



Amata i le Ofisa o Tama ma Tina Matutua Ona Tatā Logo o Aso Fiafia e le Faigamalo a Lemanu ma Talauega

O le Aso Faraile, Tesema 2, 2022, na amata ai e le faigamalo a Lemanu ma Talauega fiafiaga o aso faailogaina o lenei tausaga e ala i le fiafia masani i tausaga uma a le Ofisa o Tagata Matutua e tauaao ai a latou meaalofa. Sa faia lea faatasiga fiafia i le Maota Tutotonu o le Matagaluega a Talavou ma Tama'ita'i i Tafuna. O le talosaga amata ma le faai'uga na saunoaina e le Susuga Faifeau Toeaina Kereti Fai'ai o le EFKAS i Afonotele. O viiga sa usuina e le aufaipese a le Matagaluega o Auaunaga i Tagata ma Fealofa'iga i le ta'ita'iga a le Faatonu Muavaefaatasi John Suisala.

“O le aso lenei tatou te faaeaea ai ma faailogaina tina ma tama matutua o lo tatou Teritori,” o le saunoaga lea a Kovana Lemanu Mauga. “Ia avea lenei aso ma aso uma ma a’oa’oga ia i tatou ia manatua fitā ma tauiviga na ui mai ai o tatou tama ma tina matutua e teuteu le ala mo tatou. Sa sāvāli ma tauasa ia mafai ona tatou femo’ei i se ala ua faigofie. O manuia o le Teritori lenei e ta’oto i tau’au o o tatou tagata matutua.” Na faalauiloa i le porokalama e le Faatonu o le TAOA, Faletua o Evelyn Lili’o Satele, i latou uma ua aulia le 85 tausaga aga’i i luga.



O i latou nei sa faalauiloaina:

- Iuni Maeva - 92 tausaga, na tauaao i ai le nofoa ta’oto’oto
- Mereane Tuiolesega - 92 tausaga, na tauaao i ai le nofoa ta’oto’oto
- Mapu Luamalae - 91 tausaga, na tauaao i ai le ato o meaalofa

Au Matutua ua aulia le 83 - 89 tausaga:

- Tinousi Jennings (83 tausaga)
- Loke Tago (85 tausaga)
- Tinei Tunoa (85 tausaga)
- Alaia Filia (87 tausaga)
- Chienhiung Kuo (87 tausaga)
- Aloe Pagofie (87 tausaga)
- Maria Shimasaki (88 tausaga)
- Pela Godinet (89 tausaga)

E faitau selau tagata matutua sa tauaao i ai meaalofa mo le tausiga o le tino e pei o fagu shampoo ma conditioner, vavae soloi, fagu lotion, pesi ma palasi fulunifo, fagu pūpū fofoga, fasimoli, fagu fufululima, solo taele, solo mata, ma palanikete. O ato meaalofa sa vavae’ese o le a faaoo i tama ma tina matutua e alaala i Manu’a, ma le maota o le Hope House, ma e Gasegase Faamamā Toto.



45th Annual Holiday Music Celebration



Thirty-nine ASG departments, authorities, agencies, and offices celebrate the holidays in singing and dancing at the Annual Holiday Music Celebration. Additional performances were performed by eighteen various church groups across the Territory

The Lemanu-Talauega administration welcomed in the Christmas Season with an island favorite of holiday carols, twinkling lights, and joyous dancing. The Holiday Music Festival held its official opening ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2022, which concluded on Saturday, December 10th. The week-long celebration took place at the Veterans Memorial in Tafuna. “Christmas and New Year is the season of love, season of thanksgiving, season of celebration, and a season to prioritize time spent with family, friends and loved ones,” stated Honorable Lemanu in his special remarks. He continued, “We are gathered here today to commemorate the true meaning of the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His immeasurable gift to the world. This season, and every day, we give thanks for the Lord’s continued favor, protection and blessings over our people.”

“As we conclude our week-long program this evening, we express our sincere gratitude, from the Honorable Lemanu and myself, the entire government of American Samoa, all of whom have participated which have allowed this celebration to happen,” stated Lt. Governor Talauega. He continued, “And as we celebrate this season of joy, let us not forget brothers and sisters who are suffering whether through the loss of loved ones, and for other difficulties in life, let us keep them and their families in our prayers”



Honorable Governor Lemanu Delivered Special Remarks at DOE Christmas Caroling Program

On Sunday evening, December 18, 2022, the Department of Education hosted the opening ceremony of its Christmas Caroling Once Upon a Christmas: A Magical Disney Celebration. This three-day celebration included students from Early Childhood Education (ECE), elementary, and high schools across the Territory. In his efforts to include all schools, Director Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli and the Department of Education chartered flights to bring the elementary and high school students of Manu'a to join in on the festivities. Performing the invocation and benediction this evening was Rev. Tautua Fuiava of CCCAS Sailele.



“As we celebrate and ring in the Holiday season, the giving of gifts at Christmas time is a symbol of the gift of love represented by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” stated Governor Lemanu in his special remarks. He continued, “I commend DOE Director Talauega and his team for bringing in the magic of Disneyland to the children of American Samoa. May the magical spirit of Disney and Christmas bring love and joy to your homes. Amid the material preparation, let us remember to give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves and our loved ones: our sons and daughters who are serving in the armed forces, our elders whose prayers have guided and protected us, and everyone who will celebrate the profound gift that is Christmas welcoming in a New Year.”



The Lemanu-Talauega Administration Continues its Annual Gift-Giving

On Wednesday, December 7th, Honorable Lemanu and First Lady Ella Mauga, and Honorable Lt. Governor Talauega and Good Lady Marian Ale delivered Christmas gifts to the residents of Hope House in Fatu O Aiga. Invocation and benediction was performed by Rev. Mageo Patolo Mageo and hymns were sung by the Department of Human and Social Services under the leadership of Director Muavaefaatasi John Suisala. Others in attendance were Bishop Peter Hugh Brown, Honorable Representative Larry Sanitoa, and several cabinet members. “This is the only facility in American Samoa that provides this service,” stated Governor Lemanu in his special remarks. He continued, “We acknowledge the hard work of the enduring heroes who care for the men and women who have been instrumental in the government and the community. The residents of Hope House continue to shape our Territory through their guidance and prayers. The gifts we present today are small tokens from the government, and are only a mere fraction of what you all have contributed to the success of our territory.”

Bishop Brown and Honorable Sanitoa also presented appreciation gifts to Governor Lemanu on behalf of the Diocese Samoa Pago Pago. The appreciation message states: “With gratitude and sincere appreciation of your outstanding leadership and service to the people and the Territory of American Samoa. We are profoundly grateful for your tremendous support of Hope House.”

The gift giving was concluded by several dances by our Hope House residents.



Shortly after the presentation of gifts at Hope House, Governor Lemanu and Lt. Governor Talauega and their wives made their way to the Tafuna Correctional Facility. Invocation and benediction was performed by Rev. Al Tunupopo and hymns were sung by the TCF Special Choir.

“Let this not be your permanent home,” remarked Governor Lemanu. He continued, “Use this time to reflect on the decisions made, and work towards a better future. Just because you are in here, does not mean you cannot be of use. You hold the knowledge and wisdom to better our community and our Territory. You need to believe in yourself the way we believe that you have a greater purpose in this life. You have the gifts from God to serve your family, village, and church, but you cannot fulfill that duty from here. Work with your lawyers to access all the aid you can be provided to properly be released and start anew.” A luncheon was provided to all TCF inmates to conclude their visit. The last stop was made at the Juvenile Detention Center where gifts, school bags, and lunch was also provided.

The Annual Gift-Giving continued on the next day where Lemanu and First Lady Ella Mauga, and Good Lady Marian Ale presented Christmas gifts and meals to all in-patients, patrons, dialysis patients, and staff.



In the Community

American Samoa Community College's 77th Commencement Ceremony



ASCC held its 77th Commencement Ceremony on December 16, 2022 at the DYWA Center in Tafuna to accommodate the record number of 134 ASCC graduates and 12 off-island graduates. Governor Lemanu delivered Special remarks at the ceremony.

Grand Opening of Graceland



Governor Lemanu attended the grand opening of Graceland, a privately owned indoor playground and child care center on December 22, 2022. Graceland is located in Nu'uuli behind the Nu'uuli way gas station.

American Samoa Community College Nursing Pinning and Capping Ceremony



On December 9, 2022, the Nursing Recognition Ceremony was held at the American Samoa Community College Multipurpose Center Friday evening, celebrating and blessing the 13 Nursing students who have successfully completed all requirements to merit their License Practical Nursing Awards and 5 students who have passed their Registered Nursing Program at ASCC.

Masui Allen's Free Youth Volleyball Clinic



The Masui Allen Memorial Group, in collaboration with the Training Polynesian Athletes (TPA), Nua & Seetaga Village Youth, and the Department of Youth & Women's Affairs (DYWA), officially kicked off its First Annual Masui Allen's Volleyball Clinic at the DYWA Gymnasium in Tafuna on December 9, 2022.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 9- Opening of the Fono
- January 24- Assessing Controls for Government Employees Training
- January 25- Assessing Controls in Performance Training
- January 26-Ethics Training
- January 27- Island-Wide Clean Up

