

AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES



Weekly Information Bulletin
"Connects Students to What is Happening On Campus"
August 17, 2009 to August 21, 2009

Quote of the week:

"An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding"

By: Robert Louis Stevenson

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE:

August 19-21, 2009: Registration Week! New, continuing, and returning students. Come and register before it's too late!

August 19, 2009: New Student Orientation@8am, followed by New Student Registrations

August 24, 2009: Instructions BEGIN!

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" ☺

Matai Alumni Association



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August 19th & 20th in front of main building!

YUMMM... Com'on people! Help support our Alumni Association by purchasing our delicious mouthwatering brownies, scrumptious donuts, and down it with either a cup of hot coffee, tea, or cocoa, or a cold refreshing can of soda or bottled water!!! Mmmmmmm... Aaahhhhhh...



Next Meeting! August 21, 2009 from 3pm to 4pm @ faculty lounge!

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

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



BUSINESS OFFICE

50% OFF! On ALL baby outfits, and **15% OFF** on ASCC T-Shirts!! Woo hoo!! Get them while they last 😊

***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, Mary ext. 377 m.taufetee@amsamoa.edu, Mark ext. 326 m.mageo@amsamoa.edu or Deidra ext. [461 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. 461.

- **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

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.

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>

Don't get left in the dust! FastWeb's Scholarship Triathlon is going on now! 2nd Leg Grand Prize!!

Scholarship Triathlon's 2nd Leg grand prize: ***Why I Deserve a Scholarship.*** Starting August 1, 2009, you can upload a 1-3 minute video on why you deserve a scholarship of \$2,500. The video with the most votes as of September 7, 2009 will walk away with the grand prize!

And there's more! One lucky voter will win a \$1,000 scholarship— just for voting!

So, dust off your cameras and start rolling now!

Please go to <http://www.fastweb.com/content/scholarship-triathlon>. GOOD LUCK!!



Scholarships for Minorities

There are more minority scholarships than most people realize. In academia, the term “minority” applies to a racial, gender, cultural, or social minority group within a particular field of study or population of students. Here are just a few of the groups that qualify for minority scholarships.

[The Gates Millennium Scholars Program](#), a \$1 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is exclusively targeted to racial minorities in education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented.

- Gender minority in a field of study (female engineers, male nurses)
- African Americans
- Asian & Pacific Islanders
- Latino & Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Gay Lesbian Bisexual, & Transgender (GLBT)

[Can Your Kid Go to School Tuition FREE?](#)

Yes, parents, there is such thing as free college tuition. And no, it's not a scam. Find out about tuition free schools @ http://www.fastweb.com/student-news/articles/1381-go-to-college-free-yes-its-possible?utm_source=nlet&utm_content=fw_R1_20090724&q=1

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.

Application deadlines for the following promotional scholarships are coming up.

[08/12/2009 - Brickfish "My Favorite Photo \(I've Ever Taken\)" Promotion \(Whether you're a novice, got some skills or a pro, we want to see your favorite photo you've ever captured from behind the lens! No restrictions here, just show us a photo you've taken that you think is fabulous. Your snapshot could win you \\$1,000 cash or scholarship! Picture that! Open to anyone who is a resident of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia or Canada \(excluding Quebec\), has access to the Internet, and is 15 or older at the time of entry.\)](#)

Don't Pay a Dime for School

FastWeb has located over **\$230 million** in scholarships so you don't break the bank by going back to school. Get all the information you need to successfully finance your education. Go to www.fastweb.com/scholarships, and find out for yourself!!

APPLICATIONS FOR **FALL 2009**

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM

ARE @ THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTER

(located 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)

Student Government Association (SGA)

If you are planning on becoming an SGA representative or executive officer this coming school year (Fall 2009-Spring 2010), please contact our SGA Advisor, Maxine Tuiolemotu at 699-9155 ext.376, or leave a message at extension 449 or email: m.tuiolemotu@amsamo.edu



Colleges often count military credits!

For a list of schools that accept military credit, visit <http://www.soc.aascu.org/> on the Web. Begin by looking at that institution's Web site. First, complete an application form. Then send in the transcripts from each school you've attended, including military transcripts. All the military training you completed may count toward your education goals.

FOR MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS

Air Force: <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Navy, Marines: <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/transcript.html>

Army: <http://aarts.army.mil/>

Coast Guard: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/ve/official_transcript.asp

For more information please contact Jim Sutherland at 699-9155 ext. 411

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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.

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 or by calling 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551). For ASCC Students, please call Mrs. Fualau Lancaster at 699-9155 (ext.426), for more information.

