

THE 411 Newsletter

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Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy - forgiveness.
- To an opponent - tolerance.
- To a friend - your heart.
- To a customer - service.
- To all - charity.
- To a child - a good example.
- To yourself - respect.

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**MAKE AN
ANNOUNCEMENT ON 411**

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Katrina Garcia-Helsham at the S.L.A. Center - Annex, or you can email: k.garcia@amsamoa.edu or ascc411newsletter@amsamoa.com. Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 363.

FRESH PRINT

Fresh Print is ASCC's journalism club. They are in charge of putting together the 411 Newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to join the club, email k.garcia@amsamoa.edu

11/11 – 12/08	Spring and Summer Priority Registration for Regular Session
12/02	Last Day to Completely Withdrawal from ASCC
12/02	Instruction Ends
12/9 – 12/15	Early Add/Drop for Spring & Summer 2017
12/16	Fall 2016 Commencement Exercise

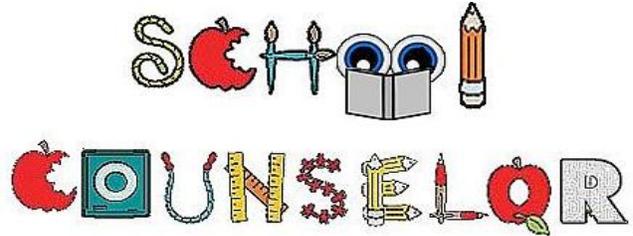
The ASCC dates are available on www.amsamoa.edu or on the ASCC catalog.

Division of Student Services

"We here at Student Services are dedicated to providing each student with high quality services and assistance in all of our respective areas."

Come visit an Academic, Personal, Career, Veterans Affairs or Transfer/Transition Counselor. Student Services counselors have their offices located by the cafeteria and the Career and Transfer Center

Need some guidance? Go see a



CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Annie Panama 699-9155, ext. 326 or email a.panama@amsamoa.edu for your counselor-based questions.

Veterans Student Services Corner



For information concerning students with VA benefits. Please see or contact Lydian Tinitali, 699-9155 ext. 426 or email asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu

Other Student Services Offices:

- Dean of Student Services
- Admissions
- Records Office
- Financial Aid
- Library Services
- Student Computer Labs

S.L.A⁺ Center

If you need tutorial sessions, stop by the Student Learning Assistance Center for English & the SLA Center – Annex for Math.

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 479, to set an appointment or just walk in. Email us at ssls@amsamoa.edu. We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

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

For staff and peer tutor schedules, please inquire at the SLA Center.



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Announcements

Explorer-in-Training Opportunity (Okeanos Explorer Program)

The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) is currently seeking Mapping trainees to participate in the Okeanos Explorer Explorer-in-training (EIT) program for the 2017 field season. Great opportunities are available for US Citizens, Nationals and Non-US Citizens.

For more information, please visit <https://www.regonline.com/okeanosfy17>

Application deadlines:

Program from January to May 2017: Applications due December 1, 2016

Program from June to September 2017: Applications due February 17, 2017

Business Office Announcement

Last date for payment plan students: December 9

Priority Registration



Save yourself from standing in long registration lines.

Nov. 14 – Dec. 8



Congratulations

Fall 2016 In-House Student Veterans
Scholarship Recipient

Maria Joane

CAMPUS TALK

Priority Registration – Did you pre-reg? Why or why not? By Tatiana Meole

HAD PRIORITY REGISTRATION THAT EVERYONE WANTS.



DIDN'T USE IT AND NOW ALL THE CLASSES ARE FULL.

“I didn’t, but it’s good because you register early so you won’t stand in the line during registration.” – Larry Alwyn, *Arts Major* (average guy)

“I’m graduating. It’s very useful because you get the opportunity to enroll in the classes you want before anyone else does; no line, no rush.” – Dorothy, *Future Graduate*

“No, I have not. I think it’s good that we get to pre-register but sucks how we can’t preregister online at home. I wish they would tell us which classes are full instead of wasting 48291010 hours on trying find out which ones are full. It’ll save time.” – Eren Jaeger, *Double Major*

“Yes...and it’s pretty bomb.” – Dora, *HOSA Member*

“Not yet, but I think it’s helpful but a little unfair during the fall for all those new people coming in.” – Geney from the Mormon church, *ASCC Freshman*

“Nope, I didn’t. And I wish I did because then I wouldn’t have to wait in a stupid line and wait hours in the sun and everybody’s body heat and get told off by securities for whatever. I wish I could pre-register right now but I’m just waiting for when I get money. But preregistration on gives more options for me in choosing my classes and not rushing anything.” – Girl Next Door, *ASCC Student*

“No, I did not get it done. You should pre-register so you don’t have to worry about showing up to registration next semester.” – B.M.W, *ASCC Freshman* (vroom vroom)

“No, I’m going do that this week. It’s better than waiting in line during regular registration because it’s crazy when you don’t pre-reg. It’s just like registration for the first day of school.” – Cameragirl, *Possible-Liberal Arts Major*

“No, I didn’t, but it’s good to preregister because you don’t have to wait in line.” – John likes Pilikaki, *Undecided 22 year-old*

**Priority
Registration**

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**Better
Registration
Date & Time**

=

**Getting the
Classes You
Need**

ASCC Student Referendums: Country Reformation

By Uperesa Fakava

On November 8, 2016, the country was busy electing their new leaders. Fresh Print, however, held a mock election on November 4 about much talked about issues. The one hundred ASCC students have spoken, and these are the results.

Do you want our police officers to be armed?

Yes: 12

No: 88



When applying for citizenship, do you want American Samoa citizens to obtain US citizenship when they choose and ask the USA to eliminate the Naturalization process for AS citizens?

Yes: 61

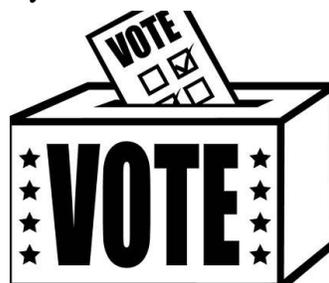
No: 39



Do you want to reform our government by the election our Senators?

Yes: 90

No: 10



Do you want the Fono to override the Governor's veto instead of the Secretary of the Interior?

Yes: 48

No: 52





Student Veterans Organization

“Student Veteran of the Month” - Article

By: Folas Faoa.

Marines Retiree (Veteran)

Armistice Day is the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It is a day set aside to honor veterans. It was renamed to Veterans Day in 1954, which is a holiday and is celebrated by many countries. Veterans Day honors all who served in the United States Military (men and women) before and now for their patriotism, sacrifices, and commitment to preserve a free world.

My experience as a United States Marine during the Vietnam conflict can be summarized in one word, “loneliness”. While we were in our sleeping quarters, as the 1/9 suicide mission Navy fleet transported us to Vietnam, we shared our stories of our families, pictures of girlfriends and parents, and problems. We talked about our dreams and hopes when we would return home. Most of us were in our teens (18 and 19); and scared and worried if in fact, we would return home. No one knew for sure, but our faith and our pocket size Bible, were our comforters. At times, we kept our M-14 rifles clean and jam-free. One marine just cried and asked to see the Chaplain. Others talked about problems with relationships, marriage, and much more. As for me, I shared my fears of what was ahead, the uncertainty of what was going to happen and memories of bidding farewell to my family and friends. We comforted one another and encouraged each other that we would return home.

This was a very different feeling that is hard to describe, like it was heavier than the 75 pounds of personalized equipment for survival at war. As the next day came, we sat on deck, watched the blue ocean, and rewound things over and over while heading toward Vietnam. So many things we took for granted.

So when I returned home, I learned to appreciate life, just breathing and waking up the next day and saying, “Hi mom and dad!” It was a blessing to return home, see my family, sharing the free life that we have now. See, the military is not hard, nor easy, but it’s the sacrifice and the commitment that fueled and motivated me to serve to preserve our way of life. Therefore, I wish that everyone had a happy and joyful Veterans Day and thank you veterans for the freedoms we so dearly embrace.



Three Things I Am Thankful For...

By Pauline Auva'a

Thanksgiving day has come and gone. Many of us have had time to reflect on the things we are thankful for this year. Here are a few ASCC students that I asked what are three things they thankful for this year and these are their responses:



“I'm thankful for the life I've been blessed with, good parents, and the struggles I've encountered in my life”
– Ms. Malo Manuleleua, ASCC Student.



I'm thankful for all the mistakes I've made, for without them I would have never encountered so many lessons and grown to become wiser. Secondly, I'm thankful for the people who've taught us 'voluntarily' and 'involuntarily' the lessons of what's acquired in life, for without them [people] I wouldn't be as strong as I am now. Lastly, I'm most thankful that we have a true living & loving God, for he so loved us that he sent his only son to uplift all our sins. It is the true merciful love; it is the true spirit of thanksgiving. – Antonina Florita Pselio, ASCC graduate of Fall 2013.



I am thankful for my sons that keep me on my feet every single day. I am thankful for family that is always there for me and my boys, no matter what. I'm thankful for the freedom I have to be a single mom and to care for my elderly parents!!! That's what I'm thankful for. – VJ's Mommy, Single Mom.



My Christmas Statement

Santa letters and statements
collected by Tuileisu Takata Pouesi



Dear Santa,
I want to go to my vacation in Savai'i that I didn't have before I started school here. To swim at "To Sua" and to check off a couple of my bucket lists! I want to see my siblings because presents are temporary. You know? Sometimes you lose them. Sometimes it breaks or whatever and you don't get to keep them permanently as you want. You can keep broken things, but like what's it to you after that? I guess if I want to see my siblings, it's going to be worth the wait. I also want a vacation just to get away from school. There's too much stress here.
Santa, you my home,
Christine Duterte



Dear Santa,
I wish to pay off my mom's car payments. My mom brought me into this world and I feel like it would help to give this to her. I'd like to have my own car. I also want a puppy. I really love puppies. My boyfriend and I were supposed to get a puppy a long time ago, but... kari. And if I had my own car, I wouldn't have to depend on my family so much for rides. And as much as I love bus rides, I would feel more independent with my own car.
I'm not leaving any cookies for you this year,
Evet

Dear Santa, I think one of my wishes would be for my mom and brothers to be with me. At the same time, I want a puppy too. Growing up, we never had a puppy. We weren't allowed. I would also want a big vacation for my grandmother. I feel like she deserves it because she raised us. I might leave you some cookies, Santa, depending if I'm hungry or not,
Grace.



Dear Santa,
I wish for world peace. Who doesn't want peace?
I also want watermelons and pizza because I

really love watermelons and pizza!
God Bless America, and nowhere else,
Anonymous

Dear Santa,
I wish for Christmas to go peacefully. Growing up, Christmas was filled with drama.
Merry Christmas everyone,
Just Tai



I want people to realize that Christmas is not about Santa Claus and giving other people gifts. It's more about knowing that the biggest gift that we can receive is Jesus Christ and believing that he died on the cross for our sins. Well, I feel like the whole Christmas holiday has been transformed into little kids thinking it's about them getting things rather than spreading joy to others. That's what Christmas is all about. It's about giving rather than receiving.
Santa, could you go suck eggnog. You're not real,
Chua Mamoe

I'll be satisfied in receiving any gift or not getting anything at all. I think it's nice to be able to relax during the holidays rather than focusing on gifts. It would be pretty awesome to make great memories with your family and friends. With my parents getting older and seeing some of my friends unfortunately losing theirs, it makes me pay more attention to mine. Also, I don't think I still have any of the presents I received the previous Christmases. I think quality time spent with your loved ones would be the best thing you can receive for Christmas. Presents can wait but our present can't.
Aye Santa. I still want that new laptop though,
Gilwhan



Christmas Plans

By Will Prescott

Happy Holidays everyone! Christmas is one of the best holidays because it's such a joyful time of the year. Everyone has different reasons for enjoying Christmas, but it's the holiday that everyone loves. Christmas is also one of the busiest times of the year with everyone shopping, catching flights, decorating their homes, and so much more. I know that family can drive us crazy sometimes, but it's always more fun spending the holidays with them. It is such a joy to sing along to some beautiful Christmas melodies while watching the beautiful lights, then ending the day with watching some good old classic Christmas movies. There is so much you can do over the Christmas break, so I've asked people what they plan to do over the holidays.

"Stay home and workout"
Jonah Choi

"Sleep, hiking, or swimming"
Christine Duterte

"Go to Savai'i."
Lori Ianu

"I don't know. I don't have anything planned at the moment."
Joshua Fruean



"Well, first I got to help this dude with his daughter. After that find some guy that saved her life and then stop the wild hunt ... again. You know, pretty much the same thing."
Avery Mao

"OMG. Okay, so I want to stay home all day, in my room, in a big t-shirt and binge watch the Grey's Anatomy series. All 13 series cause I love those kinds of series. That's about it. Oh, and eat ice cream and maybe plan out ways to open up my own place so that I could take care of all the old people/couples of the world."
Rexy Pouesi

"Binge-watch all the shows I have yet to see, bonfire with friends, spend time with family, and just sleep my problems away."
Jessica Casem

"My plans for Christmas. Well, honestly, I really don't have any plans for Christmas. I just want to spend it with friends and family. A cliché Christmas gathering."
Leo Pouesi

CHIEF Poetry

Christmas

By Malu Moliga

A time for cheer and merry
A time for family and many
A day with a tree Decorated to the top
Wishing that this merry time would never stop
Kids watch the clock as it ticks
And adults talk about their memories as it tocks
One things for certain And mostly true
A holiday without family is a holiday untrue

Graduation

By Malu Moliga

I miss my friends and the people I met
Even if they drove my mind crazy a bit
The memories are what counted that day
A cap and gown to show all of it
I remember it like yesterday
And always like it was yesterday
Those memories never fade away

CHIEF Poetry

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Priority Registration

By Fresh Print Staff

Operation, priority registration,
Advising sheet, plan to meet.
So much to read on, just gotta get it done,
I just have to get into English 151.

This priority registration won't last,
I have to get into that class.
If not, when the new semester starts,
I might as well get ready for the not so fun part.

Long lines, weird smells, unfriendly faces,
The heat sinks in while I count my paces.
Regular registration makes me hate,
How many times I have come to this place.

When I'm here, I start to think,
Did I really just draw a blank?
Why didn't I take advantage of priority registration?
Was that all it would have taken?

"This is the last time," again I say,
"No more standing in these bloody lines," I proclaim.
But here I still stand alas,
With the same fools, who had also once said "no mas."

*** "No mas" means "no more" in Spanish

CHIEF Poetry

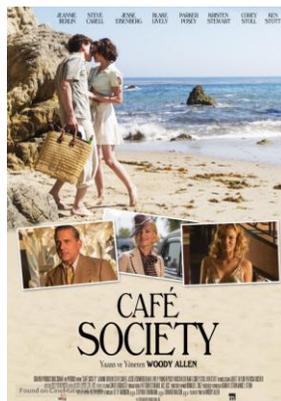
Top 10 Movies and TV Shows of 2016

By Uperesa Fakava

The year has ended and now, it is time to list in order what were the best in entertainment – movies and television– of the year. (This list is based on only films and shows I have watched)

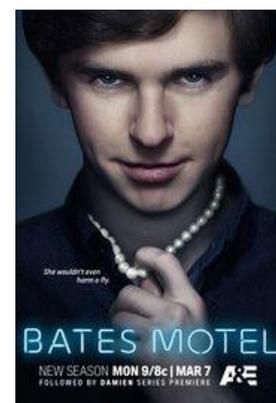
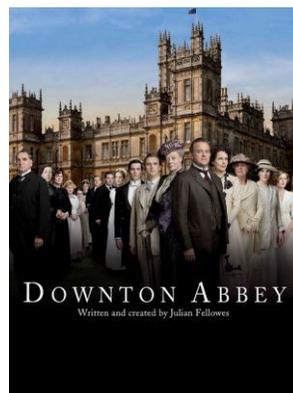
Movies

1. Café Society (tied)
Elle
2. Arrival
3. Hackshaw Ridge
4. Hell or High Water
5. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
6. Me Before You
7. The Shallows
8. Moonlight
9. Finding Dory (tied)
The Jungle Book
10. La La Land



Television

1. Downton Abbey (PBS) (tied)
Bates Motel (A&E)
2. Game of Thrones (HBO)
3. Modern Family (ABC)
4. American Horror Story: Roanoke (FX)
5. Veep (HBO)
6. Westworld (HBO)
7. London Spy (BBC)
8. How To Get Away With Murder (ABC)
9. Empire (Fox)
10. Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt (Netflix)



MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST by PandaKing0595

1. PS4
2. Basketball Shoes
3. New Clothes
4. Guitar
5. Laptop
6. See family in the Philippines
7. See my girlfriend way up in Washington





MOVIE REVIEW

By Uperesa Fakava

“Moana”

The day finally arrived. I was set. \$8.25 just to watch a 3D film that would have elements of our Samoan culture in it. Must be great. The commotion ran high and I was set on enjoying the film I longed to watch.

With any film, I would rather watch the first half to see if I enjoy any part of it. To me, Disney princesses are beautifully made and I always can't wait to watch them. *Tangled* and *Frozen*, as I believe, fell under the radar, with a 6 out of 10 rating from me. I felt it was an important occasion to see Disney, one of the largest movie studios, portray my culture in a two-hour movie. Unlike *Three Wise Cousins* (see review in earlier edition of *Fresh Print*), which was written and directed by Samoan men. So my expectations were high for this film.

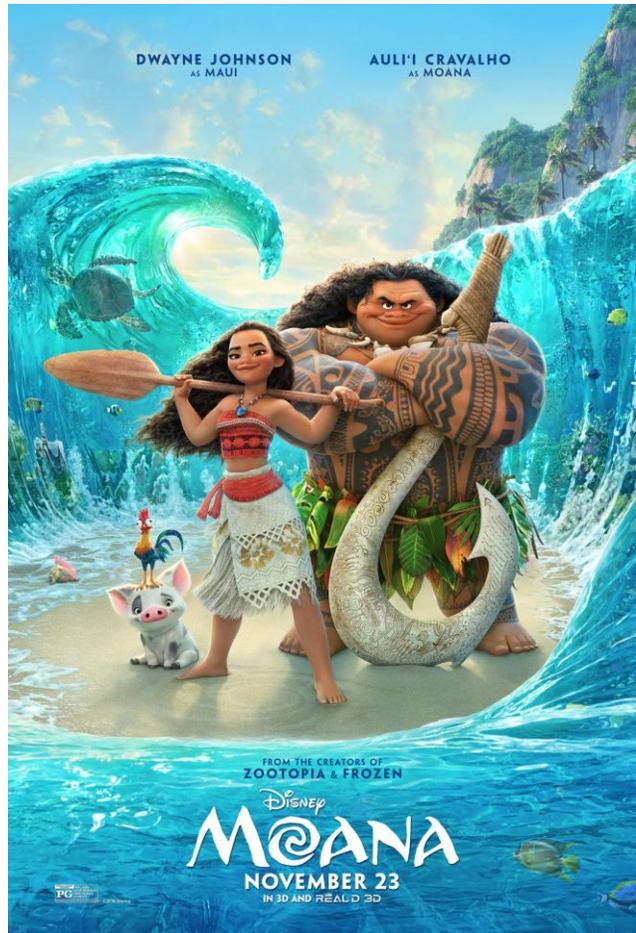
Moana is about a girl who was chosen by the ocean to restore the heart of Mother Nature. However, she has obstacles to avoid and a demigod, Maui, to guide her. Everyone gets a happy ending, even Moana's grandmother.

The film, from beginning to end, is terrible. The script was horribly written. I sat through the film hoping for a plot twist, which happened, but failed to satisfy. Of course, the gimmick of pets using humor in a Disney film is always fun, but this writer failed to make them funny. The voice actors seem more proud of the movie than it's a Pacific theme.

Watching this film is like eating a cornbread filled with eggs: you want to enjoy it because it has so much potential, but you can't because it is just not good. Perhaps the best part of the film is the message: Pacific people are and always will be voyagers. Also, that one should not diverge from one's own roots. One could see that Disney tried so hard.

The soundtrack is great, so hats off to Te Vaka. But featuring The Rock as a character seems like an act of desperation. The film ends happily with everyone having learned how to voyage.

Too broad. Too showy. Too icky of a script. I would rather watch *A Separation* or any foreign film than watch an adaptation of mixed cultures, especially this one.



RATING: \$3.13 OUT OF \$8.25

(I rate according to the cost of the ticket purchased or movie rented)



Word Search – Nightmare before Christmas

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- JACK
- MR HYDE
- SHOCK
- SALLY
- LOCK
- SANTA CLAUSE
- MAYOR
- OOGIE BOOGIE
- ZERO
- WOLFMAN
- MUMMY
- VAMPIRE

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Word of the day:
Assertive *adj.* 1. Inclined to bold or confident assertion; aggressively self-assured. "She is an assertive businesswoman."