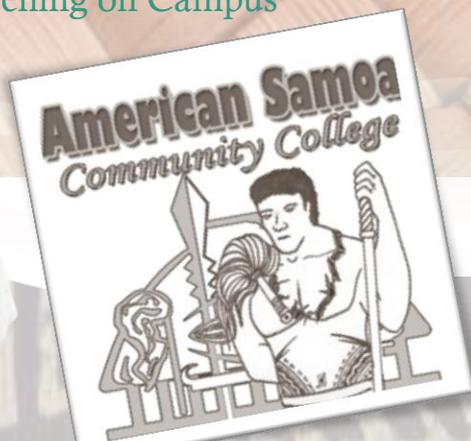


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## Important Dates

8/21 – 8/30 Administrative Drop Period

8/21 – 9/6 Drop Only Period

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Welcome, welcome to ASCC, all you new “Chiefs.” We are happy to have you here! For all you returning students, Welcome Back! First week is down, time to change it into high gear if you’re still in “summer mode.” Have a good week everyone.

## Announcements

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Katrina Garcia at the S.L.A. Center, or you can email: [k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu) or call 699-9155 ext. 479.



## Division of Student Services

“We here at Student Services are dedicated to providing each student with quality services and assistance in any of our respective areas.”

### Counselor Info:



Annie Panama

For Diversity and Tutorial Counseling, come see Ms. Annie Panama.

[a.panama@amsamoa.edu](mailto:a.panama@amsamoa.edu) ext. 326



Kayla Sauafea

Transfer/Alumni Counseling is taken care of by Ms. Kayla Sauafea.

[k.sauafea@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.sauafea@amsamoa.edu) ext. 362



Maria Lagafuaina

Any personal counseling you may need, Mrs. Maria Lagafuaina is the counselor to see.

[m.lagafuaina@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.lagafuaina@amsamoa.edu) ext.480

All counselors' office hours are posted in front of their offices in the cafeteria.



## Student Learning Assistance Center and Annex

Struggling with your academics? Come drop by the Student Learning Assistance Center by the cafeteria for English tutoring or Annex for Math and all other Subjects. We're open Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm.

For paper drop offs to the S.L.A. Center, please allow 24 hours for the tutors to edit your papers, or it will not be accepted.

One on one tutoring is available, as well as group tutoring. Call 699-9155 ext. 368 or ext. 479 to set up appointments or just walk in and see Lydian at the Annex or Katrina and Tala at the S.L.A. Center.



## Study Tips

Here are a few helpful study tips to get you through the Fall quizzes.

1. Find a quiet, comfortable place to study.
2. Understand the material; don't just memorize it.
3. Deactivate your Facebook and any other social media pages until your tests are done.
4. Do not procrastinate; you will feel more confident and be more prepared if you study ahead of time.
5. Write summaries on important material.
6. If studying with others, choose to study with those who are serious about studying.



## Veterans Affairs' Corner

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing an initiative to expedite compensation claims decisions for Veterans who have waited one year or longer. Effective April 19, 2013, the VA will begin to make “provisional decisions” on the oldest claims in inventory, which will allow Veterans to begin collecting compensation benefits more quickly, if eligible. This initiative provides one-year safety net to submit further evidence should it become available and protects the Veteran’s rights to appeal the decision.

**For the oldest claims, the VA will make a provisional rating based on all current evidence associated with the claim.**

-When benefits are awarded in the provisional decision, the Veteran will begin receiving compensation immediately.

-These will be decisions based on all evidence the VA has received to date and during the time the claim was pending.

-Provisional rating notices will note the evidence on which the decision was based and list any documentation that has not been provided or the VA has been unable to obtain.

-Exams will be provided by the VHA in an expedited manner if they are required for a rating.

**Veterans have a safety net – up to one year to submit additional evidence or request the VA obtain additional evidence to change the provisional decision.**

-Any awarded benefits will be retroactive to the original date the claim was submitted.

-If no additional evidence is obtained, the provisional decision will become final after one year (or earlier if the Veteran requests), at which time a final decision and appeal rights will be into effect.

-These Veterans then will have the standard year to appeal the decision, effectively extending the current appeal window, while also providing them with near-term decisions and benefits, if eligible, based on the evidence in the claims file.

-As a result of this initiative, metrics used to track benefits claims will experience significant fluctuations. Average Days to Complete (ADC) – the average amount of time it takes the VA to process a claim – will rise significantly in the near term as the older claims are completed.

-Average Days Pending (ADP) – the average age of a claim in the inventory will decrease since the oldest claims will no longer be part of the inventory.

**The most vulnerable Veterans will continue to be fast tracked.**

-Wounded, ill and injured Veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will continue to have priority through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

-The VA will continue to prioritize Veterans who are homeless, terminally ill, former Prisoners of War, and Medal of Honor recipients, those facing financial hardship and our most seriously injured.

-Full Developed Claims will continue to receive priority processing Veterans can learn more about disability benefits on the joint Department of Defense-VA web portal *eBenefits* at: [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

For more current and updated information, please visit the GI Bill website: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or see the ASCC VA representative & coordinator, Ms. Rosie F. Tago Lancaster, VA/Student Employment Center, outside the cafeteria area. Office hours are 8 am – 4 pm. Contact: 699-9155, ext. 426 or email [f.lancaster@amsamo.edu](mailto:f.lancaster@amsamo.edu).

## Non-Pell Work Study – Fall 2013

The Non-Pell Work Study program is open to students who are not eligible for Federal Work Study. Applications are available at the VA/Student Employment Center. Application deadline is August 30, 2013. It’s a first come, first served basis, and non federal work study students are encouraged to apply. Further information, Ms. Rosie F. Tago Lancaster in her office or ext. 426.

## JOIN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA is a unique group of students that plan activities for the entire Student Body at ASCC. Your creative input, strategies and ideas can help activities such as:

Dances & Talent Shows  
Miss ASCC Pageant  
Intramural Sports Games  
Indoor & Outdoor Games  
Workshops & Trainings

SGA also:

Represents Student Body in ASCC Meetings  
Has Leadership Trainings



The end of the semester, you will be awarded with a Certificate, Plaque and Stipends (\$). You can use your Awards for your resume for off-island University Applications or for future job hunting.

**Deadline for Applications: August 28**

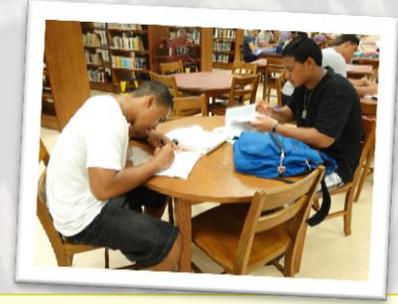
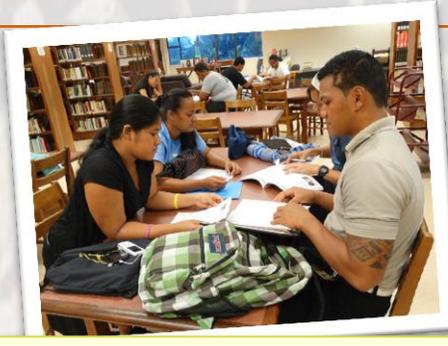
**Elections: August 29 & 30**



### ASCC Student ID's

Get your ASCC Student ID done at the SGA Office behind the Cafeteria before the deadline, September 13, 2013. Security has the right to remove you from campus if you do not have your ID. Most services for students will also be requesting for student ID's in order to use their services. Having your ID also allows you to partake in student activities, computer labs, and S.L.A. Center and Annex.





## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

### ASCC Library Catalog Online Research

Are you looking for a specific book at the library, but have no idea where to find it? Well, not to worry, our online library catalog search is now available. You can search for the call number on the college website [www.amsamoa.edu](http://www.amsamoa.edu) and click on the “Search Library Catalog” link located on the left hand side of the website. For more information concerning this online service contact us at: 699-9155 ext. 418 or 330.



### How to Make a Library Card

Stop by 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

Please note: First time library cards are free and to replace a card is \$7.00.

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!

Open Regular Library Hours.

Check it out and find out more about Samoa, as well as other Pacific Islands!

### Attention Students and Faculty!

The library has a variety of free books available at the first floor.



## TRADES & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (TTD)



### PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ASCC:

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (ACR)
- \*Architectural Drafting Technology (ADT)
- Auto Body Repair (ABR)
- Automotive Technology (AUTO)
- Carpentry (CARP)
- \*Civil Engineering Technology (CET)
- Diesel Engines (DISL)
- \*Electronics (ELE)
- Networking & Computing (ICT)
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Contact E.V. Fruean: 699-9155 ext. 325  
[e.fruean@amsamo.edu](mailto:e.fruean@amsamo.edu) or [e.fruean@hotmail.com](mailto:e.fruean@hotmail.com).

## Interested in pursuing a Career in Elementary Education?

Take a trip over to TED behind the CAPP Building and pick up an advising sheet for an A.A. Degree in Education.

For more info call 699-9155 ext. 431.

If you have any questions about Teacher Education, Mrs. Faau Aydon, Ms. Christine Fuimaono, or Mrs. Vanessa Velega are available to talk to.

# Join the GLEE CLUB!



**Audition**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2013**  
**Music Room 30**

**Attention All: These Students need to see  
 The Dean of Student Services, Dr. Le'i, ASAP.**

Anna Afoa  
 Salamasina Aumua  
 Talimeli Taufetee

Malelega Ah Kau  
 Taisamasama Toatelegese  
 Adolf Petaea

Meripa Poloai  
 William Leo  
 Angeline Maeli

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<http://www.collegeimprovement.org/collegescholarship.html>

Summer Postmarked Deadline: July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

August 20, 2013

## ASCC Begins Fall 2013 with New Board of Higher Education

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Hon. Lt. Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga joined the faculty and staff of the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) this past Friday as the keynote speaker for a General Assembly at which the new Board of Higher Education (BHE) was introduced. Appointed by Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga in May and confirmed by the Fono in June, the current BHE consists of returning members Rev. Dr. Leanavaotaua Sekuini Seva'aetasi and High Chief Tauiliili Lauifi, and new members Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga'e, Rev. Dr. Siulagi Solomonu, and Father Viane Etuale. ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i and Director of Education Vaitinasa Dr Salu Hunkin Finau both serve as ex-officio members, and ASCC senior Paulo Saulo also returns as this semester's interim student representative on the Board.

Last week's general assembly began with special remarks from ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i, who welcomed keynote speaker Lemanu to the podium before a full-to-capacity audience in the College's lecture hall. Himself an ASCC graduate, Lemanu referred to the College as a "decision point",

or the point at which many of American Samoa's young adults as well as older non-traditional students decide the course their future will take. He used himself as an example of how far someone can go using their education as a starting point, and expressed the Lolo administration's support for the College's ongoing efforts to expand its services to the people of American Samoa. Near the end of this address, Lemanu recognized some of the College faculty from his days as a student who are still doing their jobs, giving special acknowledgement to Dean of Student Services Dr. Emilia Le'i, Mrs. Elisapeta Faalafi-Jones of the English Language Institute and to administrative staffer Cherylmoanamarie Ripley "who always used to type my papers for me."

Following Lemanu's well-received remarks, newly-elected BHE chairman Leanavaotaua addressed the assembly to introduce the new and returning Board members and to ask everyone present to reaffirm their commitment to making an ASCC a quality institution. "I'd like to ask you to  
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Hon. Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga (front, center) joins members of the Board of Higher Education and the ASCC administration following a general assembly at the College last week. (Front, 1-r) ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea'i, new BHE member Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga'e, newly elected BHE chairman Rev. Dr. Leanavaotaua Sekuini Seva'aetasi, Lemanu, High Chief Lauifi Tauiliili, student representative Paulo Saulo, and new BHE member, Rev. Dr. Siulagi Solomonu. (Back 1-r) ASCC administrators Tapaau Dr. Daniel Aga, Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff-Belle, and Mrs. Rosevonne Pato. Not pictured are new BHE members Rev. Dr. Siulagi Solomonu, and Father Vaiane Etuale, and new ex-officio member Vaitinasa Dr. Salu Hunkin Finau. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

## ASCC Begins Fall 2013 with New Board of Higher Education (continued)

check your commitment manual,” Leanavaotaua said early on, which prompted a momentarily puzzled response before he clarified, “that’s the part of your own heart that knows how truly committed you are.” He went on to emphasize how ASCC has made great accomplishments recently through teamwork, such as the establishment of a four-year degree in Teacher Education, and how commitment and teamwork can lead to ASCC making even greater strides. “This is our time”, emphasized Leanavaotaua, who explained that regardless of previous successes, the present is always the time to strive towards the next set of goals.

Both the continuing and the new BHE members bring with them many years experience in the field of education and community service in American Samoa. A full time pastor in the village of Tula for the past 12 years, Chairman Leanavaotaua is a longstanding leader in the Congregational Christian Church, and also serves as a member of the Kanana Fou Theological Seminary Board. Father Viane is a former teacher, principal, and Director of Catholic Education, and presently serves as Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Samoa – Pago Pago. Dr. Vaiaga’e has served the Territory since 1975, mostly working in the school system, including a year spent as Interim President of ASCC during the Lutali administration. Dr. Vaiaga’e recently retired from an eight-year tenure as Director of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency.

Dr. Solomona, a former ASCC student, has long served as a career educator and currently serves as a special assistant to the House Speaker with a focus on legal matters. A six-year veteran of the BHE, High Chief Lauifi’s resume includes directorships of both

American Samoa Goodwill, a non-profit group that advocates for the disabled workforce, and the Veterans Association of American Samoa. Lauifi is also a member of the American Samoa Humanities Council and a Deacon for the Congregational Christian Church in Iliili. Gov. Lolo has also appointed local businesswoman Robin Annesley to the BHE, but her status remains unconfirmed as she was off-island for the June confirmation hearings.

Lt. Gov. Lemanu joined Chairman Leanavaotaua and the Board members, ASCC President Galea’i and members of the College administration for a meeting following the assembly. In keeping with Leanavaotaua’s earlier-expressed belief that “This is our time”, the discussion focused on ways the College, the Board and the current government administration can work collaboratively to keep ASCC moving ahead positively as it strives to fulfill its mission of serving the Territory.



ASCC President Dr. Seth Galea’i (center) confers with member of the Board of Higher Education. (L-R) High Chief Tauilili Lauifi, newly elected BHE Chairman Rev. Dr. Leanavaotaua Sekuini Seva’aetasi, President Galea’i, new BHE member Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga’e and student representative Paulo Saulo. Not pictured are new members Rev. Dr. Siulagi Solomona, and Father Vaiane Etuale, and new ex-officio member Vaitinasa Dr. Salu Hunkin Finau. (Photo: T. Lesa)

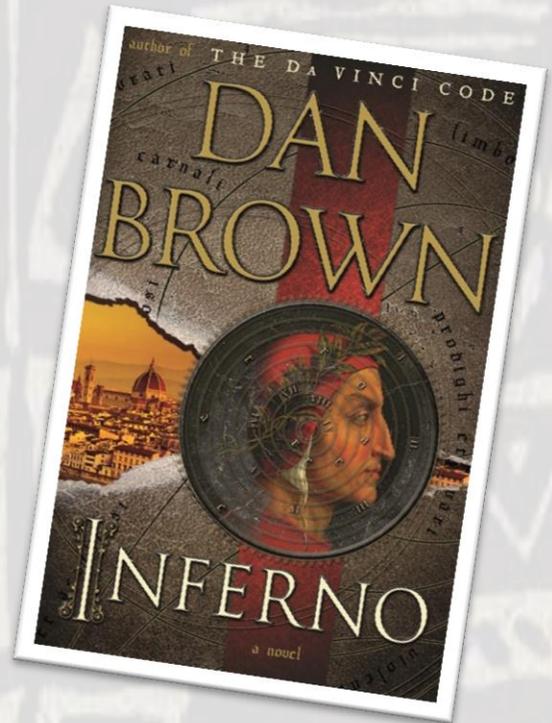
## Student Reviews

### Inferno

Review by: John Pu'e

Book Released: May 14, 2013

Dan Brown is known for his earlier works "The Da Vinci Code," "Angel and Demons," and "The Lost Symbol" which follow the character Professor Robert Langdon, usually uncovering controversial mysteries surrounding the Catholic Church. In this latest novel "Inferno," he brings to surface the Dante Alighieri's 14<sup>th</sup> century epic poem "The Divine Comedy." From Florence, Italy to Istanbul, you will go on a world-historical race to save human kind from a crazed man who is set to cutting the world's population. "Inferno" brings a shade of grey to current world issues like over-population. "Inferno" is a must-read.



### World War Z

Review by: Sarojni Singh

DVD Release: September, 2013

Even though "World War Z" may become just another addition to the shelf-filled collection of zombie apocalyptic movies, it has nevertheless made a huge hit in cinemas all across America this summer. It was surprisingly smart and thrilling, keeping you at the edge of your seat with suspense and action. Not to mention the heartthrob Brad Pitt as the lead actor, peaking the interest of girls young and old. I give this film "two thumbs up" for its originality and brilliant storyline that creates its own twist without steering away from the zombie apocalyptic terror that we all love so much.



## Submit your Review!

Watched a new movie or read an exciting book lately? Submit a review on it to 411 editor, Katrina Garcia via email: [k.garcia@amsamo.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamo.edu). A short paragraph, positive or negative on movies, books, video games, Apps, products, restaurants, TV shows, even a UFC pay-per-view, you name it! I want to hear about it. Just no spoilers! All reviewers that are published will go into a draw to win a prize at the end of the semester.

## Campus Talk: “Registration”

“There were really big lines. It was hot and it was hard to get around because there were so many people!”

Savili Bartley  
New Student



Did you go through registration the week before school? Well, if you didn't, here's what people are talking about...



“I should've pre-registered! That way I didn't have to wait at ASCC from 3 am, just to be in the front of the line.”

Sarai Sellers  
Continuing Student

“There was a lot of waiting. I wish there was an easier way to get registration done. At least I can pre-register next semester.”

Sarojini Singh  
New Student



“I just went to check my Financial Aid on Friday, and all I can say is, ‘Thank God I pre-registered.’ I felt sorry for all the kids standing in those long lines.”

Luisa Mareko  
Continuing Student

Got an opinion about a hot subject on campus? Drop by 411 Editors' office, Katrina Garcia or email her at [k.garcia@amsamo.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamo.edu). All students that participate on “Campus Talk” will go into a draw to win a prize at the end of the semester.

# “Chief of the Week”



Dezmond Kiona Applin  
17 years old  
Hails from Iiili  
Liberal Arts Major



### Favorites:

Movie: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo  
Book: Millennium Trilogy  
Band: Best Coast  
TV Show: True Blood  
Food: Pizza



### Something interesting about Dezmond:

“I am 75% African American (surprise!), and 25% Samoan, which equals to 100% Awesome.”

### Dezmonds interests include:

Creating digital art, and playing Minecraft.

### Five years from now, you are:

“Either doing photography or working in media.”

### Advice he has for you:

“Always ask for no ice for your drink from anywhere on this island.”

### Dezmond is excited to be at ASCC because:

“No school uniforms! Hooray!”

Get to know your peers through the 411’s “Chief of the Week.” Every issue will have a different student. All featured students that make the 411 will go into a draw at the end of the semester to win a prize. Pick up a form to fill out from the S.L.A. Center or ask for one via email to

[k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu).

# Student Corner



## Fun Facts:

- A blue whale’s tongue weighs more than an elephant.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12345678987654321$
- Every time you lick a stamp, you’re consuming 1/10 of a calorie
- Thirty-five percent of people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- The sentence “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog” uses every letter in the alphabet.

## Word of the day:

**Precipitous** adj. Done rashly: acting too quickly and without sufficient thought.

“Excessive spending caused the *precipitous* demise of the company.”

*“If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.”*

- Albert Einstein

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