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the  
**411 Newsletter**

"Connecting Students to What's Happening on Campus"



## Finals & Christmas

It is now finals week, the stress is coming to an end. Students, you are almost there. Pull through this last week. Those of you graduating, congrats and good luck, and the rest... see you next semester!



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### 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](mailto:k.garcia@amsamo.edu) or [ascc411newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ascc411newsletter@gmail.com). Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 479.

**2013 Fall Issue:  
Dec. 2 – Dec. 5**

### Important Dates

11/12 - 12/5	2014 Spring & Summer Priority Registration
12/2 - 12/5	Final Examinations
12/6 – 12/11	Early Add/Drop Period
12/13	Graduation Commencement
1/13	Instruction for Spring Begins

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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.”



*From the  
Division of  
Student  
Services!*

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## Financial Aid Outreach Counselor

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 both sites.

## SGA – Thanksgiving Field Games



Pictured above is the successful Thanksgiving Field Day last Wednesday hosted by the Student Government Association, with the winners (left) getting their turkey prize awarded by Dean of Student Services, Dr. Emilia Le'i.

Don't forget to look into next semester's activities, or better yet, join the SGA! – Pictures taken by Journalism Club member, Patricia Tofilau.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**JACK KENT COOKE**  
FOUNDATION

**BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP  
AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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.

## Master Schedule for Final Exams Fall '13

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.

### COURSES OFFERED ON TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

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.

### FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Monday, December 02, 2013

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.

### COURSES OFFERED ON MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

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.

### FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Tuesday, December 03, 2013

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.

### COURSES OFFERED ON MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

01:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.  
02:00 p.m. – 02:50 p.m.  
03:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m.  
04:00 p.m. – 04:50 p.m.  
05:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.

### FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Wednesday, December 04, 2013

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.

### COURSES OFFERED ON TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

12:30 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.

### FINAL EXAMINATION TIME Thursday, December 05, 2013

08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.  
Make up final examination period

**ATTENTION:**  
**Important Graduates Meeting in the Lecture Hall @**  
**12:00pm next week Thursday, December 5, 2013.**

**Hey Students!**

CAPP is looking for student donations of current textbooks to help students who can't afford the cost of textbooks and are not eligible for Financial Aid. Drop off your donation to the Academic Affairs office or Mrs. Elisapeta Fa'alafi-Jones office.



*Merry Christmas & Happy  
 New Year. Manuia le  
 Kerisimasi ma le  
 Tausaga Fou.  
 From the Staff &  
 Management of ASCC  
 Library.*

**Reminder to all Students!**

Graffiti is not tolerated on campus. Any student caught doing graffiti on campus will be dealt with in accordance to the "Zero Tolerance Policy." For more information on this policy, visit student services or view in ASCC's catalog.



**Student Polls** - Info collected by **Dezmond Applin and John Jr. Pu'e**

Why do you think students graffiti on ASCC property?

- They're bored 38%
- They think it looks nice 4%
- They're stupid (don't know any better) 24%
- They think it's fun 14%
- Other 20%

What do you think about the graffiti other students make on school property?

- Looks ugly 44%
- It's funny 36%
- I like it 2%
- Makes me ashamed of my peers 18%

# Campus Talk: “Graffiti”



Interviews collected by Alex “Adi” Tuato’o  
411 Newsletter Staff.

With the semester coming to a close and the huts repainted with the “words” written on them gone. We asked a few people about how they felt about Graffiti.

## Dwight Seumanutafa.

How do you feel about Graffiti?

DS: *Awesome, its art. As long as it doesn't say a stupid word but is a picture, it's ok.*

Did you know that there was a No Tolerance policy\* on Graffiti? (\*if you are caught, you are penalized without question.)

DS: *No, I did not know that, because you know, security guards see kids do it and don't really care.*

Do you Consider Graffiti art?

DS: *Yes, it's an expression of emotion, it helps relieve stress. People get mad at certain things and graffiti is a good outlet for that... not that I've done that sort of thing.*

## Saple Faagogo

How do you feel about Graffiti?

SF: *Love it, graffiti art. As an art form I encourage it more; I believe if you're doing art it should be well done, I don't feel like it's understood. Vandalism, is a different story, see that gives graffiti a bad name, it should be more than just a name on a wall. I'm pretty sure there are people out here good with Graffiti art wise, a lot of unknown talent, and graffiti can help encourage them, get them noticed.*

Did you know that there was a No Tolerance policy on Graffiti?

SF: *No, well what would you count for Graffiti, Someone tagging something on a wall or someone doing a mural?*

Do you think it's fair?

SF: *Is it fair... technically it would be fair, because I knew I wasn't supposed to do it, but if say someone were to do a piece on the art building or the cafeteria, something creative, adding on to the building, adding on to the school -- what's the harm in that?*

Plus it'd be free.

SF: *Exactly, who would want to come to school every day to a blank wall? It would also help expose artists; there are those that wish they had a canvas to put something up on.*

I guess it's safe to say you consider Graffiti art then

SF: *Originally like with stencils and spray paint, whoever is using it not for naming but for pictures, creatively expressing for what they feel inside, an outlet, another way to put your feelings out. As long as it follows that format, it's art. Have you seen the Graffiti in the states? Where the mind is going, the art and talent that can be opened by a spray can... I'm still trying to figure out how they do it.*

## Zachary Faulkner

How do you feel about Graffiti?

ZF: *I like any kind of Graffiti, bad words, names; whatever actually. It makes me smile sometimes. I find humor in vandalism enjoyable, I don't support it, but I enjoy it.*

Did you know about the No Tolerance policy?

ZF: *I know it, I've seen the signs, but I don't know I'm very passive when it comes to those kinds of things.*

Do you think it's fair? The No Tolerance policy

ZF: *I guess, it's not our property. I understand there is a no tolerance thing; I would be upset if someone drew on my property.*

Do you Consider Graffiti art?

ZF: *Yes, as long as there was thought put in to it.*

## Campus Talk: “Graffiti” Continued



### Anna Imelda Afoa

How do you feel about Graffiti?

AIA: *It depends on what is written and where it's written, because if a bad word or something was written or drawn on public property, where little kids can see, it's illegal. Although if it's to express yourself in an artistic way then its fine.*

Did you know about the No Tolerance policy towards Graffiti?

AIA: *Nope.*

Do you think it's fair?

AIA: *No, in a Democratic government, they should allow people to have a voice to give their reasons as to why they were doing the graffiti.*

Do you consider Graffiti art?

AIA: *I don't consider bad words or vulgar grammar to be art, but if it were, say a graffiti of a beautiful garden on a blank wall then I'd consider that art, anything that is beautiful and complements a wall is art to me.*

### Allen Hisatake

How do you feel about Graffiti?

AH: *I think it's a good way for people to express themselves. Well, it depends on the message that they are trying to say. What the message gives. I saw a video were this guy did a graffiti of flowers on a wall for his little sister, she was sick and he wanted to make her happy. So the next morning when she woke up, out her window was the flowers he drew and it made her smile. Sometimes graffiti makes the world more colorful other than plain boring walls.*

Did you know about the No Tolerance Policy?

AH: *No I did not.*

Do you think it's fair?

AH: *No, it's not fair, people should be able to speak for themselves, freedom of speech, whether it be on a wall or explaining yourself to the police, or in our case, the security guards.*

Do you consider Graffiti to be art?

AH: *It's easy to say that anything that's written on walls or concrete is graffiti, from what I have observed. It doesn't take an artist to make graffiti, but someone bored or self-righteous to do one. Usually it's just words referring to a gang, team or profanity, to be honest there's not a lot of talent or imagination that goes on. I think that graffiti is something to express what you feel, to put your imagination on wall for other people to see and to feel what that person felt when they did it.*

~There you have it, Graffiti like a lot of things, can be tolerated if it's well done or if you're not caught, but if you're still skeptical, there is always the walls on Facebook.

By Alex “Adi” Tuato’o

From Kat – The 411 Editor: “It is all very nice to say that graffiti is art. I also agree, but the graffiti on campus should not (not even in the slightest) be considered works of art. (If you think an opinion on someone’s mom on a bathroom door is art... You have poor taste.) Just remember that graffiti on school property is NOT tolerated. I would hate for a student to be penalized for something as little as ‘artistically’ writing a name on a bench.”

## “Chief of the Week”

Jasmine J. Muasau

From Nu'uuli

Liberal Arts Major

18-years-old

Favorites:

Movie: Chilling

Romance

Sport: Soccer

TV Show: 2 Days

+ 1 Night

Book: Perfect

Chemistry

App: Cymera

Band: Whowho

Video Game: DOA

Course: Sociology

Something interesting about Jasmine:

“I’m American Samoa’s biggest K-Pop fan.”

What she likes to do outside of school:

Read random books, listen to K-Pop, & sleep.

Advice she has for you:

“Always think positive. Turn obstacles into challenges that are there to help you succeed & learn.”

Jasmine’s shoutouts:

“Shout out to all our troops especially to my SB sister Julliam!  
I love & miss you.”



## The 411 Winners Circle

As promised, the 411 Newsletter had a draw for the following categories for student’s participation. To bear witness to the drawing, two students Davicia Tautai and Zachary Faulkner were present, as well as Siuila Uele, a staff representative of the Journalism Club, “Fresh Print,” and Dean of Student Services, Dr. Emilia Le’i was there to choose the winners. And here are the winners chosen at random from a tanoa bowl...



### Student Review Winner – Junior Luvu

*“This movie contains memorable characters and had unexpected plot twists; you never knew what they were going to get themselves into next.”*

- Junior’s movie review on “We’re the Millers” was published on Sept. 23 – Sept. 27 issue. To read more, find the issue on ASCC’s website or on our Facebook page (ASCC 411 Newsletter.)



### Campus Talk Winner - Zachary Faulkner

*“I like any kind of Graffiti, bad words, names; whatever actually. It makes me smile sometimes. I find humor in vandalism enjoyable, I don’t support it, but I enjoy it.”*

- Zach’s opinion on Graffiti. Published on this Dec. 2 – Dec. 5 issue. Read his entire comment on page 6!



### “Chief of the Week” Winner – Jessica Tuiletufuga

*“Stay focused in college and surround yourself with positive people.”*

- Jessica’s advice she gave you in the Oct. 21 – Oct. 25 issue. Find her full profile online and see what else she had to say.



If you want to participate next semester, drop by the SLA Center, and ask how you can win prizes on the 411.

# Student Corner

## Student Polls

Info collected by Dezmond Applin,  
John Jr. Pu'e, and Sarojni Sing

How are you feeling about  
upcoming finals & assignments?

- Stressed 52%
- Relaxed 12%
- Excited 14%
- Panicking 22%

What are you doing for  
Christmas break?

- Going off-island 20%
- Staying home/nothing 42%
- Work 18%
- Other 20%

Did you pre-register for the next  
semester?

- Yes 56%
- No, not yet 34%
- No, not going to 10%

## Word Search – Christmas

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## Word of the day:

**Futile** *adj.* Incapable of producing any useful result; pointless. "All of his attempts to rectify the situation proved futile."

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*

- Mahatma Gandhi