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## **Samoana High School Celebrates Graduating Class of 2024**

Today, Samoana High School celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2024 at the Samoana High School Gymnasium, under the theme “Leaving our Foundation with Fresh Perspective to Prepare for Endless Possibilities.”

Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga addressed the graduates, highlighting the transformative journey of leaving behind their foundational years and embracing new perspectives. He encouraged them to embrace courage, take risks, and step out of their comfort zones, emphasizing that such challenges would foster self-discovery and personal growth.

Reflecting on the graduates' early days of school at six years old, Governor Lemanu empathized with the mixed emotions of leaving familiar environments. He acknowledged that transitions such as leaving high school or American Samoa may evoke similar feelings, including homesickness and deep contemplation about their life paths.

“Leaving your foundation signifies embracing change and seizing control of your future,” Governor Lemanu remarked. “Your path forward is not predetermined; you possess the ability to shape it, guided only by the bounds of your imagination.”

Governor Lemanu outlined key principles for their future endeavors:

- Be willing to take risks.
- Foster an open mind.
- Cultivate curiosity.
- Practice kindness towards oneself.

He encouraged the graduates to view mistakes as stepping stones to growth, uphold their values with resilience, and approach new experiences and ideas with openness and enthusiasm.

Principal Jemima Te'o-Nafatali presented the graduates and Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli accepted on behalf of the school administration.

The ceremony also celebrated the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2024, recognizing valedictorians Aukuso E. Jr. Fruean, Joevy R. Dela Cruz, Carlos L.A. Sanchez, J-La V. Afia, and Mataio S.T. Suluai for their outstanding academic excellence. The Salutatorian award was presented to El-Hanora J.A.F. Toimoana for her exemplary achievements.

Congratulations to the Samoana Sharks Class of 2024!

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