

Back to School!

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES
August 20-24, 2012

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"

Happiness does not depend on external factors; work to cultivate the kind of happiness that comes from within ☺

-Andrew Weil

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S.L.A.CENTER:

(located next to the Cafeteria)

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FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

FROM DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW



SGA CALENDAR OF ACTIVITES

August 20	School Begins
August 22-24	SGA Recruitment-New Members
August 27	Election of New Members
August 30	"Welcome back to school, Meet-and-Greet treat for ASCC Student Body": FaleSamoa@12:30pm-2pm
September 3	HOLIDAY-Labor Day
September 4	New/Continuing Clubs Sign in: Fale Samoa
September 7	Meeting with ASCC President
September 11	SGA Council Meeting
September 13	Club Campus Clean Up
September 18	Council Meeting on Congressional/Gubernatorial Forum
September 20	Club Rally Theme: "Tribute to Troops"
September 24-27	ASCC American Idol Competition
September 27	American Idol Finale
October 2	SGA Clubs: Field Games -Hot Dog Eating Contest -Apple Bobbing Contest
October 4	SGA/Marine Science: Save the Reef "Jingle" Contest: ASCC Gym
October 8	HOLIDAY: Columbus Day
October 9	SGA Council Meeting
October 9-12	Mid-Term Week
October 11	SGA Clubs Workshop "Starting a Business": Lecture Hall
October 16	Congressional Forum: ASCC Gymnasium 12:30-2:00pm
October 18	Gubernatorial Forum: ASCC Gymnasium 12:30-2:00pm
October 23	SGA Council Meeting with Miss ASCC Contestants
October 25	MTV Showdown: ASCC Gymnasium Performance by ASCC American Idol Winner
October 29-30	SPirit WEEK
October 31	HALLOWEEN SGA/Clubs Halloween Treats for ASCC Employees & Students
November 1	American Samoa Election Day
November 2	SGA Meeting with ASCC President
November 5	Miss ASCC Contestant's Photo Shoot
November 6	SGA Council Meeting
November 12	HOLIDAY: Veterans Day
November 13	Miss ASCC Contestant's Platform Presentation Lecture Hall
November 14	Miss ASCC Parade: ASCC Campus Luncheon with Media: ASCC Cafeteria
November 15	Miss ASCC Ava Competition: Fale Samoa
November 16	Miss ASCC Rehearsal: ASCC Gymnasium
November 17	Miss ASCC Pageant: ASCC Gymnasium
November 20	Field Games -Pie Eating Contest -FREE Thanksgiving Lunch
November 22	HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving
November 23-25	SGA Retreat
November 29	SGA Final Activity "Club Battle: Dance Competition"
November 30	Last Day of Instruction
December 3-5	Final Exams
December 3	Student Body Coffee Break

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December 4	Club Awards
December 5	Student Body Coffee Break
December 7	SGA Farewell Gathering
December 12	Prospective Graduates Banquet/Awards
December 14	ASCC Fall 2012 Commencement

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@amsamoa.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@amsamoa.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@amsamoa.edu , Annie a.panama@amsamoa.edu, Alison 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☺

SLA Center Hours: 8:00-3:30

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

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- 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

School To Work

**JOB COACHES
WANTED!!!**

Please see Ms. Dacia Taleni for more information or contact her via interoffice extension 449 or email her at d.taleni@amsamoa.edu

Student Employment Center (Non-Pell)

Students who are currently enrolled at ASCC but not qualified for the federal work study or Pell grant due to being born outside of American Samoa or the United States are eligible to apply for the Non-Pell Work Study. **Applications are available** at the Student Employment Center on a "first come-first serve" basis or see Mrs. Rosie Tago Lancaster at the VA Office behind the cafeteria for more information, or call 699-9155 ext. 426

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) WILL BE CONDUCTING 2 ORIENTATIONS!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- On Financial Aid
- U.S Citizen/U.S National
- Enrolled in ELI Regular/ CAPP
- ENG 80,81, 90, 91

Required Documentation

- Birth Certificate
- High School Diploma
- Social Security Card
- ASCC Course Schedule/Transcript
- Photo I.D
- Financial Aid Clearance



THURSDAY Aug. 30, 2012 & FRIDAY Aug. 31, 2012

**Courtesy of Student Services Division
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ALL DAY

Location: SSS LAB (Old Library)

SSS provides **FREE** unlimited services in:
Academic tutoring, academic and personal counseling, study hall and computer lab
for all **SSS Participants**.
Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm



Student Conference on Conservation Science Australia

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DON'T MISS OUT!!!

The **Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) - Australia** will bring together 100 post-graduate students from the Asia-Pacific region and elsewhere to develop their skills and forge lasting professional relationships in this, the most biologically and culturally diverse region in the world.

With successful initiatives expanding from [Cambridge](#) and into [Bangalore](#), [New York](#), and now Brisbane, the SCCS is the only international series of conservation conferences aimed entirely at students. The purpose of SCCS – Australia is to build a network of early career conservation science professional across the Asia-Pacific region, and to provide training in skills and tools for regional conservation scientists.

Where and when will it be held?

The inaugural SCCS-Australia conference, workshop and field trip program will be held at [The University of Queensland](#), in Brisbane, Australia, over **21st-31st January, 2013**.

The combination of a 3 day conference, 3 days of field trips and sightseeing in Brisbane and the surrounding region, followed by 4 days of training and workshops will provide students a unique and unforgettable experience that will create lasting networks and help launch their careers in conservation science.

Who can attend?

SCCS-Australia is open to post-graduate students from anywhere in the world with a focus on students within the Asia-Pacific region, including PhD (within one year of completion), MSc and final year undergraduate research students. We also welcome applicants who are not currently enrolled in a research degree but are working at a similar level in a conservation organisation. The program is designed for students pursuing studies within the field of conservation science, including (but not limited to) ecology, environmental science, resource management, geography, economics, and social sciences. Attendance will be capped at 100 students.

A total of 30 equity scholarships will be offered to cover the full cost of the attendance (travel, accommodation and registration) for students who meet the selection criteria and would otherwise not be able to attend due to financial hardship.

SCCS-Australia Important Dates

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29 June 2012: The online application process opens.

14 September 2012: the online application process is closed.

1 October 2012: Successful applicants for talks and scholarships are notified, and will be invited to register for the conference.

21 - 31 January 2013: Conference, workshop and field trip program.

The SCCS family is growing. Sister conferences continue in [Bangalore](#) in August 2012, [New York](#) in October 2012, and [Cambridge](#) in March 2013.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sccs-aus.org/>



Announcements from the Teacher Education Program!!

We are happy to announce that TED has opened its NEW building!!!

Building 7 is located next to our current building!!

Open house for all Education majors! Stop by our new office for a visit and meet the TED faculty! All are invited to tour our building!!!

We also welcome Ms. Shirley Delarosa to our department!



(Photo Courtesy of Jim Kneubuhl)

Dr. Larry Purcell and Mr. Sonny Leomiti have relocated to the new building. Other TED faculty offices are still located in the current building; Building 8.

Phone lines are still unavailable, but students can call the main office line 435 and leave a message.

B.Ed. applications are now available at our office (located on upper campus). Students who are interested are encouraged to stop by and pick up applications from there. Students must have either an AA or AS degree to apply. Funding is available for B.Ed. students.

See Dr. Lina Galeai-Scanlan, Director of Teacher Education for more information.



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

HIRING TUTORS!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!

Students who are interested in applying are encouraged to visit the Student Learning Assistance Center (located next to the Cafeteria) to pick up an application.

Qualifications:

- Currently Enrolled during Semester
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Pass course with an A or B+
- Must maintain academic standing

Deadline: August 23, 2012 @ 3:00pm.

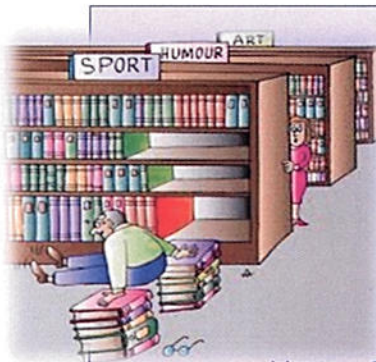
IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarship applications will be **available** at the Dean of Student Services Office, **8/27/2012**

Deadline to submit your application is **9/21/2012**

Please see the Dean of Student Services, Dr. Emelia Le'i for more information.



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.

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

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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Word of the Day

guff \guhff\, *noun*:

Empty or foolish talk; nonsense.

So don't give me any of your **guff**, young fellow. And don't think I'm sore. But I get tired of **guff** — I'll take it from a fool or from a book reviewer but I won't take it from a friend who knows a lot better.

FUN FACTS:

- 1) It would take 1,200,000 mosquitos to fully drain the average human body of blood.
- 2) *There is a poisonous plant that leaves the victim with a smile on their face at the time of death.*
- 3) If you put 2 straws in your mouth, one inside a drink & one outside, you won't be able to drink out of either!
- 4) *Cherophobia is a fear of fun!*
- 5) There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling Casinos!

The More You Know...

What goes around comes around

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was those chills which only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "And think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you." Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard...

She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying "What goes around comes around."

Thought for the day:
Enjoy the simple things in life ☺

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Have a great week ☺

(Pacific Arts Festival-Fashion Show)

