

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES



Weekly Information Bulletin  
"Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus"  
July 13, 2009 to July 17, 2009

**Quote of the week:**

***"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts"***

By: Winston Churchill

**ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE**

August 10-11, 2009	Placement Test for FALL
August 13, 2009	Late Placement Test
August 19-21, 2009	Fall Registration- New, Continuing, and Returning Students
August 24, 2009	Instruction Begins!!



**Summer 2009 Graduates need to fill out a graduation application form! Deadline for Fall 2009 Graduates is October 2, 2009.**

**Please pick up application at Admissions & Records Office. If you need further information please call 699-9155 ext. 411,318,380 or 379. "The sooner the better" 😊**

**ASCC Alumni: Next Meeting will be July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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](mailto:p.neueli@amsamoa.edu)}, Peteru LamYuen: 699-9155 ext.379 {[p.lamyuen@amsamoa.edu](mailto:p.lamyuen@amsamoa.edu)}, Amio Luvu: 699-1575 {[amio1@yahoo.com](mailto:amio1@yahoo.com)}, or Matesina Willis: 699-9155 ext.376 {[m.willis@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.willis@amsamoa.edu)}, for more information. Hope to see you there!

**Note: For all 2009 Summer Graduates, please fill out an "Exit Survey form" with the ASCC Alumni Counselor, Ms. Matesina Willis. Where? Student Learning Service Center (SLAC) located at the old Book Store before entering the cafeteria.**

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## BUSINESS OFFICE

\*Come check out our new merchandise at our campus Bookstore. We have items for 40% off!

\*If you have any questions pertaining to your tuition payment, please see Moala Mago or Benjamin Ah Siu at the Business Office.



## COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE: Located in the cafeteria

- ***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 ext. 362 {[a.panama@amsamoa.edu](mailto:a.panama@amsamoa.edu)}, Mary ext. 377 {[m.taufetee@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.taufetee@amsamoa.edu)}, Mark ext. 460 {[m.mageo@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.mageo@amsamoa.edu)} or Deidra ext. 376 {[d.saelua@amsamoa.edu](mailto:d.saelua@amsamoa.edu)}

- ***Tutorial (FREE)***

- Students interested in getting tutored in Math or English, see the Tutorial Counselor, Annie Panama.
- All tutorials are free and appointments are made with Annie Panama and Ms. Deidra Saelua at the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) ext. 376.

- ***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](mailto:yana@amsamoa.edu)

## President Obama Simplifies the FAFSA for You!!

In a statement today, the Obama Administration announced sweeping changes to the FAFSA. Families filling out the FAFSA will no longer have to go through such a painstaking process just to see if they qualify for aid. With the new changes, the online FAFSA will see a drop from 30 screens of questions to 10, according to [CNN](#). The goal, according to the press release issued today by the [U.S. Department of Education](#), is to "increase postsecondary enrollment, particularly among low- and middle-income students" through a more simplified process. Some of these changes have been put into effect already while the rest will span out over the course of a few months, culminating in the January 1, 2010 release of the newer, simpler FAFSA. For our ASCC students, please read more about this article at: <http://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/1295-president-obama-simplifies-the-fafsa-for-you>

## Financial Aid

**For all the students that are on Financial Aid, please pick up an attendance form from your Financial Aid Counselor at the Financial Aid Office.**

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**NEW**

## FASTER, FRIENDLIER FAFSA COMING IN 2010

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has announced the U.S. Department of Education is taking steps to make the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) shorter, simpler, and more student friendly. The changes-some of which are already in place while others will be phased in over the next few months-are designed to increase postsecondary enrollment, particularly among low- and middle-income students. Students and counselors can track the rollout of the new form at the FAFSA website.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS!!**

Attention all Students!! Register in this website and you'll discover a number of great scholarships offered by "FastWeb". Tuition is rising each year, so get in there and check out their Scholarship Matches!

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships>



**NOW AVAILABLE!**



APPLICATIONS FOR **FALL 2009**  
**FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM**  
ARE @ THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTER

**(located behind by the cafeteria next to School-to-work office)**

**ONLY STUDENTS THAT WILL BE**  
**ATTENDING FALL 2009**



**MUST BE A FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENT** and  
**NOT ON FINANCIAL AID PROBATION/SUSPENSION**



**(JOBS AVAILABLE ON AND OFF CAMPUS)**

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### **Student Government Association (SGA)**

If you are planning on becoming this coming school year (Fall SGA Advisor, M.Tuiolemotu at extension 449 or email:



an SGA representative or executive officer 2009-Spring 2010), please contact our 699-9155 ext.376, or leave a message at m.tuiolemotu@amsamoa.edu

### **VA Accepting Applications for Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits**

Washington (May 1, 2009)- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that Veterans can begin submitting applications online for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

“There is no better investment than education”, said Tammy Duckworth, VA’s assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs. “The Post-9/11 GI Bill will provide new opportunities that are essential to our Veterans, our workforce and our economy”.

Veterans, service members, reservists and National Guard members with active duty since Sept. 10, 2001, may be eligible for this benefit. Veterans will remain eligible for benefits for 15 years from the date of last discharge or release from a period of active duty of at least 90 continuous days.

Eligible applicants must have served for an aggregate period of at least 90 days since Sept. 10, 2001, or served at least 30 continuous days on active duty since Sept. 10, 2001, and received a discharge for disability.

Benefit payment rates range from 40 percent of the maximum benefit for a person with at least 90 days, but less than 6 months of aggregate service and up to 100 percent of the benefit for people with at least 36 months of aggregate service or 30 continuous days and a discharge due to a service connected disability. Prospective beneficiaries may apply online through the GI Bill Web site at [www.GIBILL.VA.gov](http://www.GIBILL.VA.gov).

Qualified Veterans will receive a “Certification of Eligibility” as well as additional information regarding benefits they may qualify for under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which will become effective on Aug. 1, 2009.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944. It provides eligible applicants with tuition payments to assist them in getting a college education. For many participants, it also provides a housing allowance and a stipend for books and supplies.

Information about the new program and VA’s other educational benefits can be obtained through [www.GIBILL.VA.gov](http://www.GIBILL.VA.gov) or by calling 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551). For ASCC Students, please call Mrs. Fualaau Lancaster at 699-9155 (ext.426), for more information.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK  
ALWAYS SAY “THANK YOU” ☺**

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