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Tafuna High School's Toa Drones II Soars to Victory at the 8th Brigade Aerial Drone Championship!



The Department of Education of American Samoa proudly celebrates Tafuna High School's JROTC Aerial Drone Team, Toa Drones II! Competing for the first time at the 8th Brigade Aerial Drone Championship in Reno, Nevada, on February 21-22, 2025, the team earned the title of All-Around Champions. Congratulations to Major Galoia and the instructors of THS JROTC for their dedication to meeting the needs of our students as they strive for higher levels of competition. We are incredibly proud of our students for achieving this significant milestone!



ASDOE Teachers String Orchestra Recital

The Music Department of Education held a recital featuring the Teachers String Orchestra, celebrating the musical talents of our dedicated educators from various schools. This event provided an excellent opportunity for teachers to step beyond their classroom roles and shine as musicians. Seven remarkable teachers showcased their exceptional skills in this unique string orchestra, which was led by the talented instructor, Mr. John Mailo, with assistance from Mrs. Magdalene Augafa and Mr. Malele. We were excited to see their passion and creativity come to life in this inspiring event! Congratulations once again!





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ASDOE TTOY Ms. Mikaela Saelua is on the NTOY 4 Finalist

We are thrilled to celebrate Ms. Mikaela Saelua, the ASDOE Territorial Teacher of the Year, who recently attended the National Teacher of the Year Conference!

This incredible event unites outstanding educators nationwide to honor their hard work and exchange inspiring teaching ideas. Wishing Ms. Saelua the very best as she continues to shine in her remarkable journey!



Best of Luck 'Ms. Mikaela Saelua'



At the initial general meeting on February 14, 2025, Director Maefau Dr. Mary Lauagaia Taufete'e expressed her sincere gratitude to all employees for their dedication and hard work. She emphasized the collective achievements and growth over the past year, particularly highlighting the innovative projects and strengthened community partnerships that everyone contributed to. Additionally, she introduced the department's new deputies. Looking ahead, the Director outlined exciting initiatives focused on continuous improvement and the empowerment of the department. She encouraged everyone to remain engaged and collaborative. The key message emphasized the importance of teamwork, transparency, and a commitment to excellence as the driving forces behind ASDOE's future success.

