

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Weekly Information Bulletin

*“Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus”*

February 1, 2010 to February 5, 2010

**Quote of the week:**

*“Love won’t be tampered with, love won’t go away. Push it to one side, and it creeps to the other.”*

~Louise Erdrich

**H1N1 Flu Shots this Week!!  
When? TBA**

## University of Saint Mary (KS)



Dallas Thompson, America Samoa, USM Class of 2005

USM is dedicated to assisting young men in achieving their goals physically, mentally and spiritually.

We are a NAIA school located 30 minutes from beautiful Kansas City.

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## President Obama Proposes Capping Student Loan Payments at 10% of Discretionary Income

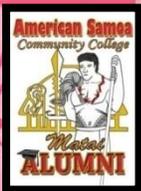
For more information, please visit: <http://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles>

### Spring 2010 Academic Calendar

<b>February 1 – March 12:</b> Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”	<b>April 5 – May 6:</b> 2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration (Clearances, Advising & Posting...All Steps)
<b>February 1-March 5:</b> ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”	<b>April 12-16:</b> <b>SPRING BREAK!</b>
<b>February 15:</b> HOLIDAY – <i>President’s Day</i>	<b>April 26-29:</b> ELI & Developmental Math Final Examinations
<b>February 19:</b> Deadline to Submit Make-up Work for Incomplete Grades	<b>April 30:</b> Instruction End
<b>February 19:</b> 2010 Spring Semester Graduation Application Deadline	<b>April 30:</b> Last Day to Completely Withdraw from ASCC
<b>February 22:</b> Deadline for Change of Grades for 2009 Fall Semester	<b>May 3-7:</b> <b>Final Examinations!</b>
<b>March 1-5:</b> <b>Midterm Examinations</b>	<b>May 3-6:</b> ELI 2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration (Clearances Advising & Posting...All Steps)
<b>March 1-5:</b> Low Grade Reporting Period	<b>May 7-12:</b> Early Add/Drop
<b>March 8-19:</b> ASTEP Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W/F” or “W/NP”	<b>May 10:</b> 2010 Spring Semester Graduates Grades Due
<b>March 15 – April 1:</b> Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W/F” or “W/NP”	<b>May 14:</b> <b>2010 Spring Semester Commencement</b>
<b>April 1:</b> ASTEP Instruction End	<b>May 19:</b> All 2010 Spring Semester Grades Due
<b>April 2:</b> HOLIDAY – <i>Good Friday</i>	

#### **Next Meeting: Thursday; Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010; Faculty Lounge @ 12noon**

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@amsamo.edu}, Peteru LamYuen: 699-9155 ext.379 {p.lamyuen@amsamo.edu}, Amio Luvu: 699-1575 {amio1@yahoo.com}, or Matesina Willis: 699-9155 ext.461 {m.willis@amsamo.edu}, for more information. **Hope to see you soon!☺**



**Notice:** For all 2010 & Fall Graduates, please fill out an “Alumni Exit Survey form” with the ASCC Alumni Counselor, Ms. Matesina Willis.

**Where?** Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC) located at the old Book Store before entering the cafeteria.

# SGA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2010

Feb 4	Club Rally- Gym @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Feb 5	SGA Meeting with ASCC President
Feb 9	SGA ACTIVITY TBA
Feb 11	SGA ACTIVITY TBA
Feb 13	SGA, Club Presidents, Peer Mentors, YANA- One day training 9am – 2pm; Lecture Hall/Group Bonding Activities 2pm – 5pm
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b> (President’s Day)
Feb 16	Speech Competition with clubs
Feb 18	Field Day
Feb 23	Guest Speaker(ZERO Tolerance) Lecture Hall; 12:30pm – 2pm
Feb 25	Guest Speaker(Drugs/Alcohol Abuse) Lecture Hall; 12:30pm – 2pm
<b>Mar 1-5</b>	<b>MIDTERM</b> / Low Grade Reporting Period
Mar 9-18	INTRAMURALS – Volleyball Females 9/11, Males 16/18;Gym 12:30pm-2pm
Mar 23	Club Meeting; Rm.27 @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 25	Math Competition within Clubs at Gymnasium-12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 26	SGA Meeting with ASCC President @ Faculty Lounge 12:30pm – 2pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting Rm.27 @ 12:30p – 2pm
Apr 1	Easter Egg Hunt @ Malae 12:30pm – 2pm
<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b> (Good Friday)
Apr 5-6	2010 Summer & Fall Priority Registration
Apr 6-9	-Mr. ASCC Week Promotion
Apr 10	-Mr. ASCC Pageant; Gym @ 7pm – 11pm
<b>Apr 12-16</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
Apr 20	Last Club meeting; Rm.27 @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Apr 22	Lecture Hall- Guest Speaker (College Transferability) @ 12:30pm – 2pm
Apr 23	INTERNATIONAL Night Club Competition
Apr 27	Club Awards @ Falesamoa; 12:30pm – 2pm
May 4-5	Refreshments for Students
<b>May 3-7</b>	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>
May 12	Graduation Banquet
May 14	2010 Spring Semester Commencement!
May 14	SGA Farewell Dinner



## **SPRING 2010 PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES!**

Admission & Registrar’s Office is now taking in Graduation Applications for Spring 2010 Commencement. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that graduates go in **NOW** to do a graduation check to see if **YOU MEET ALL** the **REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE!**

Courtesy of Student Services Division  
Student Learning Assistance Center  
Spring 2010

APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING 2010

**FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM**

**ARE NOW AVAILABLE @ THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

**ONLY STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING**  
**SPRING 2010**

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

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

**FOR NON-PELL WORK STUDY PROGRAM:**

Please contact Mrs. Fuala'au Lancaster @ 699-9155 ext. 426 (f.lancaster@amsamo.edu) and/or Mr. Thomas Laban @ 699-9155 ext. 449 (t.laban@amsamo.edu)

**Non-Pell: In-House Scholarships**

- **SGA; Sa'ili le Atamai Scholarship**
- **Presidential Merit Scholarship (open to everyone)**

*If you need additional information regarding the above mentioned scholarships, please see the Dean of Student Services. Also, applications are now available at the office of the Dean of Student Services.*

*Deadline for Application submission: February 19, 2009*

**BUSINESS OFFICE**

- \* If you have any questions pertaining to your tuition payment, please see Moala Mago or Benjamin Ah Siu at the Business Office.
- \*After 1 week of holding on to checks, Business Office will mail out the student's checks to their existing addresses. **So please pick up your F/A checks ASAP.**

## Credit & Collections

**To all students with outstanding balances for the previous months, please make arrangements to get this matter resolved immediately. Your immediate response to this matter is greatly appreciated. Give us a call or stop by our office for any inquiries and/or payments.** *Vaesavali Ta'ala, ext.342*

*(v.taala@amsamoa.edu), Carmen Umi ext.342 (c.umi@amsamoa.edu), Enele Seumanutafa ext.389 (e.seumanutafa@amsamoa.edu)*

## **COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE:**

*Located in the cafeteria*

### • **STUDENT TRANSFERABILITY**

Prospective graduates of Spring 2010 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 Panama (a.panama@amsamoa.edu) ext.362; Mark Mageo (m.mageo@amsamoa.edu) ext.326; Mary Taufete'e (m.taufetee@amsamoa.edu) ext.377; Matesina Willis {m.willis@amsamoa.edu} ext. 461

### • **PERSONAL & ACADEMIC COUNSELING/ PEER PRESURE / 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 Counselor- Mark Mageo or call 252-
- YANA (9262) or email: [yana@amsamoa.edu](mailto:yana@amsamoa.edu)

## Financial Aid

1. Students that need to do corrections on their financial aid application may do so at the MIS computer lab.
2. Pick up an attendance form if you are not adding or dropping any classes if all you classes are posted with no other changes, please see the financial aid office for an attendance form.
3. If you graduated high school after January 1, 2005, please be sure to turn in a high school transcript to the financial aid office.
4. The financial aid office will ONLY process financial aid for students that have the following:
  - a. Complete Financial Aid application
  - b. High School transcript (required only for students that have graduated after 1/1/05)
  - c. Copies of the following documents:
    - i. High School diploma
    - ii. Local ID
    - iii. Birth Certificate and/or US Passport
    - iv. Social Security Card
  - d. Attendance form (complete with signatures from instructors)

Financial Aid Office will be administering the Federal Work-study Program for the Spring 2010 semester for twelve (12) weeks. FAO is looking to hire 100 students (@ \$7.25 per hour). Each eligible FWS student may work up to 65 hours total and earn = \$471.25. Request forms, FWS policy forms and job description forms have been dropped off in the Deans/Directors/Supervisors inboxes in the Academic Affairs Office.

Please refer to our screening criteria for FWS students:

- 1) Check FWS application for scholarships (students receiving additional scholarships and grants are not eligible for FWS)
- 2) Must have a valid FAFSA application

- Have answered **Yes** to FWS
- All info. Provided:

- ✓ Income
- ✓ # of family members
- ✓ Student/Parent signature
- ✓ No default on loans
- ✓ No EFC

- 3) FWS for Spring 2010 will be from February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – April 29, 2010
- 4) FWS Orientation dates:

- Student orientation: February 3, 2010 (Falesamoa)
- Supervisor orientation: February 4, 2010 (location to be announced)

For any questions or concerns regarding the Federal Work-study program please contact the Financial Aid Office at (684) 69-9155 extension 313.

### **WHY STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR TRANSCRIPTS:**

The reason for this is the Academic Competitiveness Grant, or ACG. Last year this grant was only offered to students who are U.S. citizens. **This year it is open to U.S. nationals.** Eligibility for ACG is dependent on student's coursework while in high school and only if you graduated in 2005 or later. It is not open to students who graduated from high school before 2005. In order for the financial aid office to determine if you are eligible, we must review your high school transcript. Successful completion of a rigorous high school program as identified by the U.S. Secretary of Education includes the following:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I and above)
- 3 years of science, including 2 of the following: biology, chemistry and physics
- 3 years of social studies
- 1 year of language other than English. Your transcript must specify the name of the language course you completed. If you took Samoan Culture instead of Samoan Language, you are not qualified.

If you know you did not successfully complete a rigorous high school program of study, you may simply let your financial aid counselor know that fact and you will not have to provide your transcript.

## **NEED: GEAR UP – MATH TUTORS!**

**Would YOU like to become a Math Tutor for the GEAR UP program? If you meet the qualifications below, please come on over and fill out an application with us. Hurry! Deadlines for our application is on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **Qualifications:**

- **Must have taken and passed MAT. 150**
- **Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above**
- **Must dress appropriately to all sessions**
- **Must be on time**
- **Must have excellent English skills**
- **Prefer Education majors**
- **Must be interviewed by the GEAR UP Director**

**Compensation: \$7.25 per hour**

**Notice: Qualified candidates will also be hired on for our Summer Camp if he/she is interested in a part-time summer job! For more information regarding this program, please call 699-9155 ext. 368 or email: rfua@gearup.as; r.fua@amsamoa.edu or Website: www.gearup.as**

### **WHICH BENEFITS ARE YOU USING?**

**POST 9/11 VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2008**

**MONTGOMERY GI BILL – ACTIVE DUTY**

**MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE**

**RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



### **The Buckley Amendment of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) Public Law 93-380**

This amendment requires that institutions receiving Federal funds administered by the Department of Education must obtain the student's consent to release information from school records.

One exception to the law, however, is that information sought in connection with a student's application for receipt of financial aid is exempt. It has been determined that school records relating to VA benefits fall into the "financial aid" category and are therefore exempt from the provisions of the Buckley amendment.

Therefore, the VA (and SAA) shall have access to the records of VA beneficiaries as well as non-VA students without the written consent of the student in order to monitor the school's compliance with the law.

Please contact Mrs. Fuala'au Lancaster at 699-9155 ext.426 or email: f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu for any questions regarding VA benefits.

## **Lost & Found:**

If you are looking for a Nokia phone please come to the SLAC office to pick it up.

Phone details: Blue Sky – Nokia; 252-6271; Janelle & Justin

Please bring a photo ID with either above names on it.

Thank you,  
SLAC



## **CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION:**

Business Hours: 699-9155 ext.305

After hours or before 7:30am: 699-6299

## **REMINDER: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

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

**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.**

*Have a great week and remember...always say "Thank you" 😊*

## **COMING SOON!**

**Candy gram by the ASCC Alumni Association:**

