



Some youth members from Sua County who were at Onesosopo Park this past Saturday, when the Sua County Coalition against "Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs" (ATOD) hosted a day full of activities, games, and presentations.

[photo: Blue Chen-Fruean]

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ASG workforce increases by 150+ if Supplemental Budget is passed

THAT'S ABOUT 6,700 WORKERS - MAKING GOV'T LARGEST EMPLOYER

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The Lolo Administration's proposed Basic Budget for the new fiscal year 2018 shows the American Samoa Government's workforce at over 6,500, which is a slight decrease compared to the approved FY 2017 budget due to career service employees retiring. However, the FY 2018 Supplemental Budget, which is funded by local revenues, is proposing just over 200 positions — upping the number of government workers in 2018 by over 150.

The Supplemental budget is dependent on the passage of new revenue measures currently before the Fono, of which the governor has said, if they are not passed, the Supplemental Budget is a 'no go'.

In his cover letter to Fono leaders that includes the Basic FY 2018 Budget, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga said the total number of positions proposed for the new fiscal year is about 6,555 compared to 6,612 approved in FY 2017.

He said this reflects an overall decrease of about 56 positions in career service, which can be attributed to retirement.

Samoa News notes that the ASG workforce includes semi autonomous agencies such as the American Samoa Power Authority, and the LBJ Medical Center.

Of the total ASG workforce proposed in FY 2018, about 1,565 are contract workers (an increase of 5% from FY 2017) and about 4,990 for career service — a 2% decrease from FY 2017, according to data included in the governor's letter.

Position distribution by funding source shows about 2,453 funded by local revenue; 2,265 with federal funding; and 1,837 under Enterprise Fund — which is where the semi autonomous agencies are listed and other ASG entities — such as the Airport Division and ASG Housing.

According to the governor, a total of 216 positions are being proposed in the FY 2018 supplemental budget, with a little over 160 being career service and over 50 are on contract. Among the positions in the supplemental are 11 employees for the LBJ Medical Center and the American Samoa Community College.

The Administration is also proposing \$500,000 under the Special Programs for the FY 2018 Basic Budget for the Workforce Development Fund program, which the governor explained "offers early retirement incentives to ASG employees eligible for retirement, allowing the availability of these job positions for new workers."

(This funding allocation is not specifically identified in the FY 2017 budget, according to

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Andra Samoa is one of the 70 "Inspiring Pacific Women," recently recognized by the regional Pacific Community, formerly known as the South Pacific Community, or SPC. The women have helped shape development of the region, according to PC. See story for full details. [Courtesy photo]

Andra Samoa is one of 70 "Inspiring Pacific Women"

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Local environmentalist Andra Samoa is one of the seventy "Inspiring Pacific Women" recognized and profiled by the regional Pacific Community, formerly known as the South Pacific Community, or SPC, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary later this year.

"I'm deeply honored and humbled to be in the presence of many distinguished and inspiring women throughout the Pacific Region," said Samoa yesterday responding to Samoa News inquiries.

She was nominated by colleagues at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, "who have tolerated my passion — although too aggressive — to develop programs that will build local capacity not only for American Samoa but also throughout the Pacific Region," Samoa said.

Several months ago, the Pacific Community posed the question to a global audience: "Do you know an inspiring Pacific woman?" for its participatory campaign that looked to identify 70 Inspiring Pacific Women, who have helped shape development of the region, according to background information on the Pacific Community's website, which noted that over 200 nominations poured in from around the Pacific and other parts of the world for the campaign.

The resulting profiles highlight Pacific women who have made a significant contribution to the social, economic, cultural, and political development in Pacific islands countries and territories.

SPC started publishing on July 24th, and everyday thereafter for 70 days, a new profile of an inspiring Pacific woman to mark its 70th anniversary, and to lead up to the 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and 6th Meeting of Ministers for Women in Suva, Fiji later this year on Oct. 2-5.

For Andra Samoa, her profile was published late last week.

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Members of the Filipino Community of American Samoa (FCAS), together with the nine-member delegation of the Philippine Consulate from Honolulu, Hawaii who traveled to the territory last week to assist the local Filipino Community members with, among other things, issues regarding immigration and citizenship. [photo: Bea Galzote]



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Local Red Cross volunteers being requested for deployment to the US

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

The local American Red Cross office has received a “general request” for Red Cross volunteers for possible deployment to the U.S following the devastation left behind at various cities in Texas, especially in Houston, by Category 4 Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall last Friday evening but by Sunday was downgraded to a Tropical Storm, but is still causing havoc with torrential rains.

Since last Saturday, national news organizations started reporting that Red Cross volunteers are being mobilized in states for deployment to the affected cities in Texas.

In Hawai’i, a handful of Red Cross volunteers have started to deploy, according to Honolulu-based Hawai’i News Now, in a television news segment aired Sunday afternoon.

When asked if the local Red Cross has been requested to deploy volunteers in the aftermath of the hurricane, local American Red Cross manager Val Tuilefano said yesterday, “We have received a general request from both the division and regional level.”

American Samoa is part of the Pacific Division including California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawai’i as well as the territories of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Furthermore, American Samoa is part of the San Diego/ Imperial Counties region.

As of yesterday morning, “We are considering volunteers already in the American Red Cross online data base system called Volunteer Connection,” Tuilefano told Samoa News. “We currently have about 45 registered with 15 that have been active in the past year. This means the priority will begin with the 15 and so forth.”

“Naturally, the four local Red Cross volunteers [who] were deployed last year to the U.S East Coast & North Carolina are our first picks, granted they are ready and able to deploy,” he said, adding that the

Red Cross is open to signing up new interested volunteers as it would “benefit our Territory to have a strong volunteer base to draw from, if the need arises for a greater number of volunteers for this disaster or any other disasters in the future.”

As Tropical Storm Harvey continues to stall along the US Gulf Coast, it has caused major flooding problems for several areas in the state of Louisiana.

As to possible locations in which the local Red Cross volunteers will be deployed to and the work they will be involved in, Tuilefano said locations given to the office in San Diego/ Imperial Counties and American Samoa are in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Dallas, Texas.

“More information is being compiled and assimilated as the week progresses. Right now the duties for American Samoa deployment are in shelter work,” he said. “However, these duties may change upon arrival, based on their specific skill sets captured in the online Volunteer Connection registration forms.”

“We will remain in contact as I firm up the American Samoa Red Cross team and receive the official word of approval,” he said, adding that, “deployment for American Samoa can be costly as compared to those volunteers residing on the mainland.”

“It must be noted when American Samoa is approved to deploy, it is due to the overwhelming support and most positive relationship with our San Diego Chapter, [which] has for the past 4 years taken American Samoa under their wing — providing resources, training and opportunities such as these deployments to build and strengthen our local capacity in disaster response,” Tuilefano shared. National news media quotes Texas officials saying yesterday that at least 8 deaths are blamed on Harvey. Houston-based KHOU television station reported yesterday morning that six family members were believed to have drowned when their van was swept away by floodwaters.



Some of the staff from DOE’s School Lunch Program, who were present at yesterday’s annual Dept. of Education general assembly, held at the Tafuna High School Gymnasium.

[photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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President of the local Filipino community Reynaldo Sello, together with members of the Philippine Consulate General who are visiting the territory from Honolulu, HI.

They are: Deputy Consul General Roberto Bernardo; Querubin Cacho who oversees the finances; and Jeffrey De Mesa, the Protocol and Community Relations officers. See story for full details.

[photo: Bea Galzote]

Filipino community hosts visiting Philippine Consulate delegation

by Mark Espiritu
Special to Samoa News

The new officers for the Filipino Community of American Samoa (FCAS), in an effort to improve the unity and structure of their countrymen's lives in the territory, were able to collaborate with the Philippine Consulate organization from Hawai'i, which resulted in a delegation from Hawai'i arriving in the territory this past weekend.

The Consulate delegation traveled to American Samoa to help the local Filipino community members with various issues including FCAS membership registration and renewal, passport renewals, applications for notarial service, authentication of documents, reports of births and marriages, dual citizenship, and the administration of the Oath of Allegiance for dual citizenship.

This past Saturday, August 26th, the FCAS hosted the "2017 Consular's Night" at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium in

Utulei.

The event was not only held to welcome the Consulate General from Hawai'i, but also to carry out the ceremonial oath of office for the newly elected officers and board of directors of FCAS.

The opening ceremony featured the national anthems of the United States, American Samoa, and the Philippines, followed by a prayer offered by Rev. Father Vaiula Iulio.

Newly elected FCAS president Renato A. Sello offered opening remarks, followed by Attorney General Talauega Eleasalo Ale inducting the FCAS new officers.

Consul General Gina A. Jamorlin, Lt. Gov. Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, and former FCAS president Iorgio Baul (1991-1993) all offered special remarks during the event.

The night concluded with dinner and dancing, which included a mix of Samoan and Filipino entertainment. The

FCAS dance group performed the traditional bamboo tinikling dance while the Taupou Manaia Dance academy performed their siva with a taualuga by Korina Lee.

The three-day outreach program started at the Tedi of Samoa (Fagatogo Square) compound last Saturday and concluded yesterday.

According to the delegates, "The outreach program — made possible by the newly elected officers — will not only help and better the community but also all the individuals that the program will be able to assist."

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Letter to the Editor

"INADEQUATE HEALTHCARE FUNDING FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS"

by Dr. Jim Marrone

As a Medicare/Medicaid-qualified physician who lived and worked in AS for over 14 years (and ran the Dept. of Pediatrics at the LBJTMC for about half of that time), I am greatly troubled by the ongoing inability of the leaders in the Territory to properly obtain and manage adequate healthcare funding for its residents.

While my last day of work at the hospital was in very late 2015, and I moved back to the mainland in early 2016, it appears as though very little since then has changed in this regard. And from what I can see here in these pages, sadly nothing has changed for the better. As an example, we used to have tremendous problems documenting our services provided for our patients... Not so much medically I mean (the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and ancillary service providers generally kept detailed notes on all of these encounters), but professionally.

What I mean by that is, ASG along with the ASMCA (LBJ) were failing to treat the delivery of medical care like the business that it really is! And when we talk about business of course, we simply must talk about money. There is just no other way to continue providing services if the flow of money is not very carefully considered, and then meticulously monitored and maintained at all times. Personally I believe that the financial support of any healthcare system has to be considered right up there amongst our very highest priorities, that is to say, probably right behind "stopping the bleeding" of the patient in front of you at the moment!

It truly is just that important, and absolutely essential to everyone's survival in this vital endeavor.

Now, up until about 2003 or so LBJ had largely a paper-based medical records keeping and billing system (we were certainly not alone in this, as many other States and Territories also still kept records in that same, old-fashioned way), but the U.S. Government was making a big nationwide push to use Electronic Medical Records. Thankfully LBJ was eventually able to obtain a "free-ware" version of the system used throughout our country by the Veterans Administration (called C.P.R.S.).

This was supposed to not only increase LBJ's efficiency and accuracy (as well as to improve communication with off-island providers and organizations) in medical matters, but it was also supposed to help improve their reimbursements for provider services rendered. To help sustain and improve the business of medicine... But did it? In my next piece, I will attempt to outline what developed with LBJ's electronic medical records system, and how I believe it reflects a much larger and deeper problem within the governance of ASG.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

by Samoa News Staff

ANNUAL DOE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The local Department of Education officially kicked off the school year 2017- 18 with its annual general assembly, held at the Tafuna High School gymnasium yesterday morning.

Hundreds of DOE employees, including bus drivers, teachers, employees of the School Lunch Program, volunteers from World Teach, as well as ASG department directors were in attendance.

Cabinet members were instructed to be in attendance, as the administration stresses the importance of teamwork in raising a child.

Themed: "Together We Succeed" the event was led by DOE Deputy Director Philo Jennings, with Rev. Iasepi Ulu delivering the invocation and the benediction.

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga — a former educator — offered special remarks and referred to the theme, telling those in attendance that the common goal of all educators, administrators, and teachers, as well as those who provide other services, is to see each child succeed.

He also thanked all the departments and agencies for

their continued commitment to the Adopt-a-School program.

Orientation for west side teachers is today, while the east side educators will go through orientation tomorrow.

The agenda for DOE this month, includes the opening of the Fagali'i Elementary School building on Thursday, August 31st, followed by the ASG Workforce Day at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday, Sept. 1st.

The American Samoa High School Athletics Association (ASHSAA) football season starts Saturday, Sept. 2nd

Labor Day, a federal holiday, is Monday, Sept. 4th and classroom teaching for the 2017-2018 school year for DOE students begins Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

PUPI LAFAELE ENROLLS AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

DURANGO, CO — August 28, 2017 - Pupi Lafaele, of Pago Pago, AS, starts coursework at Fort Lewis College on August 28, 2017, as a transfer student. Lafaele's major is Exercise Physiology.

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OFFICIALS FROM WSU VISIT ASCC

A group of six representatives from Washington State University (WSU), including its President Dr. Kirk Schulz, visited the American Samoa Community College last week, where the group took a tour of the campus and also made a presentation to ASCC faculty, staff members, and students.

The delegation included renowned football personality and WSU alumnus Jack Thompson, and City of Pullman, WA Chief of Police Gary Jenkins.

ASCC-ACNR Director Aufa'i Apulu Ropeti Areta, ASCC President Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato, Dr. Schulz, and ASCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Lina Galea'i Scanlan hosted the group at ASCC.



Hundreds of local public high school teachers attended yesterday's official opening of school year 2017-2018 for DOE, which kicked off with the annual Education Department General Assembly, held at the Tafuna High School Gymnasium. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Cool Stuff: ESEE, The Real Deal

by Barry Markowitz

The hearts and prayers of Samoa are with those suffering from Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

For Cool Stuff, it's personal as fellow former UCLA Football teammates Gene Settles, David Boze and Russell Charles are currently in harm's way. They report: "So far so good."

The most important tool in a serious disaster is the best knife you can afford strapped to your hip (not in your backpack as you may be separated). ESEE knives' entire line is the absolute toughest and is fortunately affordable.

While Mrs. Cool Stuff has that Samoan mindset, that any knife is a knife (and sadly a daily can opener too) — your dearest bestest rascal, Cool Stuff, chooses the proper ESEE for each specific situation.

When Cool Stuff goes into disasters for CNN/Samoa News/Honolulu Star Advertiser I usually fly in a US Coast Guard C-130. C-130's are seriously noisy, kinda slow, aging, but historically safe & dependable, yet Cool Stuff will still strap on an ESEE 5 (\$120-\$159) for military flights.

Designed to serve as an ASEK (Aircrew Survival Egress Knife), the 5 1/4" long, 1/4" thick, Micarta gripped, Kydex sheathed ESEE 5 will allow you to cut the skin of an aircraft with the combo serrated blade and use the pommel to remove glass and other obstacles to evacuate.

Randall Adventure Training's (ESEE's training entity) Mike Perrin guided me well in this crucial acquisition.

Remember, if you only have one tool; the ESEE 5 cuts, pries, digs, designed to accommodate

a bow fire starter and will help you cut your roof open if you are stuck in your attic/ home and need to escape rising waters to safety on your roof.

ESEE co-founder Jeff Randal greatly influenced my selection of the ESEE 6 for our island rainforests. It's just long enough to be a pseudo machete, but not too long so you can still do rough bush-craft, shelter building, firewood gathering. The \$149 ESEE 6 5.75" long, .188" is my MVP All American ground tool of choice.

Cool Stuff cherishes his ESEE 4 for purse seiner/cannery/fishing because Cool Stuff's dad personally wrapped it with tuna line. Comfortably smaller on the hip, ESEE's Rowen Manufacturing's tenacious quality control assures the ESEE 4's 1095 Carbon steel is just as tough as its older brothers ESEE 5, 6, & Junglas (which is always strapped to my emergency go bag).

Until Hurricane Harvey, this column was to be dedicated to the wonderful outdoor \$147 ESEE Laser Strike (4.5" long, .188" thick, storage in handle, w/fire tinder & ferrocium fire starter rod) and its bush-craft cousin the Camp Lore PR-4, this November's exciting debut of Patrick Rollins' Kephart refresh design with textured grips.

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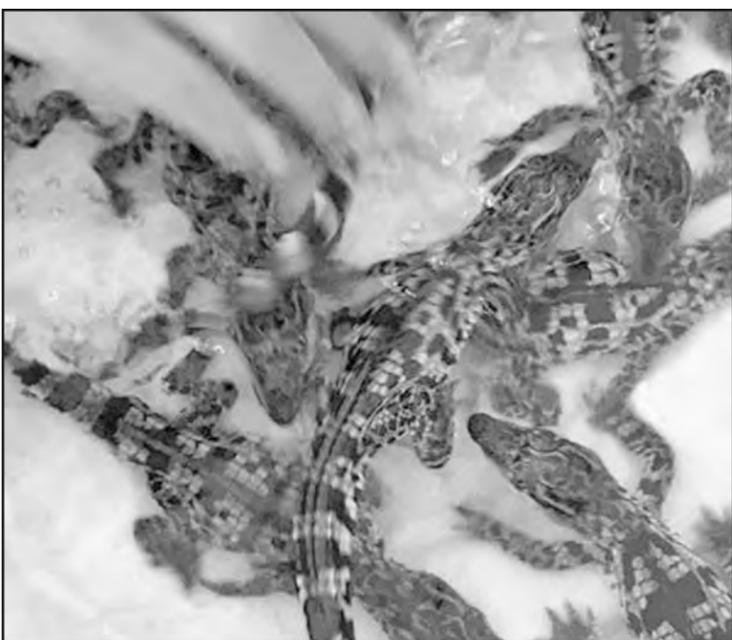
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In this Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, photo provided by The Wildlife Conservation Society and Fisheries Administration, Siamese baby crocodiles swim in a bin at the Koh Kong Reptile Conservation Center in Koh Kong, Cambodia. WCS and FIA announced on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, that the eggs of nine Siamese crocodiles, listed on IUCN's red list as critically endangered have hatched. The total population of Siamese crocodiles, around 410 wild adults, of which 100-300 live in Cambodia, making it the most important country for the conservation of this species.

(Wildlife Conservation Society and Fisheries Administration via AP)



Stephen McGown, second left, with his father Malcolm McGown, left, wife Catherine, second right, and sister Leigh-Anne Quixley during a media conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017. The 42-year-old Stephen McGown was the longest-held of a number of foreigners seized by Islamic extremists in Mali, where several armed groups roam the West African country's north. McGown says he doesn't know whether any ransom was paid for his release in late July.

(AP Photo/Themba Hadebe)

Australia offers additional military help to Philippines

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's foreign minister says her country has offered to help train the Philippine military in its fight against extremists linked to the Islamic State group.

Australia has already sent surveillance planes to help the Philippines, where the southern city of Marawi has been under siege for months by Islamic

State-linked militants. In a recent video, the Islamic State group singled out Australia and the U.S. as key backers of the Philippines military offensive in Marawi.

On Tuesday, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said that Australia was prepared to send additional help in the form of training for the Philippine military.

Andra Samoa...

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The SPC describes her as a local environmentalist, who walks the talk.

"You will always find her cleaning the wetlands or picking up trash along the road and beaches in Leone," said her friend and colleague Ginger Porter of the Pacific International Training Desk in Hawai'i, according to the profile.

Samoa, who served as the American Samoa Power Authority's executive director from 2006 to 2013, is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific eCommerce Development Corporation, which works on information technology projects — both application and infrastructure — that support economic development, disaster preparedness, health and education in American Samoa.

"Like so many of these role models selected by SPC, gender does not limit or hinder our passion to enable others to excel in life," Samoa said.

"For me, this passion can only be contributed to the values and principles formed in the confines of a village, parents, church, extended family, missionaries, nuns, and priests; and with education you integrate these values and principles so that you can develop programs that will directly meet the critical need of the village."

She says the critical need of every village can be applied to a county, district, government, the Pacific Island Region, State, Federal and an International institution.

"We need the basic necessity of life to survive and definitely the environment;

the air, water, ocean, watershed, and wetland provide us with boundless opportunities to protect, preserve," she pointed out.

"There seems to be a disconnection between government policy, political rhetoric, and changing of people's behavior to genuinely care for the environment."

"From a village base perspective, changing people's behavior for a cleaner and safe environment is not a priority on a long term period as each village has its own competing priorities, not to mention each

family struggling financially," Samoa said.

Additionally, the reality of climate change and global warming is a threat to every village as the coastal shoreline is being eroded, streams being infested with trash and chemical solution, wetland reduction with development, and the list goes on and on.

"These are the issues I worry about as the environment is also interconnected to health and the economy," she continued, adding that she will stay focused on a wonderful federal program managed by the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources "to restore our Leone village coral reef and wetland, and writing up a coastal village wetland management plan incorporating all the best practices provided by previous studies."

Samoa continues to volunteer "on any programs that will build local capacity for our children and the entire community."

Samoa was among a handful of local residents interviewed last year for a story on the US project called, "America's Eroding Edges", which included a look at erosion at American Samoa's shoreline due to climate change, and she shared the problems regarding Leone, one of the hard-hit villages in the 2009 tsunami. (See Samoa News June 29, 2016 edition for full story.)

Besides Andra Samoa, three other Samoan women are profiled in the "Inspiring Pacific Women" campaign.

They are: Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, the first woman Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa; Elisapeta Tuupou-Alaimaleata, an American-Samoan educator and founder of the Honolulu-based Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center; and 19-year old Brianna Fruean, a climate change advocate in Samoa, whom at 11 became a founding member of the grassroots climate change movement "350.Samoa" and leader of the environmental group "Future Rush".

More details on all the published profiles and other information can be obtained at <www.spc.int/70-inspiring-pacific-womens/>



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WHEREAS, Labor Day, the first Monday in September of each year is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, New York; and,

WHEREAS, historically, we in American Samoa have not properly celebrated the contributions to our society, to our way of living, and to our successful transition over the last 50 years from a largely subsistence based economy to an industrial and service sector based economy, by a workforce of skilled and unskilled, blue and white collar, men and women, all of whom, collaboratively, have made us what we are today; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that American Samoa pay tribute to the creators of so much of American Samoa’s strength, freedom, and leadership—our working men and women; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA, GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA, HEREBY PROCLAIM LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, A DAY OF CELEBRATION of the accomplishments of the working men and women of the territory; and further, invite and encourage the federal, territorial, private sector and subsistence economy workforce to participate in **WORKFORCE APPRECIATION DAY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**, in commemoration of their role in building our economy and improving our lifestyle through their “**COMMITMENT TO SELFLESS SERVICE**”, our theme for this year’s event.

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Volunteer teachers from the US-based World Teach organization posing for Samoa News after yesterday's annual DOE General Assembly at the THS Warriors gymnasium. [photo: Leua Aiono Frost]

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Chile's Bachelet presents gay marriage bill

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet introduced a bill Monday to legalize gay marriage, the latest in a series of recent reforms in a country long regarded as one of Latin America's most socially conservative.

Bachelet signed the proposal, which will be sent to lawmakers, at a ceremony in the presidential palace. She said the measure seeks to expand the definition of marriage between a man and a woman and would also expand rights for gay couples, allowing them to adopt children.

"We can't let old prejudices be stronger than love," Bachelet said.

Chile approved civil unions for same-sex couples in 2015 and decriminalized gay sex in 1999. The bill comes a week after Chile's Constitutional Court upheld a measure that would end the country's absolute ban on abortions.

Civil unions have been recognized in several South American countries, though only Argentina and Uruguay have codified same-sex marriage. Gay marriage has also been legalized in Brazil and Colombia under court rulings.

It's unlikely Bachelet will be able to push the measure through Congress before she ends her term in March 2018. But gay right advocates celebrated the decision as an important step toward full rights.

"It's the beginning of the end of discrimination based on sexual orientation to access marriage," said Luis Larraín, founder of the Iguales Foundation.





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Saturday, August 19, Matson company through its Ka Ipu 'Āina environment program sponsored a beach clean-up project which members of the Fagaitua High School Alumni Association, Hawaii chapter attended. With their green colored Vikings logo t-shirts representing environmental pride, members picked up trash around the fields and along the beach of One'ula Park in Ewa. Funds from their beach clean-up will help members attend the FHS 50th Jubilee in July 2018 as well as to further support funding their annual FHSAA scholarship program. [photo courtesy]

Judge delays trial of suspect in abduction of Chinese woman

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — The federal kidnapping trial of a man accused in the abduction of a University of Illinois scholar from China has been rescheduled.

The trial of Brendt Christensen in the disappearance of Yingying Zhang was scheduled to start Sept. 12. U.S. District Court Judge Colin Bruce on Monday granted Christensen's attorneys' request for a continuance until Feb. 27.

Defense attorney Tom Bruno said the defense is still waiting to see some of the evidence against Christensen. He added it would be unrealistic for the trial to begin before January.

Zhang disappeared June 9, weeks after arriving at the central Illinois campus. Investigators say they believe the 26-year-old is dead. Her body hasn't been found.

Christensen is suspected of abducting her in Urbana while she was going to sign an apartment lease.

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This July 8, 2017 photo shows members of the KKK escorted by police past a large group of protesters during a KKK rally in Charlottesville, Va. Some white Southerners are again advocating for what the Confederacy tried and failed to do in the 1860s: secession from the Union. So-called Southern nationalists are within the group of demonstrators who are fighting the removal of Confederate monuments around the South. They say it, "It's time for Southern states to secede again and become independent of the United States.."

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Charge of firing gun at protesters not first for KKK member

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — Ellen Drisgill said she was shocked when FBI agents came to her house and arrested her son, a KKK member who police say fired a gun during a recent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Drisgill said she didn't even know her son had a gun. Plus, he was friendly with the black neighbors nearby.

"I'm very surprised about all of this," she told The Associated Press outside her Baltimore home Monday.

Local authorities in Charlottesville recently charged her son, Richard Wilson Preston Jr., with discharging a firearm within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of a school during the rally Aug. 12.

The American Civil Liberties Union said it had provided law enforcement officials with a video of the shooting before Preston's arrest. It shows a man yelling and firing a handgun one time while standing on a sidewalk crowded with rally goers and counterprotesters. No one was struck.

Preston, 52, told a judge on Monday that he wouldn't fight extradition from his home city of Baltimore to Charlottesville.

It was hardly Preston's first day in court or in the news.

Preston faced several assault charges in the early 2000s, although he wasn't convicted for any of them, according to court records in Maryland.

He also has spoken out publicly as an imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Mostly recently

he spoke with an Indiana TV station in the days after Charlottesville's deadly protests, blaming the city's mayor for the unrest.

White nationalists had descended on Charlottesville in support of a Confederate monument that's been targeted for removal. A woman was killed when a car smashed into counterprotesters, and two state troopers died when their helicopter crashed.

"We didn't go there as the Klan," Preston told WANE-TV in Fort Wayne. "We didn't go there to create havoc in a fight. We were there to protect the monument." A 2013 article and video from the News Journal in Wilmington, Delaware, shows Preston in KKK garb calling for the impeachment of then-President Barack Obama.

Drisgill, Preston's mother, said she didn't know a lot about what her son did away from home.

"We've hardly ever sat and talked," she said.

Kay Chapman, who lives across the street and is black, described Preston as neighborly and "very respectful."

Chapman said she was stunned to see video of him at the rally.

"My heart dropped," she said. "What happened to make him do that?"

Chapman said he had a Confederate flag sticker on his truck, but she didn't think negatively about him for displaying it. She described him as "an all-around good guy."

ASG Workforce...

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ASG budget documents for the current fiscal year.)

Lawmakers are expected to question ASG officials on this funding allocation, during the yet to be scheduled budget hearings, which will be set when House Speaker Savali Talavou Ale returns this week from an off island trip.

As part of the Fono's preparations for budget hearings, Sen. Magalei Logovi'i, chairman of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, has requested — through the Senate President's Office — financial reports from the Administration, including the latest revenue-versus-expenditures report.

Magalei has also requested an ASG personnel report, detailing career service and contract employees from the ASG Department of Human Resources. The request was made during last Thursday's Senate session, with Magalei saying that his committee would like to have the reports before

the start of budget hearings.

BACKGROUND

There have been calls from the private sector to reduce the ASG workforce, instead of raising taxes or proposing new ones. (See Samoa News Aug. 23, 2017 issue for details)

In his cover letter to Fono leaders, Lolo said the message from the federal government "seems to direct" ASG to reduce its size, adding that the same sentiments are harbored and often raised by the business community.

While this is "not an unreasonable expectation", Lolo said, this "demand is very impractical for American Samoa because existing federal policies have effectively hamstrung and have preempted our ability to grow our economy."

As a result, the governor has chosen to keep the government as the largest employer on island — beating out the private sector's leading job provider — StarKist Samoa — with an estimated workforce of 2,000.



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Philippine Consulate General, Gina A. Jamoralin from Honolulu, HI, led a delegation of 8 who traveled to the territory this past weekend.

"This is part of our annual consular outreach to our Filipino people who are living in American Samoa," she told Samoa News, adding that they have visited the territory once a year for the past four years to "provide services such as receiving applications for new passports, registering them for the next elections, and other services pertaining to our own people."

Jamoralin and her team were able to serve more than 200 local Filipinos, and registering more than 150 new Filipino overseas voters on island.

"One of our services is to record all the information about Filipino citizens who are living in the territory, and we will send this information to our headquarters in Manila, to register their names for the upcoming election," Jamoralin continued.

During her visit, Jamoralin paid a courtesy visit to Governor Lolo M. Moliga and Lt. Gov. Lemanu P. Mauga to discuss issues that can benefit the government and people of both the Philippines and American Samoa.

[photo: AF]

Ousted prosecutor says Venezuelan gov't trying to kill her

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — The woman ousted as chief prosecutor by Venezuela's government charged Monday that the socialist administration in her homeland has tried to hire people to kill her.

Luisa Ortega Diaz was in Costa Rica to file a complaint with the Inter-American Human Rights Commission against the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

"I have information that the persecution against me continues, and that the government has hired assassins to kill me," Ortega said at a news conference with Costa Rica's chief prosecutor, Jorge Chavarria.

"I cannot go back, they will put me in jail, disappear me, torture me," she added. "They have searched my house twice and persecuted my family."

Ortega broke with Maduro

earlier this year, and the constitutional assembly removed her from her post shortly after it convened in early August. She went to Colombia, where she has been offered political asylum.

She said Monday that the Venezuelan government was committing "systematic" rights abuses, including illegal detentions and torture.

Ortega promised last week to deliver evidence showing that Maduro and top administration officials are involved in corruption, though so far she has not done so.

"There are a lot of officials involved in the corruption case with Odebrecht," she said Monday, referring to the giant Brazilian construction firm that has acknowledged paying bribes to officials in Latin America to get contracts.

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In this Feb. 9, 2016, photo, military representatives of Myanmar parliament leave after attending a session of Union Parliament in Naypyitaw, Myanmar. Myanmar military retains its grip on law enforcement, local administration and embattled frontier areas through control of three key ministries and a mandated 25 percent of seats in Parliament. (AP Photo)

Former loyalists lose faith in Myanmar's democracy icon

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — As Aung San Suu Kyi launched a national struggle against decades of harsh military rule, one medical student worked tirelessly at her side, facing down gun-wielding soldiers trying to crush the surging pro-democracy movement. For her activism and loyalty, Ma Thida suffered six years of mostly solitary imprisonment and nearly died of illnesses.

Now a medical doctor, novelist and recipient of international human rights awards, Ma Thida has few kind words for the former mentor she once called “my sister who always remained in my heart.”

The criticism by Ma Thida and other formerly ardent supporters is manifold:

they accuse Suu Kyi of ignoring state violence against ethnic minorities and Muslims, continuing to jail journalists and activists, cowing to Myanmar’s still-powerful generals, and failing to nurture democratic leaders who could step in when she, now 72, exits the scene. Instead, they say her government is creating a power vacuum that could be filled again by the military.

Some conclude that Suu Kyi, who espoused democracy with such passion, always possessed an authoritarian streak which only emerged once she gained power.

“We can’t expect her to change the whole country in one-and-a-half years, but we expect a strong human rights-based approach,” Ma Thida says of the Nobel Peace Prize winner once hailed as “Myanmar’s Joan of Arc” and spoken

of in the same breath as South Africa’s Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi of India.

International criticism has focused on Suu Kyi’s lack of action or condemnation of violence targeting the country’s approximately 1 million Rohingya Muslims, who have been brutalized since 2012 by security forces and zealots among the Buddhist majority in western Myanmar.

More than 1,000 Rohingya have been killed, while some 320,000 are living in squalid camps in Myanmar and neighboring Bangladesh, according to estimates by the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch and the United Nations. Thousands more embarked on perilous sea voyages to other Southeast Asian countries.

After a new wave of violence and humanitarian crisis erupted last week, with ethnic Rohingya militants attacking police posts and leaving 12 security personnel and 77 Rohingya Muslims dead, her office said military and border police had launched “clearance operations.” She herself condemned the militants for what she called “a calculated attempt to undermine the efforts of those seeking to build peace and harmony in Rakhine state.”

As usual, she did not address the insurgents’ counter-allegations — that the attacks were aimed at protecting Rohingya villagers from “intensified atrocities” perpetrated by “brutal soldiers.”

“The violence against the Rohingya is not an isolated event,” says Stella Naw, an analyst from the ethnic Kachin

minority focusing on national reconciliation. “We know the game the army is playing. But as a politician elected by the people, she is accountable for her inaction and failure to condemn the army.”

Suu Kyi’s government has banned a U.N. investigation team from entering the afflicted region, and earlier this month rejected the world body’s assertion that the regime’s actions “very likely” amounted to crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing. The February report alleged security forces had perpetrated mass killings, hurled children into fires and gang raped Muslim women. The government has mostly blamed the latest round of blood-letting on Islamist militants. Suu Kyi’s official Facebook page last year flashed a message reading “Fake Rape.”

“We don’t have a second choice. People still support her party and government. People must lower their expectations because the problems are so deeply rooted,” says Thant Thaw Kaung, executive director of the Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation, an initiative to improve the country’s woeful education system.

For years, Suu Kyi had courageously defied the military, suffering 15 years of house arrest and separation from her British husband and two sons to helm her National League for Democracy to a landslide victory in 2015 elections. Often referred to as “The Lady,” she retains popularity among the general public as the liberator from half a century of military oppression.



FILE - In this May 28, 2013 file photo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie greets President Barack Obama upon his arrival at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Obama traveled to New Jersey joining Christie to inspect and tour the Jersey Shore's recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy. George W. Bush never recovered from his flyover of Hurricane Katrina, Aōs devastation. Obama got a bipartisan boost late in his re-election campaign for his handling of Superstorm Sandy.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

Trump eagerly confronts tricky politics of natural disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush never recovered from his flyover of Hurricane Katrina's devastation. Barack Obama got a bipartisan boost late in his re-election campaign for his handling of Superstorm Sandy.

Now, President Donald Trump confronts the political risks and potential gains that come with leading the federal government's response to a deadly and destructive natural disaster. Hurricane Harvey, the massive storm that has dumped torrents of rain across Texas — flooding Houston and other cities — is the first major natural disaster of Trump's presidency, and the yet-to-be-determined scope of the damage appears likely to require a years-long federal project.

Trump, who is suffering through a long stretch of low approval ratings, has been particularly eager to seize the moment. He will visit Texas Tuesday — and may return to the region again on Saturday. The White House announced the first visit even before Harvey made landfall. On Monday, Trump promised Texans will "have what you need" and that federal funding would come "fast."

"We will come out stronger and believe me, we will be bigger, better, stronger than ever before," Trump said Monday during a White House news conference.

The president's unconventional style has still oozed out. Trump sent about two dozen tweets about the storm since Friday, marveling at the size of the hurricane and cheering on emergency responders: "You are doing a great job — the world is watching!" Indeed, he argued Monday he specifically timed his controversial pardon of former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio to capitalize on all the viewers tuned into storm coverage. The Friday night pardon wasn't an attempt to hide the news, he said: "I assumed the ratings would be higher." Trump advisers are well-aware that the hurricane poses a significant test for the White House, which has largely been mired in crises of its own making during Trump's first seven months in office, including the president's widely criticized response to white supremacist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia. Trump, who ran a real estate business and starred in a reality show before taking office, has no experience in the kinds of recovery efforts that will be required in Texas and has struggled at times to show competency in governing. Administrations often tread carefully in planning visits to disaster-ravaged areas. Mobilizing a president, his staff and his security is an enormous logistical undertaking and can pull local law enforcement resources away from the disaster recovery efforts. But Trump hasn't been cowed.

Aides said it was Trump who pushed for the White House to make his desire to travel to Texas known early. He won't be visiting Houston, where flooding has wreaked havoc on the nation's fourth-largest city. Instead, he is meeting with local leadership and relief organizations in Corpus Christi, then visiting the state's emergency operations center in Austin.

"Conditions haven't cleared in Houston yet so probably not appropriate for him to go up there, probably not safe for him to go up there," said Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas. "But I do think having your own eyes on the devastation that I have seen is important."

The optics of a president's initial response to a natural disaster can be long-lasting. Bush was haunted by his now-infamous declaration that then-FEMA Director Michael Brown was doing "a heckuva job" — a statement that appeared wildly off base after the full scope of the devastation became clear. Images of Bush peering down at the flooding in New Orleans from Air Force One also furthered the impression that he was detached from the horrific conditions on the ground. "He understands why that picture became a metaphor," said Dana Perino, who was serving as deputy White House spokeswoman at the time. Trump has played storm politics before. During his campaign, he rushed to Louisiana, in his signature "Make America Great Again" hat, to view damage from massive flooding. Trump made it to the battered neighborhoods before Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and while President Barack Obama was vacationing.

"We're glad you're not playing golf at Martha's Vineyard," one woman told him, a jab at Obama. "Somebody is, somebody is that shouldn't be," Trump replied.

Over the weekend, Trump offered a sunny assessment of the response efforts while the rain was still pouring down on Houston and other Texas towns. He cited the "great coordination between agencies at all levels of government" and declared, "We have an all out effort going, and going well!"

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, has so far praised the federal response to Hurricane Harvey, which has been blamed for at least three confirmed deaths. But with nearly 2 more feet of rain expected, authorities worried whether the worst was yet to come.

On its own, a successful federal response to Hurricane Harvey is unlikely to reshape Trump's presidency. But with his approval rating perilously low, it could help Trump convince some Americans that he has the capability to lead the nation through difficult moments.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)





Education Department bus drivers at yesterday's annual DOE general assembly, held at the Tafuna High School Gymnasium.

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Official: El Salvador must protect police attacked by gangs

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador's attorney general is calling for urgent measures to protect off-duty police, after two more officers were killed by suspected gang members.

Chief prosecutor Douglas Melendez said Monday "it is not possible that today they are killing police and the Salvadoran government is not taking strong and concrete measures." He urged the government to provide more funding for protective measures.

Suspected gang members killed an off-duty officer at his home in the rural township of Sensuntepeque on Sunday. On Monday another officer was shot dead as he left home.

Street gangs like Barrio 18 and the Mara Salvatrucha are attacking police in response to a government crackdown. This year four police have been killed on duty and 18 have been slain off duty. Nine off-duty soldiers have been killed.



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Anarchist rampage in Berkeley renews free speech debate



BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of masked, black-clad anarchists who overwhelmed a peaceful California protest and assaulted at least five perceived political enemies have reignited the debate over ensuring free speech while protecting public safety in the city where the U.S. free speech movement was born in the 1960s.

After planned weekend rallies were violently disrupted or canceled, supporters of President Donald Trump and other politically conservative activists complained their free speech rights were blocked by liberal politicians who they say incited left-wing extremists.

When Patriot Prayer founder Joey Gibson canceled his San Francisco rally Saturday, he blamed San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and Democratic U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi for falsely labeling the organization as a hate group and inciting extremism to vow violent disruption.

Others said that the violence on Sunday in nearby Berkeley, known as the U.S. heart of the free speech movement, tarnished their peaceful opposition to Trump's policies.

"It played into the false narrative that some conservatives have spun," about violent left-wing stifling of free speech, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin said Monday, a day after the anarchists assaulted the people they thought were right-wing extremists and pepper sprayed Gibson.

Gibson's supporters said the Berkeley police failed to protect the handful of right-wing supporters who showed up at the park Sunday afternoon by allowing the black-clad demonstrators to take over the city park without opposition. The right-wing group was outnumbered by thousands of opponents, but the rally was tense but peaceful until the anarchists arrived.

Several demonstrators tried to stop the violence and helped the assault victims escape while others screamed for the beating to stop.

The attack on the conservatives at the Berkeley park "definitely sends the wrong message," said Ed Tisher, who came to oppose them but ended up helping a Trump supporter knocked to the ground and shielding him from more

possible violence until police arrived.

Yvonne Felarca, a spokeswoman for the militant left-wing organization By Any Means Necessary, defended Sunday's violence. She called it self-defense, though it there were no indications anyone tried to physically harm the anarchists at the park.

She said right-wing extremists are often armed and want to fight left-wing opponents, concluding that Sunday's violence was a "success" and sent a message that speech her group considers fascist will not be allowed in ultraliberal Berkeley.

Felarca was charged last month with assault and helping incite a riot in Sacramento last year. The June 2016 melee between about 30 members of a neo-Nazi group and 300 counter-protesters ended with 14 people suffering stab wounds, cuts and bruises.

Berkeley Police Chief Andrew Greenwood said he ordered officers to abandon the park when the black-clad activists arrived. Confronting them would have risked escalating the violence and jeopardizing the safety of the peaceful protesters, Greenwood said.

The mayor said the police acted appropriately, saying the anarchists "were trying to provoke the police."

"Protecting a piece of grass in that situation was not worth it," Arreguin said.

Sid Heal, president of California Association of Tactical Officers representing police trained in riot control, said it's "always a tough call" officers to determine how to react when they respond to a crowd on the verge of a riot.

He said he usually advises officers to aggressively arrest people obviously intent on violence like those carrying gas masks or sticks who have covered their faces. Using heavy barriers that cannot be used by protesters as battering rams is also advisable, Heal said.

Berkeley police initially used both strategies, quickly arresting people who covered their faces or brought into the park items that could have been used as weapons. Police also set up water filled, plastic barriers to keep political opponents separated.

But Berkeley's police chief said he changed tactics after several hours and pulled officers out of the park when it became clear that only a handful of conservative activists remained there.

Heal, who helped the University of California, Berkeley, prepare for unrest ahead of an appearance by the politically conservative author Ann Coulter in April, said he believe it was the right decision.

"I wouldn't fight over a piece of land that has no value," Heal said.

Coulter canceled that appearance out of concern for violence but blamed the university for failing to ensure safety for conservative speakers.

The campus is bracing for the appearances of former conservative Breitbart News editors Ben Shapiro and Milo Yiannopoulos and other politically polarizing figures next month during two separate events, including a "free speech week."

The campus canceled a Yiannopoulos speech in February after demonstrations turned violent.

Newly appointed University of California, Berkeley chancellor Carol Christ said the campus would be prepared.

"The university has the responsibility to provide safety and security for its community and guests, and we will invest the necessary resources to achieve that goal," she said in a statement.

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AMERICAN SAMOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Student Services – Counseling Services

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: PERSONAL COUNSELOR
Employment Status: Full Time / 12 Months – Career Service

General Description:

The Personal Counselor works in the Division of Student Services (DOSS) Counseling Services Program. The Personal Counselor provides support by assisting traditional, non-traditional and students with disabilities with all aspects of educational planning, as well as the development and implementation of programs to meet the academic and personal needs of the students. This is a non-instructional position that may assist with academic aspects of Counseling Services and its scope of responsibilities.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Report directly to the Program Director of Counseling or other appropriate administrators at ASCC.
- Serve on appropriate department and/or college committees.
- Perform related duties as required or deemed necessary to meet the ASCC mission and goals within the counseling services scope of responsibility.
- Work collaboratively with the DOSS administrators and staff in meeting the academic and personal needs of students.
- Assist with advising students academically regarding ASCC academic general education and / or departmental requirements, appropriate class selection, academic policies and procedures, and campus resources.
- Teach "College and Life Planning" course.
- May report and refer students to other departments, offices or services as required on or off-campus.
- Assist and participate with student registration, student recruitment, retention initiatives and various other activities related to DOSS and the college.
- Maintain Counseling records and confidential student evaluation records.
- Assist in developing and revising counseling activities, regulations and procedures
- Write reports and evaluations on counseling services effectiveness and challenges.
- Assist with low grade period to coordinate counseling efforts between students and teachers.
- Provide community and/or college-wide outreach efforts.
- Perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the immediate Supervisor and or the Dean of Student Services.

Specific Duties and Responsibility:

- Assist students with setting immediate and long term personal goals.
- Identify and develop a plan to help students overcome potential obstacles by finding solutions and options Follow-up and encourage positive progress towards meeting student(s) academic and personal goals.
- Counsel students with social and emotional developmental issues as they attempt to deal with the challenges of achieving their educational goals.
- Provide activities, workshops, training or seminars for students, staff, faculty or stakeholders concerning related issues on suicide prevention, sexual misconduct, college related policies and procedures, resources, etc. to increase awareness and understanding.
- Responsible for "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) program on campus including recruitment and training of peer mentors for the program.
- Assist students with documented disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations related to their disability.
- Provide orientation of policies, processes and procedures, services and resources available on campus to assist students with disabilities in becoming independent students.
- Develop and implement Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for each course taught.
- Share SLO course data with department and ASCC stakeholders, and provide recommendations for improvement.
- Participate in the different levels of student learning outcome review, program review and student assessment.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, as well as the ability to work independently

Minimum Qualifications:

- Masters degree in Counseling, Psychology, Sociology or related field
- At least five (5) years of academic counseling experience at the secondary or college level
- Knowledge of academic, career, aptitude, and personal training.
- Ability to engage a diverse group of students, colleagues and stakeholders.
- Effective oral, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Organizational skills and ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines.
- Proficiency in Microsoft office programs, including Power Point, Word and Excel with effective internet research skill.

Salary Proposed: GS:15/07-12 = (\$27,995.00 - \$33,155.00)

Application Deadline: September 5, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 Ext. 403/335/436 or by emailing Silaulelei Saofaigaalii at s.saofaigaalii@amsamoa.edu or ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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BENJAMIN PUBI LAUSEN

October 22, 1950 - July 28, 2017



*"Time for me to go now, I won't say
Goodbye; Look for me in the rainbows
Way up in the sky. In the morning sunrise
When all the world is new, Just look for me
And love me, as you know I loved you.
Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in the rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the work is through
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.
It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.
Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in the rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.
Just wish me to be near you, And i'll be there with you."*

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Freddie's Beach, Fogagogo

11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Rev. 21:4

Family and friends are welcome to join the service and Ben's Barbecue

Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai,
Lupelele Lausen and Family