



Sa'ili Le Atamai

# GEAR UP NEWSLETTER



**GEAR UP for College**

APRIL 2010, Issue 4

## GEAR UP Students Tour ASCC

GUAS hosted three GEAR UP High Schools to tour ASCC campus during the 4th Quarter. Each of the schools visited the Institute for Trades and Technology (ITT), the Center for Community Resources (CNR)/Land Grant, Agriculture Division, the Library, Le Book Store and the Lecture Hall where they were given a presentation on college Financial Aid Assistance. Each group of 10th graders started their tour on campus with a warm welcome from the GEAR UP Director Tupua Roy Fua, who said, "Our students need to seriously begin visualizing themselves as college bound".



Manumalo Baptist Academy High School starts their tour at the GEAR UP Office

April 2010

### Special points of interest:

- ASCC Campus Tours
- Student on-line Grade Access
- GEAR UP Coordinators
- 10th Grade Honor Society
- Pima Pacific Partnership
- GEAR UP Student Training Sessions

### GUAS Portfolio Fair May 5

On Wednesday may 5, the first annual Student Portfolio Exhibit will be held at the ASCC Gymnasium. The purpose of the Exhibit is to display portfolios that students from each of the cohort schools have been putting together as a part of the countdown to graduation process. The Best student portfolios will be awarded certificates.



Nu'uuli Voc. Tech students learning about Financial Aid in the ASCC Lecture Hall

### Inside this issue:

- GEAR UP College Tours 1
- Portfolio Fair: May 5 1
- GUAS Student Grades Access on-line 1
- GEAR UP Coordinators 2
- GEAR UP Summer Academy 2
- 10th Grade Honor Society GUAS Students 3
- Pima Pacific Partnership 4
- GEAR UP Training 4

### GUAS Student Grades Accessed on-line

[gearup.as](http://gearup.as)

In Year 3 GEAR UP has been working with AS-DOE and private cohort schools in monitoring and uploading the GEAR UP students English and Math Grades and attendance to the Homework sessions. As a result, parents, students and teachers are able to access their grades by entering the GEAR UP website.

Contact the GEAR UP Office to access your students username and password.



Faasao Marist High School students touring ASCC Institute for Trades and Technology

*There is a brilliant child locked inside every student*

Marva Collins

## 2010, GEAR UP High School Coordinators

GEAR UP is proud to have worked with the eight cohort High School Principals, Counselors and Teachers. In addition to managing their day to day administrative and teaching responsibilities, these dedicated GUAS staff work before and after school to help provide the additional help to students who need the extra academic support. The GUAS Coordinators play a major role in facilitating all GUAS activities on their High School campus. The Coordinators monitor the English and Math teachers Homework sessions (both before and/or after school) as well as help collect data from English and Math teachers. They also help to coordinate the Wrap Around Service (WAS) sessions and attend monthly GUAS Site Managers/Coordinators meeting hosted by the GUAS Office. A big fa'afetai tele lava to all Site Managers and Coordinators. They are really making a difference!

### GEAR UP Summer Academy: June 7 –18,

The GEAR UP Program will be holding a Summer Academy focusing on the core academic subjects of English and Math. GUAS Summer Academy will include: 1) **Autodesk Academy**, 2) **Algebra Academy**, 3) **Pre-SAT Academy**, 4) **Robotics Academy** and 5) **Reading Academy**. Each of the Academies will enroll 25 students and will run for two weeks June 7-18, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the ASCC campus.

Academy applications will be given to the High School Coordinators. Students interested in participating in the Summer Academy must fill out the application and submit it to the GEAR UP Office. Applicants must be a GUAS student, and have good school attendance, excellent behavior and be recommended by their School Coordinator.

GUAS will solicit all GUAS Teachers and Tutors to participate in the Academy sessions in order to learn the various strategies and technology components that will be used. GEAR UP's intent is to train students on the advanced content material as well as to provide hands on training for teachers on different strategies and technology programs needed to integrate the advance lessons into the regular classroom.



Seira Moors, THS



Valasi Lam Yuen, LHS



Marvis Vaiaga'e, NVTHS



Puletele Peleti, IAA



Miriam Parungo, MBA



Richard Masumu, FMHS



Taufeu Aiava, KFHS



Julie Ekeroma, SHS

# 10th Grade National Honor Society GEAR UP Students

The GEAR UP High Schools are proud to announce the increased number of 10th Grade GEAR UP students into the National Honors Society this 2010 Spring semester. We are proud of their accomplishment and look forward to their academic excellence in their remaining two years of High School. \* Represent GEAR UP Active students.

<p><b>Leone High School</b></p> <p>Tuaoitau Brown*                  Logo Loretta Afamasaga*                  Cherylynn Lolua                  Anthony Tuiolosega*                  Fausaga Ve'ave'a                  Serah Livingstone*                  Aute Maa*                  Faalua Matila*                  Jonika Leuma                  Mary Ipinu*                  Mariah Sevaaetasi*</p>	<p><b>Faasao Marist High School</b></p> <p>Arielle Regis*      Angelina Leone*                  Lahrane Magalasin*      Fouaimalo Taaga*                  Glorisa Balnco*      Genevieve Paselio*                  Ariel Niedo*      Jessica Fong*                  Rebecca Molio'o*      Rachel Felix*                  Ali'itasi Ohi*      Mesepe Ioane*                  Senia Maloata*      Lealofi Lolesio*                  Mata Meredith*      Ron Luardo*</p>	<p><b>Samoana High School (cont.)</b></p> <p>Keith Metuli*                  Fagaoalii Aмоса                  Myrna Vaimauga                  Naiatea Iuli*                  Nyrese Kulia*                  Patisepe Correia*                  Salilo Foifua                  Savali Sunia                  Stanislaus Mataese                  Taulagaola Uta'i*                  Ulualepapa Falealii                  Wynona Lee</p>
<p><b>Iakina Adventist Academy</b></p> <p>Miranda Galo*                  Naphatalia Reed*                  Patricia Tofilau*                  Quenton Failauga*</p>	<p><b>Tafuna High School</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Ah Ching*      Torise Misifosa*                  Epafara Moananu      Angelina Bahn*                  Sunny Chan*      John Pu'e                  Ashley Faumuina      Lusia Tasi*                  Annie Fiatoa*      Teraina Osoimalo                  Vaotupu Galeai      Filoisamoa Langkilde                  Nairy Galemoa*      Joseph Zodiacal*                  Lottie Haleck      Tiara Williams*                  Ryanny Hall      Snow White*                  Maria Ioane*      Rasmus Ulberg*                  Angel Baby Ifopo      Jermaine Tuiasosopo*                  Mona Iakopo      Finao Tuiasosopo*                  Tafelefele Iuta      Lorlei Teofilo*                  Iata Tinitali      Laine Tele'a                  Young Suk Jeong      Darien Tauiliili                  Talimeli Taufetee*      Fetinai Taitai*                  Emmanuel Sword      Kofesina Pula                  Rachel Kite      Masina Pua                  Merina Ng Lam      Nainiu Aliitaeao*                  Temukisa Matagi*      Monson Mamea*                  Mealofa Leite      Jireh Kruse</p>	<p><b>Kanana Fou High School</b></p> <p>Agaoleatu Autele*                  Albert Tuaua*                  Alex Malele                  Alumauoalii Filoialii*                  Areta Vee*                  Brenda Foleni*                  Destinee Afalava*                  Dora Pulu*                  Elisapeta Tafaovale*                  Earnest Puletasi*                  Joseph Fruean*                  Lorelei Haleck*                  Marcus Mamoe*                  Samuel S. Lacambra*                  Snira Tuilagi*                  Tautala Seti*                  Toni-Marie Hollister*                  Trixie Mavaega*                  Tuafale Fay Emosi*                  Tuiemanu Ripley*                  Tyra Aofia Poa*                  Vaiema Ale*</p>
<p><b>Nuululii Voc. Tech High School</b></p> <p>Aloese Su'a*                  Sione Satini*                  Sandra Purcell*                  Suiamai Tuimaseve*                  Peninatautele Suka*                  Colleen Vou*                  Shon Satele*                  Tausunu Keisa Luau*                  Jeanette Tunoa*                  Iosefa Su'a*</p>	<p><b>Samoana High School</b></p> <p>Aliiovavega Tunufa'i*      Fi'a Vaeoso*                  Anne-Marie Seui*      Glory Magele*                  Christine Hall*      Ioasa Tu'u*</p>	<p><b>GEAR UP for COLLEGE</b></p>
<p><b>Manumalo Baptist Academy</b></p> <p>Charity Ativalu*                  Jeffery Buenaventura*                  Ching Ho Hunkin</p>		



## GEAR UP working with Pima Pacific Partnership

GEAR UP American Samoa  
American Samoa Community College  
P.O. Box 2609  
Pago Pago, Am. Samoa  
684, 699-9166 Office  
684, 699-9165 Fax  
info@gearup.as  
Website:  
www.gearup.as

**GEAR UP  
FOR COLLEGE**

April 15, marks GEAR UP American Samoa's 4th year of completion. It also brings us to the task of preparing and submitting our Annual Performance Report (APR) to the U.S. DOE GEAR UP Office. This important task will bring our program research evaluator from Tucson, Arizona Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP) on island to conduct our yearly subjective assessment, the GEAR UP Perspective, as well as to finalize the APR. PPP Research Evaluator Bryna Koch will be conducting focus group sessions during the first week of April to interview partners, teachers and students, and to solicit their successes stories and recommendations to the GEAR UP program.



**Pima Pacific Partnership**  
Harry Kressler and Carol Carpenter and the GUAS staff. PPP is soon to open a Pima Pacific Partnership Grants technical assistance center here in American Samoa.

## GEAR UP Student Training Sessions

**Pre-SAT Sessions** The second four week Pre-SAT course started in March and ends on Wednesday, April 7. Over 25 students from Iakina Adventist Academy, Leone High School, Samoana High School and Faasao Marist High Schools have attended this SWAT orientation course. Despite island-wide competition that included the annual Speech Festival, at least 20 of these high school students have had 100% attendance.

Just as in the first four week Pre-SAT course, students were introduced to the essay, grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension sections of the SAT. Students practiced drafting and writing two essays, being quizzed on over 50 vocabulary words, orally completing a reading comprehension test, and practicing grammar with puzzles and fun worksheets. The primary focus of the Pre-SAT is to teach students skills to improve performance on reading comprehension exams. Students will learn the format, timing, and scoring of the SAT Reasoning Test and develop test taking skills. In particular, students will improve in literacy elements and devices.

**Robotics Sessions** GEAR UP and ITT Electronics Instructor and advanced Electron students are partnering together to offer the Robotic Session this summer for our GEAR UP students. 4 Robotic Kits have been procured and will provide an opportunity for 25 students (who will work in groups of 6) to construct the Robotic kit and to compete with other Robotic teams through a number of obstacle courses giving the students the knowledge of electronic design and robotic operations. Students must sign up for the Robotic Session.

**Algebra Sessions** have been meeting in the ITT Computer Lab B, Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Joyce Auau, ASCC student tutor, and our newly hired Math Instructor Mr. Anthony Felise as resources for Gear Up schools. Anthony, a recent graduate of ASCC and the University of Texas A&M in Mathematics, is an example of our youth who return home with the content area expertise that is needed in the classrooms. Anthony's work with the students is showing improvement in our after-school Algebra Lab sessions. We are very pleased to have Anthony join the GEAR UP Team.

**Autodesk Sessions** have taken another forward step in the designing process for our GEAR UP students. This semester focuses on modeling and becoming familiar with scene creation utilizing Autodesk three dimensional Max 2010's designing features. The characters and scenes of a famous Oscar winning movie "Avatar" were designed using Autodesk 3ds Max. It is a design program that professional movie makers are using, as well as a great motivator for our students. GUAS is very fortunate to have Mr. Lupe Tapua'i our Data System Manager and Technology Instructor, for his technology skills and teaching abilities with the Autodesk systems. A big fa'afetai tele lava to ITT for letting GEAR UP use the computer labs. Know that we are preparing your future ITT students.