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the
411 Newsletter

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"



What does the 411 say?

We're glad everyone is enjoying the 411, and we say "Thanks!" If you want to continue to get updated with the latest news on campus or see pictures for various events, check out the FB link below!



[ASCC 411 Newsletter](#)

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@amsamo.edu or ascc411newsletter@gmail.com. Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 479.

2013 Fall Issue: Nov. 18 – Nov. 22

Important Dates

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| 11/12 - 12/5 | 2014 Spring & Summer Priority Registration |
| 11/28 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| 11/29 | Last day to completely withdraw from ASCC |
| 11/29 | Last day of instruction |

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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.”

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All counselors' offices are located in the cafeteria with hours posted on their doors.



More Student Services on Campus



Financial Aid Outreach Coordinator

Want to set up an outreach session for a local high school, village, community, or church organization to discuss transitioning to college and Financial Aid? Stop by the S.L.A. Center Annex, and see Mana'o Satele-Vaovasa. Phone: 699-9155 Ext. 454

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Veterans Student Services Corner

Effective immediately, those enrolled in education benefit programs other than the Chapter 33 or Post 9/11 GI Bill, may verify their enrollment via the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) website, or by calling 1-800-823-2378. Those utilizing Chapter 35 (DEA) or Family members should call 1-800-827-1000 for verification. VA students attending under Chapter 33, or Post 9/11 are not required to verify enrollment. The ASCC Business Office will submit "invoices" for tuition to the VA before payments are processed and issued. Further questions should be referred to your VA representative and certifying official. For ASCC students, please see or contact Ms. Rosie F. Tago Lancaster, 699-9155 ext. 426 for more information.



SLA Center

If you need tutorial sessions, stop by the S.L.A. Center for English or the Annex for Math and all other subjects, to get help.

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 368 (Math & other subjects) or 479 (English), to set an appointment or just walk in.

We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

If a teacher refers you to the Center, you must have a referral form.

For staff & peer tutor schedules, ask anyone at bot sites.



SGA Activities Presents:



Thanksgiving Field Games: participate to win 1 of 4 turkeys! Join the fun and compete in various games like "Sac Racing," "Pie Eating," "Egg in Spoon Racing" and so much more! There are even games for the ASCC staff to win a turkey! Games are on **Tuesday, 26th of November, 12:30 – 2:00pm at the ASCC Field.** Don't miss out!

Scholarship Opportunities

ASG Scholarship & Loan Applications

ASG Scholarship and loan applications are now available for pickup at the Students Services office, located by the cafeteria. Deadline to submit your application is on November 27, 2013.

****Note:** Please provide a copy of your student copy transcript in order to pick up application.



Come see Dean of Student Services, Dr. Le'i, or find out more online, about the following Scholarships:

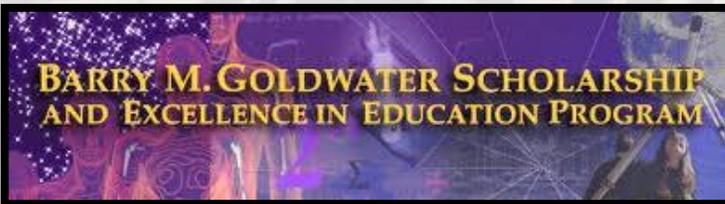
- Jack Kent Cook Foundation

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/under-graduate-transfer-scholarships/>

- Barry Goldwater Scholarship

<http://www.act.org/goldwater/apply/files/ApplicantInfoandInstruction.pdf>

Application Deadline for both is January 28, 2014.



All-USA/Coca-Cola Scholarships

You can now apply for either All-USA or Coca-Cola scholarships through your faculty representative at ASCC. Find more about these scholarships from Dean of Student Services, Dr. Emilia Le'i. Many scholarships are ready to be awarded, deadline is on November 29, 2013.



Scholarship Available on eCollegefitness.com

It is a very easy scholarship but you must first apply for consideration so take the time to apply today. Details at <http://www.ecollegefitness.com/scholarshipawards.html?No22deadline>.

For more information, contact the Dean of Student Services (located by cafeteria.)



Master Schedule for Final Exams Fall '13

Final Examination Period for CAPP English and CAPP Math. Testing Dates:
November 25 – 27, 2013. CAPP English and CAPP Math students are required to see
 your instructor(s) regarding the testing dates/times and/or testing updates for finals.

Courses 100 and Above (Dec. 2 – 5, 2013)

<p>COURSES OFFERED ON TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS</p> <p>08:00 a.m. – 09:20 a.m. 09:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 11:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. 02:00 p.m. – 03:20 p.m. 03:30 p.m. – 04:50 p.m.</p>	<p>FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Monday, December 02, 2013</p> <p>08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m. 02:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m. 04:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.</p>
<p>COURSES OFFERED ON MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS</p> <p>08:00 a.m. – 08:50 a.m. 09:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.</p>	<p>FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Tuesday, December 03, 2013</p> <p>08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m. 02:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m. 04:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.</p>
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<p>COURSES OFFERED ON TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.</p>	<p>FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Thursday, December 05, 2013</p> <p>08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m. Make up final examination period</p>

Important Information Concerning Finals

Students with more than three (3) exams per day or have exam schedule conflict **MUST** consult/confirm with instructors for the correct test time/dates. For such cases, instructors may schedule exams on Thursday, December 5, 2013 after 10 a.m. to assist the students. **ABSOLUTELY NO COURSES** will schedule final examinations before December 2, 2013 EXCEPT for CAPP English and CAPP Math as scheduled for November 25, to 27, 2013.

All exams are to given in the same classrooms in which courses have been taught throughout the semester. All exams must follow the designated schedule as submitted by the Dean of Academic Affairs and approved by the Vice President and Student Affairs Division.

Teachers: Remember to have your students complete student evaluation forms – **NO EXCEPTIONS** – assign one student to return the forms to the Academic Affairs Office.



(Left) ASCC Glee Club during their Halloween Jam Session (10/31/13)

The Fine Arts Department will be hosting a “Variety Show” for dancers, singers and actors on Friday 29th November. Stay tuned to find out more information on the up coming event!



Two SGA officers (left) Secretary Anna Sewell and Treasurer Visa Vaiau will be attending the National Center for Student Leadership Fall 2013 Conference in Louisiana this weekend.

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

November 12, 2013

ASCC/TTD Carpentry Apprenticeship Offers Modern Approach to Ancient Skills

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Now in its second month, the Apprenticeship Program offered by the Trades & Technology Division (TTD) of the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) has attracted a broad cross-section of tradesmen from the local workforce seeking to upgrade their skills. Apprenticeship Coordinator Fred Suisala has reported that one of the more popular areas of the Apprenticeship Program has been the Carpentry class taught by Mr. Tom Hardy. Asked his opinion of what accounts for the enduring interest in the field of Carpentry, Hardy said that this craft, easily the oldest of all the trades, by necessity combines traditional practices with modern technology and theory.

“Carpentry is still basically the same as when Jesus was a carpenter,” explained Hardy. “Since wood is still the main building medium used by carpenters, the same basic skills have been required for a carpenter since early times, but technology has evolved as far as tools, layout, methods of fastening, and safety. Modern tools allow a carpenter to do a job much quicker. There have been very few new tools invented, but technology has improved on the ones carpenters have always used. These innovations have been driven by competition. For a contractor, time is money, and the contractor with the best trained crew using the latest tools can get the job done quicker, safer, and more efficiently.”

Hardy says a modern professional carpenter should have the same basic training as carpenters have had for the last fifty years. A knowledge of tools and how to use them safely is essential, along with familiarity with blueprints and building plans, and an understanding of basic building practices according to the latest building codes, specifications, and techniques. “Carpenters in American Samoa need a much wider range of knowledge of the entire building, since there are no specialty contractors who do only electrical, plumbing, drywall, concrete, roofing, and

painting,” he said. Hardy, whose current apprenticeship class is “Plans, Building Codes, and Specifications,” enjoys being able to take a different teaching angle than he would to students new to the profession. “The apprentice is working at his/her respective vocation during the day and attending classes in the evening to learn more about their vocation,” he said. “We do not get into the skills part of the apprentice training, but we help them to understand how and why they do what they do.”

Understanding a plan as it relates to an overall structure presents one challenge, but attention to details in a building project often involves mathematics. “I feel they grasp the math better when they see an immediate need to understand and apply what they are being presented,” said Hardy. “I also help them to understand how to use a tape measure to figure and understand fractions. Fractions are used constantly in carpentry and the students once again seem to grasp the concept when they see where it applies in real life and work.”

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ASCC Carpentry instructor and professional contractor Tom Hardy (left) explains a fine point to students in the Trades & Technology Division's Apprenticeship Program. (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

November 12, 2013

ASCC/TTD Carpentry Apprenticeship Offers Modern Approach to Ancient Skills (Cont.)

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Hardy also familiarizes his students with building codes, which sometimes differ from one country or region to another. “Currently there is the UBC or Uniform Building Code and there is the IBC or International Building Code,” Hardy explained. “After the tsunami, FEMA conducted several classes and clinics on building. FEMA has adopted the IBC building code for all future construction they will be involved with. ASG Public Works is in the process of upgrading to the IBC for all projects. IBC regulations are basically the same as UBC regulations, except many of the IBC rules are more detailed and result in a stronger structure. The format of both code books is identical, so my main emphasis is on that format. I know nobody can memorize everything in the code book, so I train the student on how to look up anything they might need to know. All of these aspects of construction I go over with them hopefully give them a better understanding of what they are building when they look at the prints on the job.”

While the complexity of the course may sound daunting, Hardy has dealt with the same construction and carpentry issues routinely during his many years as a professional contractor. He says his students are hardly shying away either from the many details and theories his class covers. “They already possess many skills and are very eager to learn more about their vocation,” Hardy reflected. “These students are enrolled because they want to learn more and advance in their field. Because of this motivation, they are excellent students. As a teacher, these students make us feel like we are getting through. They’re not afraid of asking questions, and because they already work in carpentry, my explanations make more sense to them. I hope all the students go back to work with a better understanding of what they do.”

For more information on the ASCC Apprenticeship Program, call ASCC at 699-9155 and ask for Fred Suisala at ext. 353 or Tom Hardy at ext. 459.

ASCC PRESS RELEASE

November 15, 2013

ASCC/TTD Apprentice Welders Employed by Private Contractor

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

“This is the first group, and we anticipate more to be hired after most of their courses are completed,” said Fred Suisala, Apprenticeship Coordinator with the Trades & Technology Division (TTD) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) upon receiving the good news that five Welding apprentices have been hired by private contractor KDF Welding & Fabrication Company to assist with the construction of a multi-level structural platform that will become an office addition to the KS Mart building.

The five apprentices, Garfield Himphill,

Jonathan Faleafaga, Penita Chong Nee, Tommy Correia and Seti Lito, will work as act as assistants to the KDF master welder as well as perform basic welding tasks. They are among the 24 students enrolled in the “Welding Fundamentals & Metallurgy” class taught by Mr. Anetone Fuga as part of the Apprenticeship Program now in its sixth week at ASCC. The program, certified by the US Department of Labor (USDOL), gives men and women currently employed in the trades (which include Welding, Electrical, Carpentry and Automotive)

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ASCC PRESS RELEASE

November 15, 2013

ASCC/TTD Apprentice Welders Employed by Private Contractor (Cont.)

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

an opportunity to combine classroom instruction with on-the-job experience towards the goal of achieving professional certification or “Journeyman” status within their field.

Himphill, Faleafaga, Chong Nee, Correia and Lito are sponsored in the ASCC Apprenticeship Program by the Department of Youth and Women’s Affairs (DYWA). KDF head Mr. Tautai Faleafaga is also the hands-on instructor to provide the on-the-job training component to apprentices contracted by DYWA and evaluate their on-the-job performance. “There is a ‘Work Process’ that an employer fills-out recording the progress of each apprentice in each required category and tasks needed to be completed during the semester,” Suisala explained, adding that the TTD is currently working to have KDF Welding & Fabrication Company become a Registered Apprentice entity under the USDOL.

Suisala expressed his pride in the five students being selected to work on the project in addition to their studies with the Apprenticeship Program. “These apprentices are now receiving a pay while going through the program,” he said. “It’s a testament on how effectively a professional can develop a skill while getting paid in a minimal amount of time through the vocational training that the TTD Apprenticeship & Workforce Development is making available for not only those currently employed but also those seeking work.”

For more information on the ASCC/TTD Apprenticeship Program, contact Suisala at 699-9155, extension 353.



Mr. Tautai Faleafaga (far left) of KDF Welding and Fabrication Company is seen here with four of the five students in the ASCC/Trades & Technology Division Apprenticeship Program in Welding. The apprentices have been hired to assist KDF in a construction project at KS Mart (Photo: J. Kneubuhl)

(Right) Vice President Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff talking about bullying and harassment on campus at the Bullying Workshop held on Wednesday, 13th November 2013.



Student Reviews

Daughter in Time

Author: Josephine Tey

Review by: Visa Vaiau

Have you ever been fooled by someone that has innocent features but later is found out to be a serial killer? Well this mystery book unravels the questions and mysteries that will leave you craving for more. It is about detective Grant who is the best detective in Scotland but was later hospitalized for a long time because he got injured while on the line of duty. He was an energetic and enthusiastic detective but unfortunately he lost all interest when he was injured. His friends brought portraits to feast his eyes on the magic of art but no portrait caught his attention. However later on, he got very interested in a portrait of King Richard III. As he examined the portrait, King Richard appeared to him as a gentle man but why is it that everyone thinks that he is a murderer? This made Grant so curious that he started to investigate again. Using his detective's logic, he comes to the conclusion that the claim of Richard being a murderer is a lie. Now don't let me spoil the ending for you, grab this book and enjoy!



Plants vs. Zombies: It's About Time

Review by: Dezmond Applin

Need a fun, inexpensive game to pass the time on your smart device? "Plants vs. Zombies: It's About Time" is the game for you. This free app can be found on both major app sites, Google Play and the App Store. Yes, I said free. Unlike its first game, this app allows you to open new content areas through progress and earning "Stars and Keys." If you just can't wait to move on to the next level, you'll have to pay up. "PvZ 2" gives a new way to fight off the inevitable threat of zombies coming to your front doorstep. You are equipped with various plants, each with their own ability or special powers to defend your home from these zombie invaders. But don't be fooled, these zombies also have their own special abilities to keep you alert and on your toes. "It's About Time" is a great play on words because you travel through time and at the same time "PvZ 2" was a highly anticipated game to be released. Download this free app today and enjoy the war between plants and zombies!



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: ascc411newsletter@gmail.com. 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 drawing to win a prize at the end of the semester.

Campus Talk: “Campus Security”

Do you feel safe on campus? How do you get along with the security guards? Staff Siuila Uele, finds out what students are saying about ASCC’s Security Guards.

Mau Brown: *I feel safe on campus regardless of whether or not there are security guards on campus. To me, the security guards are just “passer-byers;” people who just pass me by without an exchange of words. I have mutual/neutral feelings towards them.*

Mua Matagi: *I don’t really have anything positive to say about the security guards on campus. I feel safe with or without them around. Suggestion: We need HOT security guards.*

Carl Peretania: *I feel like the security guards assure me of my safety while I’m in school. They’re like BROS to me; they’re really friendly and we get along well. I think they do a good job at what they do.*

Patricia Tofilau: *I don’t feel like they are security guards. To me, they’re just like everyone else on campus. I don’t view them differently from students because they don’t really show themselves to be security guards; they’re just OTHER people to me. They’re like a bunch of outsiders that come to ASCC and walk around, hang out, drive around, etc. No sense of real security.*

Frederick Thomas: *I think the security guards can provide better safety on foot or on bikes. They need to get off those golf carts. They’re friendly and they get along well with the students though.*

Tufanua Mase: *The security guards are helpful to have around, especially when fights break out, but I don’t think there needs to be so many of them on campus every day. I know they get along well with the kids at the gym who play basketball, but they need to start walking and talking more to students. My feelings towards them are neutral.*

Siaosi Petelo: *Overall, I think the security guards are protective and friendly. They definitely do a good job making ASCC a safe learning environment for students.*

Vanessa Himphill: *Many people complain about the security guards just roaming around in the golf carts, but I think that’s one way they secure the campus. They need to make sure that everything is okay all the time, so maybe that’s why they’re constantly roaming the campus and show up at random spots. Most of them seem to be really friendly.*

Charlie Uhrle: *The security guards need to be more professional. Students should treat and respect the security guards as authority and security guards should treat and respect the students as students. I think that they’re friendliness towards the students makes it hard for them to enforce school policies. I don’t think they do a good job assuring us of our safety because they don’t do a good job enforcing the School ID policy. Anybody with a backpack or notebook could pretty much come on campus and hang out here.*



Got an opinion about a hot subject on campus? Drop by 411 Editor Katrina Garcia’s office or email her at ascc41newsletter@gmail.com. All students that participate on “Campus Talk” will go into a drawing to win a prize at the end of the semester.

“Chief of the Week”

Destinee Afalava
Hails from Leone
Liberal Arts Major
18-years-old

Favorites:

Sport: Boxing

TV Show: Family Guy

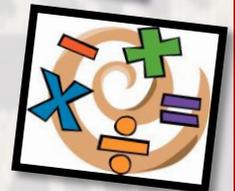
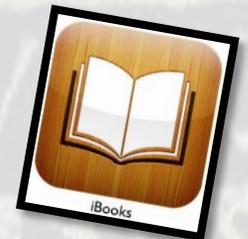
App: iBooks

Junk Food: Skittles &
Snickers

Subject: Mathematics &
Mechanics

Band: Icon for Hire!

Video Game: Amped 2,
Burn Out, Mario Kart, &
Conker's Bad Fur Day



Something interesting about Destinee:

“I can read a 400 page book in less than five hours. I also like cars and engines.”

What Destinee does outside of school:
“READ!”

Where do you see yourself five years from now?

“In the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic.”

Advice she has for you:

“Read; you’ll be surprised what it can do for you.”

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 drawing 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

asc411newsletter@gmail.com.

Student Corner

Student Polls

Based on survey at the Bullying Workshop (11/13/13)
 Info collected by Jessebeth Ropeti and Visa Vaiau

Have you ever been bullied by anyone (teacher/faculty or student) here on ASCC's campus?

- 51% Yes
- 49% No

Would you stop a bully if you use them hurting your friend?

- 9% Maybe, it depends.
- 15% Yes! It is not acceptable.
- 14% No, I would just report him/her to a faculty or security.
- 39% No, they might turn around and hurt me too.
- 23% I would not do anything.

Word Search – Fall

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Word of the day:

Abrogate v. Repeal or do away with a law, right or agreement: "To abrogate a law."

"Try not to be a man of success but a man of value."

- Albert Einstein