

#### 2012 Spring Academic Calendar

January 30	ASTEP Instruction Begins
January 30-31	ASTEP Add/Drop Period
February 1-3	ASTEP Administrative Drop &Drop Only Period
	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	
April 6	HOUDAY-Good Friday
April 6	ASTEP Instructions End
April 16-May 10	2012 Summer & Fall Priority Registration
April 30-May 3	ELI & Developmental MATH Final Examination

### SGA Activity Calendar-Spring 2012

January 26	Club Sign-In @ the Fale 12:30-2:00pm
February 9	Dance off to Ball Room
February 14 & 16	Outreach to High Schools (ARRA Project)
February 21, 23, 28 & March 1	Intramural Games @ Gym 12:30pm
March 9	Fashion Show (ARRA Project)
March 10	Adopt a Beach-CLUBS (ARRA Project)
March 20 & 22	Elementary Outreach (ARRA Project)
March 27	Invention Competition
April 10	Field Games-Malae 12:30pm
April 24	ARRA School Awards
April 26	Dance Battle
May 1	Club Awards-Lecture Hall

## **ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES:**

Deadline for Spring Graduation Application is February 24, 2012

CONSELING 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: <u>{yana@amsamoa.edu}</u>

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

#### 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 <u>{m.willis@amsamoa.edu}</u>, Annie <u>{a.panama@amsamoa.edu}</u>, Alison <u>{a.hurst@amsamoa.edu}</u>

## 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<sup>®</sup>

#### 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

{1.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.

#### 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-Lualemana, or simply send into to <u>d.saelua@amsamoa.edu</u>

#### School-To-Work

Applications are now available for Job Coaches. For students who are interested, please see Fualaau Lancaster or contact her @ 699-9155 x426 or email her at <u>f.lancaster@amxarioa.edu</u>

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 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.

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 <u>www.gibill.va.gov</u> or GI Bill Facebook page for more details on when, where and how to apply.

For more information contact Mrs. Fualaau Rosie Tago Lancaster @ 699-9155 x426. Email: <u>f.lancaster@amsamoa.edu</u>, or visit the GI Bill website: <u>www.gibill.va.gov</u>. The Veteran Affairs/Student Employment Office is located directly behind the cafeteria.



## TRIO WEEK



## What is TRIO Week?

Every year on the month of February, The TRIO programs across the nation are encouraged to perform community services as a way to give back to our respective communities and say thank you for their support.

Student Support Services (SSS) will participate in a week long (February 20-24, 2012) cleaning and planting activities at the ASCC upper campus area. In addition, staff and students will continue with maintaining our plantation and hydroponic projects. Friday, February 24, 2012, will be dedicated as our TRIO DAY whereby, we will have an open house to all our ASCC partners and key departments who assist us in our work.











#### Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Management Review

All students are invited to the ASCC General Assembly on Feb. 21, 2012 at 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Lecture Hall. Please join us for an informational session discussing the potential changes to Fagatele Bay NMS's management plan! As a member of the Governor's Coral Reef Advisory Council (CRAG), ASCC will be submitting an official comment on the new proposed management plan, and as part of the ASCC family, we want **YOUR** input! This is your chance to learn more about the possible changes, and have your voice heard. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.amsamoa.edu/archive.htm">http://fagatelebay.noaa.gov/management/reports.html</a>

#### URM Undergraduate Research and Mentoring In the Biological Sciences





#### APPLY NOW! PAID INTERNSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I!

**URM - Environmental Biology in the Pacific Islands** seeks to increase the number of Pacific Islanders pursuing bachelors and advanced degrees by recruiting and training promising students from the islands of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianna Islands, and the U.S. Compact-of-Free-Association Micronesian states (Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of the Marshall Islands) in modern approaches to environmental biology.

Students should be citizens of:

the US

- US unincorporated territories (Guam, American Samoa)
- US commonwealth countries (Northern Marianas)
- countries that have Compacts of Free Association with the US (Palau, Marshall islands, Federated States of Micronesia)

APPICATIONS DUE FEB 15!! http://www5.pbrc.hawaii.edu/urm/

For students who are interested in this opportunity, please visit Kelly Anderson's office @ Rm. A6.



#### 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)

#### 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.





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?



#### United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

Summer Student Employment Program Announcement

**Opening Date:** January 6, 2012 **Closing Date:** February 15, 2012 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 **Announcement #:** NRCS-PIA-12-01T

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

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 Kealakekua (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.
- 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:

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

#### FISU Forum March 26-31, 2012 Taipei City, Chinese Taipei Contribution opportunities to two FISU Forum sub-themes

FISU (International University Sports Federation) and the Organising Committee for the 2012 Forum would like to offer an opportunity unique firstly to 'student delegates' and secondly to 'senior' (non-student) delegates to the Forum, to both promote best practice and maybe present a local model relating to two of the Forum sub-themes. These are mildly competitive

opportunities, and submissions will be assessed by members of CESU in order to deliver an exciting programme for the Forum and to offer delegates an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of presenting to an audience in an atmosphere of enquiry and support.

#### 1. Student delegate opportunity

#### Sub-theme: University sport as fertile ground for leadership development

Whilst a keynote speaker will be appointed to this sub-theme by the OC, the remaining keynote speaker opportunities will be offered to up to three **student** delegates to the Forum who will have qualified through the submission of a small piece of work prior to the event (ie by **March 2nd, 2012**).

A student delegate will need to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of no more than 5 slides together with the accompanying dialogue (offered in written form) which s/he would give if invited to present, based on this topic. The presentation may last no longer than 15 minutes. It can be presented in French or English. By calling the delegate a student, this will be defined as a student in current, full time higher education or one year down during

#### academic year 2011-12.

Using the sub-theme title above, the student delegate is asked to demonstrate what leadership knowledge and skills s/he has developed through reference to his/her roles and experience in the last 2-5 years in sport in university, in his/her NUSF (National University Sport Federation) and even in continental federation activity, and then enlarge on how he/she will apply that knowledge skill and experience to develop the agenda for the new

Student Committee which is now being established in FISU.

A student delegate's submission may arrive by e-mail plus attachment addressed to Kole Gjelosaj at k.gjeloshaj@fisu.net, or be addressed to Kole at the FISU Headquarters address in Brussels by overland postage, but the presentation and text must be enclosed in a disc or USB stick. Whichever method a delegate chooses, March 2nd, 2012 is the closing date for submission. CESU will select the final student delegate speakers for this sub-theme for the Forum during the first full week in March (3-10 March, 2012) and FISU office will inform the winners of their position in the Forum programme by 12 March, 2012. **Note**: FISU is formally establishing a Students Committee during 2011-12: three out of the ten members of this committee will be selected to the Students Committee during the FISU Forum in Taipei, and will serve on the FISU Students Committee for a period of two (2) years. Seven (7) members were selected back in November 2011 via a nomination process launched in September 2011, and the remaining 3 positions will be selected by CESU by the end of the Forum.

The outcomes of work around this sub-theme may be used as one of the assessment tools toward selection to serve within FISU in the Students Committee over the next 2 years, so student delegates are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

For additional information concerning this opportunity, please visit Ed Imo's office located at the Gym or email him at <u>e.imo@amsamoa.edu</u> or call 699-6080.

## 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 pove requirements.
- 4. Qualifying score on the SAT (as determined by CSU Marik
- 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.

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 are now available at the Dean of Student Services Office Deadline to submit your application is February 17, 2012

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

## 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: <<u>www.upb.pitt.edu</u>> for more information!

## **STUDENT ID'S!**

Student ID's are now available. Visit the SGA Office for more information or contact them via interoffice ext. 341 or email Maxine @ <u>m.tuiolemotu@amsamoa.edu</u>

Deadline to take your ID is March 2, 2012

## TTD Computer Lab Hours For students usage:

LAB A:	MWF	11:00-12:00
		1:00-4:00
	T-TR	2:00-4:00
LAB B:	T-TR	8:00-11:00







STUDENTS CORNER



Name: Julius Lauvao Birthday: Valentine's Day, 1992 © Age: 19 Village: Aua

Age: 19

Village: Tafuna

Major: Education

Short-Term Goal: Graduate with an AA in Education

**Long-Term Goal:** Teach and provide assistance to students who need it at home or in the classroom. Work with the Boys & Girls club of American Samoa.

🗸 Interests: I like multi-tasking. I'm very helpful, funny, and friendly 🥝

Name: Sala D. Taase Birthday: July 16, 1992

Major: Criminal Justice

Short-Term Goal: Get good grades this semester, graduate, then attend the UH Hilo.

Long-Term Goal: To become a lawyer, more specifically a Prosecutor!

Interests: I'd rather read a book then watch a movie, and I don't need to get drunk to have fun  $\oslash$ 



Name: Toetu Auomanu Birthday: April 13, 1991 Age: 20 Village: Leone

Major: Liberal Arts

Short-Term Goal: Graduate from ASCC with an AA degree

Long-Term Goal: Strive to become an officer in the US Military.



Interests: I enjoy boxing, and am hoping to be a boxer for American Samoa.

Any student who wishes to receive the 411 Newsletter via email can submit their email address to Deidra Saelua at the SLA Center or just email me at <u>d.saelua@amsamoa.edu</u>





# Word of the Day

## Cosset \KOSS-it\ verb:

1. To treat as a pet; to treat with excessive indulgence; to pamper.

Assunta played a larger role in the lives of her children, whom she <u>cosseted</u> and cared for as best she could.

## WEIRD LAWS:

- 1) In Alabama it is illegal to wear a fake mustache that causes laughter in church.
  - 2) In Hawaii, it is illegal to put coins in ones ears.
- 3) In Walnut, California, you have to obtain a permit to wear a mask on Halloween.
  - 4) In Athens, Greece, a driver's license can be taken away by law if the driver is deemed either unbathed or poorly dressed!
  - 5) According to US Laws, a beer commercial can never show a person actually drinking beer.



## LOGIC PROBLEM

#### Hotel Bill

Three people check into a hotel. They pay \$30 to the manager and go to their room. The manager finds out that the room rate is \$25 and gives the bellboy \$5 to return to the guests. On the way to the room the bellboy reasons that \$5 would be difficult to split among three people so he pockets \$2 and gives \$1 to each person. Now each person paid \$10 and got back \$1. So they paid \$9 each, totaling \$27. The bellboy has another \$2, adding up to \$29.

Where is the remaining \$1?



- Couples' personalities converge over time to make partners more and more similar.
- About 200 babies are born worldwide every minute.
- The most children born to one woman was 69! She was a peasant who lived a 40 year life, in which she had 16 twins, 7 triplets, and 4 quadruplets.
- You burn more calories sleeping, than you do watching television.
- One in five long long-term love relationships began with one or both partners being involved with others.
- Solution to "A Safe Place": 1) Playing Baseball 2) A Catcher 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Base

## Thought for the day:

Live every moment. Laugh every day. Love beyond words ©



### A.S.C.C. Spring 2012 Tutorial Directory

Divisions/ Departments/ Special Projects	Subjects	When?	Where?	Coordinator/Contact Person
Division of Student Services	All Subject Courses English, Math, All Other Courses	Daily Scheduled by appointment Walk-in Referrals	Student Learning Assistance (SLA) Center	Lydian Tinitali 699-9155 ext 461 <u>I.tinitali@amsamoa.edu</u>
Business Department	Accounting, Financial Math, Technology	See Instructors Office hours	Instructors Offices	Faofua Fa'atoafe 699—9155 ext 319 <u>faatoafe.faofua@amsamoa.edu</u>
Agriculture, Community and Natural Resources (CNR)	AGR 100 Iⅈ AGR197;AGR250;AGE150;AGR152;;AGR297/MSC197; ANS150A;ANS150B;FAM250;FAM260;NRS180;NRS200; NRS 250; NUT 150	Daily Scheduled by appointment	Community and Natural Resources Room	Pauline McFall 699-1575 <u>ptmcfall@gmail.com</u>
Fine Arts Department	Drawing; Designing; Painting; Photography; Pottery MUS161; MUS153; MUS296&L MUS160	Scheduled by appointment	Instructors' Offices	Regina Meredith 699-9155 ext 360 <u>r.meredith@amsamoa.edu</u> Kuki Tuiasosopo 699-9155 ext 450 <u>k.tuiasosopo@amsamoa.edu</u>
Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness (GEAR) for Undergraduate Programs (UP) OFFICE	English, Math, Autodesk/Robotics	Daily	GEAR UP Office	Tupua Roy Fua 699-9166 <u>r.fua@amsamoa.edu</u>
Trades & Technology Division	TTD Related Tutorials	Daily/Office Hours	TTD Classrooms	Michael Leau <u>m.leau@amsamoa.edu</u>

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Language and	Writing; Reading; Interpretation; Research	Daily/Office Hours	Instructor's Offices	Mele Fiaui
Literature				699-9155 ext343
Department				m.fiaui@amsamoa.edu
Math and Science		Daily/		Victor Ualesi
Department		Scheduled by	Chemistry Lab	699-9155 ext 321
(LSAMP Program)	LSAMP Related Tutorials	appointment		v.ualesi@gmail.com
Nursing	Health, Nursing	Scheduled by	See instructors	Lele Ah Mu
Department		appointment		699-1586
				l.ahmu@amsamoa.edu
	All Samoan Courses	Office Hours	SAMPAC	Hannacho Sione
Samoan Studies		Scheduled by	Department	699-9155 ext 347
Department		appointment	(Office hours)	h.sione@amsamoa.edu
Small Business		N/A	N/A	Herbert Thweatt
Development	Business start up; grant writing; marketing;			699-4830
Center(SBDC)	customer service; foreign language			www.as.sbdc.org
English Language		Daily	SSS Building	Amber Fuaga
Institute	ELI/SSS related tutorials	8-4pm	(Old Library)	699-9155 ext 415
(ELI/Student				a.fuaga@amsamoa.edu
Support Services				
(SSS)				
<b>Teacher Education</b>		N/A	N/A	Dr. Lina Scanlan
Department	Teacher Education related courses			699-9155 ext 385
				l.galeai-scanlan@amsamoa.edu
Upward Bound	Upward Bound related tutorials	Scheduled by	UB Program Office	Elizabeth Leuma
(UB) Program		appointment		699-9155 ext338
				e.leuma@amsamoa.edu

# Enjoy your Valentine's Day 😳



















