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**Honorable Lt. Governor Talauega as Keynote Speaker:
Masui Allen's Free Youth Volleyball Clinic
ASCC Nursing Pinning and Capping Ceremony**

On Friday, December 9, 2022, Honorable Talauega E.V. Ale was the keynote speaker for two major community events, Masui Allen's Free Youth Volleyball Clinic and the ASCC Nursing Pinning and Capping Ceremony.

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. Lieutenant Governor Talauega V. Ale remarked, "American Samoa welcomes the Masui Allen Memorial Group and various esteemed coaches." He continued, "I would also like to welcome the youth; I encourage you to take advantage of this golden opportunity and learn as much as you can from this clinic."

Coach Allen Allen, Masui's brother, leads the group of coaches. "It was our brother's dream to train and provide opportunities for the youth of American Samoa and Polynesia, to pursue a career in volleyball," stated Coach Allen. The clinic offers the latest teaching methods on fundamentals, and insight to what college scouts in the U.S. are looking for in a future volleyball prospect.

Masui Saleutogi "Sui" Allen was born in 1971 in the village of Utulei. He was raised in Amanave and attended Matafao Elementary School. He is a 1994 graduate of UH-Manoa with a degree in Counseling. While attending UH, he earned an All-American status as a volleyball player that placed him as one of the top 6 collegiate players in the country. Masui's volleyball scholarship paid for his college education. He was diagnosed in 2016 with testicular cancer and passed away two years later.

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.

“You will spend the years of your career as a medical professional, doing your best to protect human life,” stated Lt. Governor in his special remarks. He continued, “As the pandemic years finally come to an end, we are reminded of how you, nurses, have always and will continue to be at the front line. You are ready to serve day in and day out, and your work never ends. We thank you for your hours of hard work and devoted labor”

There were a total of 6 awards presented this evening, and they are as follows:

1. Initia Tauanuu Nemaia Award

- Elorah Tusiofo, PN

2. American Samoa Nurses Association

- Shantel Iatala-Gurr, RN
- Milikaelizabeth Lat, PN

3. Founder’s Award

- Faletuese Tafiti, RN

4. Department of Health

- Shantel Iatala-Gurr, RN

5. Iva Pisia Salazar Award

- Faletuese Tafiti, RN
- Elorah Tusiofo, PN

6. Derbes’ Award

- Shantel Iatala-Gurr, RN
- Faletuese Tafiti, RN
- Elorah Tusiofo, PN
- Milikaelizabeth Latu, PN







