

AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa Community College Agriculture, Community and Natural Resources Division

American Samoa Community College, Agriculture, Community and Natural Resources Division Forestry Program hosted and celebrated the 2021 Arbor Week. The celebration was complete with presentations, a morning wave, and outreach to youth participants.

The Forestry Program hosted and celebrated the 2021 Arbor Week, from April 19 - 23 in American Samoa.

The program initiated the Arbor Week celebration with an outreach presentation at the Kanana Fou High School (25 Senior students) and Elementary (32 students in Level 3 and 24 students in Level 4). The DPS – Fire Bureau assisted with the presentations. The Forestry Program then hosted a morning wave at Utulei, from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m., in honor of Earth Day. Various agencies such as the National Park Service, Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, and others participated in this wave to promote the environment. The Forestry Program then conducted an outreach presentation to a total of 48 students at Matafao Elementary, and another presentation to a total of 19 youth group participants at the Faga'itua Catholic Church.

The Forestry Program also conducted outreach to a total of 26 students at Aoa Elementary and 23 youth group participants from the Matu'u CCCAS Church. All presentations focused on native and urban trees, climate change, deforestation, fire safety, forest protection, and more.



To complete the Arbor Week celebration, the Forestry Program, in collaboration with Finafinai, planted a total of 75 native and fruit trees in a Forestry client's land in the village of Vaitogi. The Forestry Program has successfully completed the 2021 Arbor Week celebration.



(Left) Department of Safety - Fire Bureau celebrated Arbor Week with a wildfire prevention and safety presentation. Photo: Sam Solaita

(Right top) Finafinai and Forestry staff members planting native and fruit trees to conclude the Arbor Week celebration. Photo: Sam Solaita

(Right bottom) Forestry Program staff celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Week at a morning wave. Photo: Sam Solaita