

Programs & Services

*The objective of education is to prepare the young
to educate themselves throughout their lives.
-- Robert Maynard Hutchins*

College Preparatory Programs

College Counseling

Students can speak to a Student Services Coordinator one-on-one about the college application process and receive help with applications, financial aid, and scholarships.

SAT Prep Course

The SAT Prep Course helps students prepare for the SAT. It has 4 components: 3 subject areas (reading, writing, and math) that will be covered during instruction Monday through Friday and simulations on Saturdays that are used to familiarize students with test taking procedures. One course will be offered in the weeks prior to each scheduled SAT Test date.

College Seminar

The College Seminar is a supplemental 3 day course before SAT Prep Courses to familiarize students with the college application process. It includes information on applications, deadlines, scholarships, and financial aid, guides students through major and college selection, and prepares students for the culture shock of off-island universities.

CAPP Workshop:

College Application Process for Parents Workshop

The CAPP workshop is a version of the "College Seminar" but is geared toward parents. Information on the college application process, deadlines, scholarships, and financial aid will be discussed.

Literacy Programs

Lending Library

Members of the community can borrow books for up to two weeks at no cost. The library is continually updated to include the most popular young adult books and has an emphasis on young adult series.

Outreach Programs

POW! Program: PiCED Outreach Workshops

The POW! Program works to bring PiCED directly into the schools. Teachers can invite PiCED to hold classroom workshops on several developed topics like public speaking, the college application process, multiple intelligences & learning styles, and critical thinking & life skills.

Teacher Training

PiCED works with groups of teachers to provide training and development workshops on a number of effective teaching strategies and methods like Lesson Mastery, Classroom Management, Positive Expectations, and Instructional Alignment.

Computer Programs

PC Computer Lab

The PC Computer Lab is PiCED's public lab geared towards academic assistance. Members of the community, especially students, can use computers to check email, research, type, and print.

Mac Lab & Mac Lab Computer Courses

The Mac Lab contains 10 iMac computers. While the lab is not freely open to the general public, anyone can enroll in the Mac Computer Courses like MAC 1100: Introduction to Macs and MAC 2100: iMovie & Video Making.

Enrichment Programs

Summer School

PiCED holds one summer school session from June-July to give students an opportunity to enhance their skills. A variety of courses in math, english, computers, and leadership are offered.

YLUC (Youth Leaders Unite for Change) Course

YLUC is a youth-led service learning project with 2 components. 1) Students attend weekly leadership workshops 2) Students design, implement, and oversee a community service project.

LEAPS (Leaders Excelling At Public Speaking) Course

The LEAPS Course gives students the opportunity to develop public speaking and debate skills. Students will participate in a variety of activities to teach them to be comfortable speaking to an audience. They will then learn the art of debate to help them develop critical thinking skills and form opinions on current issues.

Special Projects

PiCED continually develops and offers special projects aimed at academic and personal enrichment.

ASPIRC Programs

ASPIRC Parent Training Courses

ASPIRC offers a number of parent training courses to teach parents about child development, positive parenting skills, and academic preparation. Courses include:

1. Parent Computer Training
2. 21st Century Parenting for the Pacific Island Child (CPPIC) Training
3. Parents As Teachers (PAT)
4. Standardize-Based Assessments (SBA) Workshop

Parent Centers

PiCED maintains parent center locations in schools and churches in villages islandwide. The Parent Centers offer computer labs and training programs and are an especially important liaison between ASPIRC and the local communities.

Please contact PiCED for more specific information about our programs like dates & times, registration periods, fees, and how we can help you.

building tomorrow's leaders today

To empower, nurture, *inspire*, and provide leadership and academic preparation to *Pacific Islanders* so that they may realize their full potential as positive contributing member of their communities
- PiCED's Mission Statement

History & Growth

PiCED was built upon a simple yet powerful idea: admission to and graduation from college is an attainable and realistic goal for all students of Pacific Island origin.

A catalyst for change in the academic lives of elementary and secondary-level students, PiCED's initial mandate was to help students navigate the oftentimes imposing maze that is the college application process and to prepare students to take standardized exams like the SAT, ACT, and TOEFL.

The PiCED mission gradually evolved with the introduction of the Youth Empowerment for Success (YES!) Project and the American Samoa Parent Information Resource Center (ASPIRC), two distinct yet complementary programs that fell under the umbrella of PiCED. The YES! Program naturally merged with and became a part of our Student Service division, and, from there, PiCED expanded to become the major community resource and education center that it is today. Offering a wide range of cradle to college services, PiCED serves the Samoan and Pacific Islander communities in a wide variety of ways. In an effort to prepare "the whole student," we push the boundaries of development by encouraging growth in the academic, personal, and social realms.

As PiCED's focus broadened, so did the need to educate the people in our students' support networks. Training and development programs for parents and teachers have become staples in the list of PiCED programs as we work to bridge the gap between home and school, parent and child.

Founded in 2001, the Pacific Islands Center for Educational Development (PiCED) is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization located in the U.S. territory of American Samoa.

PiCED is a dynamic, vibrant community of students, educators, counselors, and parents committed to the long-term academic and personal success of all children. Whether filling out their first FAFSA form with a PiCED Student Services Coordinator, successfully landing their first summer internship through YES!, or reaping the rewards of improved communication with a parent, PiCED students are a diverse group of people poised to make a difference in their community.

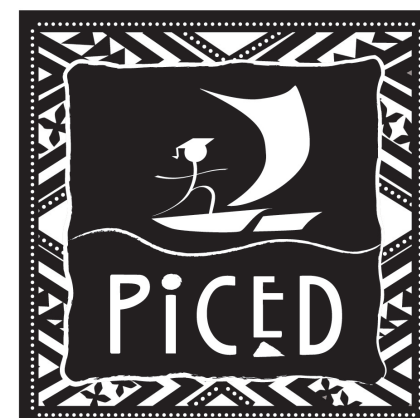
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