade Reporting
February 20.....	HOLIDAY-Presidents Day
February 24.....	2012 Spring Semester Graduation Application Deadline
March 5-8.....	Mid-Term Examinations
March 12-16.....	Spring Break
March 19-30.....	ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"
March 26-April 13.....	Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES:

Deadline for Spring Graduation is February 24, 2012

COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE

(located in the Cafeteria)

➤ *Personal and Academic Counseling / Career Counseling / YANA*

- 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 Academic Counselor- Allison Hurst or call 252-YANA (9262) or email:

yana@amsamo.edu

- Students seeking assistance in resume writing or job coaching



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➤ *Transferability Counselor*

Prospective graduates of Spring & Fall 2011 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

➤ *Diversity & Tutorial Counseling*

*If you have any problems seeing any of the counselors in person, you can contact them via interoffice extension: 362 or email: Matesina m.willis@amsamoa.edu , Annie a.panama@amsamoa.edu , Allison a.hurst@amsamoa.edu

STUDENT LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER



Tutorials (FREE)

- Students interested in getting tutored in any subject, please come see us at the Student Learning Assistance (SLA)Center☺

- All tutorials are free and appointments are made with Lydian Tinitali l.tinitali@amsamoa.edu , or any of the available staff members in the SLACenter.

Financial Aid Counselor

Students who need assistance with filling out their Financial Aid Application are encouraged to visit the SLACenter and see Mrs. Mana'o Vaovasa or call 699-9155 x461.

411 Newsletter

Departments, Offices, Students, Clubs etc, who wish to make announcements via the bulletin, please stop by and see Mrs. Deidra Saelua-Lualemana, or simply send info to d.saelua@amsamoa.edu

VETERANS AFFAIRS



VA Coordinator/ Student Employment (Non-Pell)

Public Law 112-56, VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2012

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On November 21, 2011, the President signed Public Law 112-56, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Included in the Law is the Veterans Retraining Program for unemployed veterans. VA and the Department of Labor (DoL) are working together to roll out this new program on **July 1, 2012**. A brief summary of the new law is outlined below:

- Be between the age of 35-60
- Be unemployed (as determined by the DoL) with special consideration given to veteran who have been unemployed for more than 26 weeks.
- Have any other than a dishonorable discharge.
- Not eligible for any other VA educational benefit program (e.g. the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Assistance).
- Not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability.
- Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program.



This program is limited to 99,000 participants who may receive up to 12 months of payments 2t the full-time Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty rate (currently \$1,473 per month). Participants must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school. The program must lead to an associate degree, non-college degree, or a certification and train the veteran for high demand occupation.

Applications will be submitted through DoL and benefits paid by VA. DoL will provide employment assistance to every veteran who participates, upon completion of their program. For more information contact Mrs. Fuala'au Rosie Tago Lancaster @ 699-9155 x426. Email: f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu, or visit the GI Bill website: www.gibill.va.gov. The Veteran Affairs/Student Employment Office is located directly behind the cafeteria.

Want the Chance to win a Free Trip or Conference Registration Fee* to Attend the Center for Island Sustainability Conference?

Who's Eligible:

Any full-time student from:

- American Samoa Community College
- College of the Marshall Islands
- College of Micronesia-FSM
- Guam Community College*
- Northern Marianas College
- Palau Community College
- UH Hawaii System (Colleges and UHHilo)



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Winner:

A winner will be chosen to represent their institution. The winner will receive a paid round-trip airfare from their island to Guam, 4-5 nights hotel accommodation (depending on flight schedules), and meal allowances.

Next Steps:

Write a 2,500 word essay on the topic of “Sustainable Island Communities”

Please ensure you include your name, College, and email address on the essay

Email it to Larry Gamboa, Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) Project Director at pacificpec@gmail.com, Subject Line should read: CIS Conference Essay

Please copy your Vice President of Academic Affairs

Deadline: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Judging:

- The essays will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Center for Island Sustainability Conference
- Participants should receive a **response** by **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

For more Information:

Questions or inquiries can be emailed to Larry Gamboa, PPEC Project Director at pacificpec@gmail.com

Whats your idea of a Sustainable Island Community?

**Summer Student Employment Program Announcement**

Opening Date: January 6, 2012

Closing Date: February 15, 2012

Announcement #: NRCS-PIA-12-01T

Available Positions: Natural Resources, Soil Conservation,
Soil Science or Ag Engineering

APPLY BY MAIL TO:

USDA/NRCS-PIA

300 Ala Moana Blvd.#4-118

P.O. Box 50004

Honolulu, Hawaii 9685

Attn: Tracy Sakato, HR

808-541-2600 x154

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Locations:

Selected students will work in one of the following USDA-NRCS Pacific Islands Area offices: Saipan (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); **American Samoa**; Aiea (island of Oahu); Hilo, Waimea, or Kealahou (island of Hawaii). Applicants must request location(s) of preference on their resume.

Background:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service Summer Student Temporary Employment Program is designed to provide students with career enhancing work experience. Students are employed in working field offices serving the conservation needs of local land users. Professional agency staff will provide orientation, training, and a comprehensive overview of careers in the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Students will be involved with productive, hands-on job assignments involved with the inventory, conservation and enhancement of the Pacific Islands Area's natural resources. Students are paid by the NRCS and must be willing to work a full-time schedule during the summer break.

Eligibility:

Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

- **What it Provides:** STEP allows temporary appointment of students. Positions can be filled in the areas of **Agriculture, Ag Engineering, Agronomy, Biology, Botany, Forestry, Natural Resources, Plant Science, Rangeland Management, Soil Conservation, Soil Science.**
- **Who is Eligible:** Eligibility requirements for STEP include:
 - Enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student in an accredited technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college or university, or graduate or professional school.
 - At least 18 years old and a U.S. Citizen.
 - Taking at least a half-time course load as determined by the academic institution.

Application Instructions:

Apply by mail to the contact address listed at the top of the announcement prior to the application deadline. Applications must be received in the office by the closing date. All applications must include the following:

Personal Resume

- Include the announcement number on the resume.
- Indicate the specific work location(s) and position for which you wish to be considered on your resume.
- Include all relevant work experience and outside activities on your resume.

Completed Form OF-306 Declaration of Federal Employment

- OF-306 form can be found at www.opm.gov/forms.

All College Transcripts

- Unofficial copy is permitted.

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- Applications submitted without transcripts at the time of application will not be given further consideration. Transcripts submitted separately will not be accepted.

Pay and Qualification Requirements:

State of Hawaii:

GS-3 - \$12.19 per hour – Completion of one year of study
 GS-4 - \$13.69 per hour – Completion of two years of study
 GS-5 - \$15.31 per hour – Completion of four years of study

Saipan and American Samoa:

GS-3 - \$11.95 per hour – Completion of one year of study
 GS-4 - \$13.41 per hour – Completion of two years of study
 GS-5 - \$15.00 per hour – Completion of four years of study

In addition to salary, employees on the islands of Oahu receive a cost of living allowance of 12.25%. Employees on the island of Hawaii receive a cost of living allowance of 6.24%. Employees on the island of Saipan, CNMI receive a cost of living allowance of 13.84%. Employees in American Samoa hired from outside of American Samoa receive a 25% post differential. NRCS employees in Saipan are exempt from federal income tax withholding, however, taxes are withheld and paid to the CNMI.

Transportation expenses for students recruited outside of the area of employment and a housing stipend may be available.

The USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap.

STEFFANY FAMILY MARITIME SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

This scholarship application must be completed & submitted to the Steffany Family Maritime Foundation Board (P.O. Box 21, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799) or hand delivered to a foundation board member by March 21, 2012. Incomplete or Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. ASCC college student that will be graduating in the Fall of 2011 or the **Spring of 2012**.
2. Attain a **Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.2**.
3. Meet the requirements for admission to the California Maritime Academy, including:
 - a. **2 years U.S History and social Science (American Government, World History)**
 - b. **4 years high school English.**
 - c. **3-4 years Math (Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, Pre-Calculus).**
 - d. **2 years Science with lab (1 Biological Science, 1 Physical Science).**
 - e. **2 years Foreign Language.**
 - f. **1 year Visual or Performing Arts.**
 - g. **1 year College Preparatory Course.**
 - h. **Provide a plan for meeting any deficiencies in the above requirements.**
4. Qualifying score on the SAT (as determined by CSU Marine).
5. Complete the attached Scholarship Application Form.
6. Complete a 200-400 word essay describing your interest and goals in the maritime industry.
7. Provide 5 Letters of Reference.

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- a. 3 letters from former or current teachers or counselors as academic recommendations.
- b. 2 letters from non-family members as personal character references

8. Provide an official copy of your high school grades or ASCC transcript.

**For more information regarding this scholarship offer, please stop by the Student Services Office near the cafeteria and ask for Sina Auva'a-Hudson or simply call 699-9155 ext. 376.

IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS

Saili le Atamai & Presidential Merit

Scholarship applications will be available at the Dean of Student Services Office, **Monday 1/30/2012**.
Deadline to submit your application is **February 17, 2012**
Please see the Dean of Student Services, Dr. Emelia Le'i for more information.

STUDENT ID'S!

Student ID's will be available beginning **January 23, 2012**. Visit the SGA Office for more information or contact them via interoffice ext. 341 or email Maxine @ m.tuiolemotu@amsamo.edu

Deadline to take your ID is **February 24, 2012**.

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**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PHI THETA
KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY?**

SIGN UP NOW!!!

Recruiting starts January 23 through February 2 from 9:00am-3:00pm

*We will also be taking orders for our Valentines Candy Grams ☺

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Applications will be given out in the Quad Area in front of TED Rms
ASTEP Students please email PTK_684@hotmail.com

REQUIREMENTS:

- Grade Point Average of 3.5 and up
- Completed English 150, 151 & Math 90
- Must have a minimum of 12 credits or more
- Have NOT broken any ASCC rules of conduct

UPCOMING PTK EVENTS:

Feb 2	First Meeting: Rm 18 @ 12:30pm
Feb 14	Valentines Day Candy Grams
Feb 17	Induction: Lecture Hall @ 7:00pm

REMINDER: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Students! Please know and understand that this policy is very crucial.

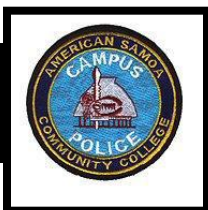
Zero Tolerance Policy

“As with any community educational environment certain policies are established to ensure health and safety of all the students and employees of the institution.

ASCC defines zero tolerance as: *the strict application of consequences regarding violation of ASCC’s rules on weapons, explosives, fighting, drugs, and alcohol. If a student is found to have violated any of aforementioned rules, then the consequences shall be applied without exception.*”

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.

CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION



Business Hours

699-9155 x305

After Hours

699-6299

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STUDENTS CORNER



Name: *Barbara Sikoloni*
Birthdate: *11/18/1990*
Age: *21*
Major: *Liberal Arts & Education*

Short-Term Goal: *Complete AA Degree in Liberal Arts then continue on with her BA in Education here at ASCC.*

Long-Term Goal: *Teach @ the Elementary or High School level. She wishes to give back to the community through this service ☺*

Word of the Day

Perspicacious (pur-spi-KAY-shuhs):

having keen mental perception and understanding; discerning

You are **perspicacious**, know the ways of the world, and are more tactful than most men of your age.

Weird Laws:

- ❖ *In Quitman, Georgia, it is illegal for a chicken to cross the road.*
- ❖ *In Miami, it is forbidden to imitate an animal.*
- ❖ *In France, it is legal to marry a dead person.*

FUN FACTS:

- When you are looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate, they do the same when you are looking at someone you hate.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- Most people who read the word "yawning" will yawn.

Thought for the Day

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about ☺

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HAVE A GREAT SPRING SEMESTER!!!



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