

**AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

June 25-29, 2012

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"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

Robert Collier

S.L.A.Center:

NEED A TUTOR???

Stop by the SLACenter and request one.

(located next to the cafeteria)

Hours: M-F 8:00-3:30

During Finals Week M-F 8:00-4:00

-Math -English -All other Subjects

**GREAT
OPPORTUNITIES!!!**

**American Samoa Bar Association
Legal Education Scholarship!**

**Important announcement from the
Admissions Office!! (page 4)**

411 FEATURES:

*STUDENT SERVICES
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
CAMPUS EVENTS/UPDATES
ASCC PRESS RELEASE
STUDENT'S CORNER*

2012 Summer Sessions

ASTEP 1st Session

May 31-June 1.....Administrative Drop & Drop Only Period
 June 4-15.....Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W"
 June 18-22.....Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W/F" or "W/NP"
 June 29.....1st Session Ends
 July 2.....1st Session Grades Due

Regular Session

June 13-15.....Administrative Drop & Drop Only Period
 June 18-July 6.....Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W"
 July 4.....HOLIDAY-Independence Day
 July 9-13.....Withdrawal Period to Receive "W/F" or "W/NP"
 July 20.....Instructions End ☺
 July 30.....2012 Summer All Grades Due

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ASTEPA 2nd Session

July 2.....	2 nd Session Begins
July 2-3.....	Late Registration
July 2-3.....	Add/Drop Period
July 4.....	HOLIDAY-Instructions End
July 5-6.....	Administrative Drop & Drop Only Period
July 9-20.....	Withdrawal Period to Receive a "W"
July 23-27.....	Withdrawal Period to Receive "W/F" or "W/NP"
August 3.....	2 nd Session Ends

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- Alison Hurst or call 252-YANA (9262) or email: yana@amsamo.edu



- Students seeking assistance in resume writing or job coaching are encouraged to visit the Career Counselor- Alison Hurst or email her at a.hurst@amsamo.edu

➤ **Transferability Counselor**

Prospective graduates 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@amsamo.edu , Annie a.panama@amsamo.edu, Alison a.hurst@amsamo.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☺

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SLA Center Hours: 8:00-3:30

***During finals, we will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm**

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

*Please refer to the attachment of the Tutorial Directory for more information on ALL campus tutorials.

*Also, attached are the tutorial schedules for all Tutorials in the SLA Center.

Financial Aid Counselor

Students who need assistance with filling out their Financial Aid Application are encouraged to visit the SLA Center 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, or simply send info to d.saelua@amsamoa.edu



VA Coordinator/ Student Employment (Non-Pell)

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

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 ages 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.

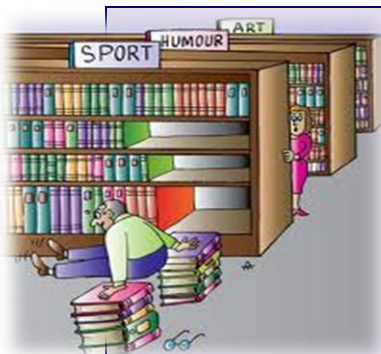
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Applications will be submitted through DoL and benefits paid by VA. DoL will provide employment assistance to every veteran who participates, upon completion of their program. *Note: The key is...must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a Community College or Technical School as stated above. The program begins July 1, 2012. Please visit the GI Bill website www.gibill.va.gov or GI Bill Facebook page for more details on when, where and how to apply.*

For more information contact Mrs. Fualau 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.



DEADLINE for Fall 2012 Graduation Applications is September 28, 2012. Be sure to mark your Calendars ☺!!!



How to make a Library Card

Stop by at 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

Notice: First time library cards are free of charge, but \$7.00 for a Lost Card.

Are you looking for information about Samoa and the Pacific Islands for your research paper?

The Library Special Collection Room has information that you need!
Hours: 7:30am - 4:00pm (Mon-Fri)
Check it out and find out more about the Samoan Islands, as well as other Pacific Islands!!!

Haven't decided where to continue your education???



University of Pittsburgh, Bradford

The University of Pittsburgh, Bradford is ideal for both domestic and International students. For those students who are "risk takers" and who would like to explore new and better opportunities....or

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would just like to experience the East Coast, please see Mand'o at the SLA Center or check out their website: <www.upb.pitt.edu> for more information!



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"FAAUTAUTA • FAAMAONI • AMIOTONU"

ANNOUNCEMENT **LEGAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP!**

If you graduated from an American Samoa high school or have personal ties with American Samoa and you are currently enrolled as a post-graduate law student in good standing, then you are eligible to apply for an American Samoa Bar Association Legal Education Scholarship grant for the 2012 - 2013 academic year. The ASBA will award a minimum of \$1,000 in scholarship grants this year.



To apply, please submit a resume or similar document that includes the following information:

1. The name of your high school and year of graduation,
2. If you did not graduate from an American Samoa high school, describe your personal ties with American Samoa,
3. The names of the colleges and universities that you attended, degrees attained, major courses of study, graduation date, honors, and grade point average at graduation,
4. The name of the law school where you are presently enrolled. If you are entering your first year of study, please provide written evidence of enrollment. If you are a returning student, please provide your year of study, honors, and current grade point average,
5. Describe your academic program, work experience, and extra-curricular activities, and
6. Provide a brief description of your law-related goals and plans for the future.

Please submit completed applications to Jennifer L. Joneson, Chair, American Samoa Bar Association Scholarship Committee, P.O.B. 3501, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799, tel. (684) 699-2100, fax. (684) 699-2105, or submit them via email to jennifer@rjvlaw.com.

Deadline: Please note that your completed application must be post-marked or received via email no later than June 30, 2012 in order to be considered.



ASCC Press Release

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

ASCC/SSS Educational Trip Encompasses Samoan Independence Celebration

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Student Support Services (SSS) Division at the American Samoa Community College organizes an "exploratory and education" trip once a year for qualified participating students, and this year's nine-day trip turned out to be especially significant in that it coincided with the Independent State of Samoa's 50th Anniversary

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Celebration. "Our students had the opportunity to witness a myriad of educational and cultural activities throughout the week of the celebrations," said SSS Director Dr. Repeka Alaimoana-Nuusa. "We witnessed the opening ceremonies, cultural events, and much more."



Federally funded under as a TRIO program, the SSS follows a specific mandate of helping low-income and first-generation students, including those with disabilities, to succeed in and graduate from college. Participants receive tutoring, counseling, and remedial instruction to assist them in completing college. The SSS strives to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next. A fixture at ASCC for more than 20 years, the SSS typically serves approximately 200 participants from the English Language Institute (ELI) per year.

16 SSS students qualified for this year's trip to Samoa, chosen based on their academic performance as well as participation in regular SSS activities. Alaimoana-Nuusa explained that the yearly educational trip fulfills the TRIO goals of exposing participants to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to disadvantaged students, as well as providing activities and instruction designed to acquaint students participating in the project with the range of career options available to the students. With these guidelines in mind, the SSS designed an itinerary which took in not only on Samoa's cultural aspects, but also on the educational, political and economic dimensions of the independent nation. "Quite a few of our students had actually never traveled to Samoa before," said Alaimoana-Nuusa, "so for them to observe the differences between their ways of doing things and ours was quite an eye opener."

Prior to the Independence celebrations, the traveling party, which included four SSS staff and one ELI instructor spent three days in Tafatafa, Falealili for a village immersion experience. They lived in a traditional village setting, with only limited modern resources like those back home, and experienced the richness of Samoan culture through oral presentations and touring of significant sites. Next, they toured the National University of Samoa and the Scientific Research Organization of Samoa (SROS), where numerous local resources have been discovered to produce excellent sources of fuel and oil. "We witnessed containers of coconut diesel oil being used for all the SROS vehicles," recalled Alaimoana-Nuusa. "We also bought avocado oil that is supposedly better than olive oil, and students were given the types of avocado (fuente and pinkerton) that produce the best and most useful oil for consumption. In another section of the SROS, local flour was being produced out of breadfruit and tapioca. These same crops grow in abundance in American Samoa, and tapioca is the main crop of our SSS plantation. After we viewed the SROS lab facilities, the young group of researchers there explained the need for Samoan researchers and encouraged our students to pursue careers in science and agriculture."

While the traditional and educational aspects of Samoa would prove memorable in themselves, it was the country's independence celebrations provided the students with a truly once-in-a-lifetime cultural experience, with its dizzying array of cultural concerts, parades featuring historical and modern floats, boat races, songs, dances, gospel concerts and much more. Besides the wealth of Samoan cultural activities associated with the event, the SSS students also witnessed the participation of other ethnic groups such as Chinese, Koreans, Europeans, other Pacific islanders, and even Africans. The timing of the visit proved particularly advantageous to two SSS students whose home villages had sent performing groups to Samoa for the festivities. These two students both participated in their villages' performances at Mulinuu before rejoining their fellow SSS travelers.

The trip may have ranged far and wide in its scope, but Alaimoana-Nuusa explained that a daily routine helped the students maintain a sense of continuity and keep it all in perspective. During their nine days in Samoa, daily activities for the SSS group included daily devotions, counseling, discussions, cultural participation and evaluations of daily activities. "Students did daily reflections each evening on their activities and they wrote reports and completed evaluations," said Alaimoana-Nuusa. With the SSS group now back home, she will assist the students in compiling a newsletter consisting of their reflections collected during the trip.

For more information on the SSS program at ASCC, visit:
<http://www.amsamoa.edu/academicssupportsss.htm>

ASCC-SSI Stages Successful Festival Performance Preview

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Samoan Studies Institute (SSI) held a special preview of the performances that members of the Students Association for Faasamoa (SAF) will give at this year's Festival of the Pacific Arts next month in the Solomon Islands. The performance took place this past Saturday, June 23, at 2 p.m. in the ASCC Gymnasium.

As previously reported in the local media, the SAF members were selected to join the contingent representing American Samoa at the Festival, and Saturday's performance reflected their wish to share their talents with their community and especially the many that have made it possible for them to make the trip. SSI Director Okenaisa Fauolo-Manila explained that the performance showcased the material the SAF students have been working on daily for the last several weeks. "We've divided our show into three sections, contemporary dances, traditional dances, and a mixture of the two. We're the only dance group that will represent American Samoa at the festival, so we strived to have as wide a variation as possible to our repertoire while still keeping it authentic."

In addition to the honor of representing their home, Fauolo-Manila stressed that the experience of attending the festival provides a unique educational experience for the SAF students. "Over the course of the preparations, the students have upped their game in terms of lifelong skills such as discipline, responsibility and the core Samoan values of respect and team work. From an academic perspective, experiencing the different cultures of the Pacific will bring to life the concepts we try to impart through SSI courses like Pacific History and Pacific Geography."

A total of 22 SAF students departed for the Solomon Islands this week, and the SSI staff accompanying them include Fauolo-Manila, performance leader Nunuimalo Apisaloma Toleafoa, instructor Sia Achica and cultural artist Patrick Mafoe. "We are very fortunate to have John Fanene, Valentino Faumuina, Valerie Faumuina and Loso Iaulualo also traveling with us to help with the music," said Fauolo-Manila. The SSI Director also expressed her gratitude to those who cannot attend the festival themselves but have helped make it possible for the SAF students to go. These include ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i, the Student Government Association and their advisor Maxine Tuiolemotu, counselor Annie Panama, and the ASCC maintenance staff who ensured the readiness of the SAF group's daily practice space.

"Of course we're also very grateful for the parents of these students for allowing them to make this important journey. We were honored when they joined us last Saturday so that we could share our performance with them as a small expression of thanks for their big help."

For more information on the 11th Festival of the Pacific Arts, visit www.festivalofpacificarts.com.



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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

Word of the Day

chockablock \CHOK-uh-BLOK\
adjective:

Extremely full; crowded; jammed

In a crowded manner: books piled chockablock on the narrow shelf. This town is **chockablock** with restaurants that are just clones of the same old themes.

The More You Know...

As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others' hearts. You'll fight with your best friend or maybe even fall in love with them, and you'll cry because time is flying by. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Life comes with no guarantees, no time outs, no second chances. you just have to live life to the fullest, tell someone what they mean to you and tell someone off, speak out, dance in the pouring rain, hold someone's hand, comfort a friend, fall asleep watching the sun come up, stay up late, be a flirt, and smile until your face hurts. Don't be afraid to take chances or fall in love and most of all, live in the moment because every second

you spend angry or upset is a second of happiness you can never get back.

LOGIC PROBLEM

A woman who lives in New York legally married 3 men. She did not get a divorce, an annulment, or legally separate. How is this possible?

Ans: She's a Minister ☺

FUN FACTS:

- 1) Hot water freezes quicker than cold water.
- 2) *The flag for Libya is unlike any other, being a solid green color!*
- 3) The dot on top of the letter "i" is called a tittle.
- 4) 90% of an iceberg sits under water.
- 5) Stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Thought for the day:

When life give you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile ☺



Have a great week ☺

(Pre-Festival SSI Performance Preview & SSS Samoa Trip)



Photos courtesy of Jim Kneubuhl