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## **Tafuna High School Celebrates Graduation of 261 Seniors with Theme: "Fear Not, Believe Only"**

Tafuna High School celebrated the graduation of two hundred sixty one (261) seniors yesterday, June 10, 2024, at the Kananafou Gymnasium. The event, themed "Fear Not, Believe Only" (Aua le fefe, ae tau ina Faatuatua), marked a significant milestone as parents, families, and the community gathered to honor the achievements of the graduates.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation by Reverend Reupena Alo of CCCAS Pavaiai. The keynote address was delivered by First Lady Ella Pelefoti Mauga, who inspired the graduates with her words of encouragement and faith. Reflecting on passages from the Bible, she emphasized that through Jesus Christ, all things are possible, and urged the graduates to believe in their capabilities. Quoting Isaiah 41:10, she read, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." She reminded the graduates that "fear is a part of growth."

Special remarks were presented by Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga, who congratulated the graduates, their families, and the dedicated educators. In a heartwarming gesture, Governor Lemanu invited the graduates to join him in singing the Samoan Thank You song, *Ua Fa'afetai*, as a tribute to their parents and families. He encouraged the graduates to always remember their families and roots as they embark on their future endeavors.

The ceremony also honored the academic excellence of three co-valedictorians: Alexandira Faiivae, Charles Tauiliili, and Fenomarama Mercy Aperaamo. The salutatorian, Ezekiel Toafa, was also recognized for his outstanding achievements. In addition, notable scholarships from the American Samoa Government were awarded to several deserving graduates.

Principal Mrs. Tutuila Nauer Togilau presented the graduates, and Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli, the American Samoa Department of Education's director, formally accepted them.

Congratulations again to the Home of the Mighty Warriors!

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