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## Epifania Petelo to represent Chaminade at the International Accreditation Council for Business Education



Congratulations to Epifania Petelo on being selected to represent Chaminade University at the Spring 2023 International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Live Case Competition. The program allows students to leverage their experience and knowledge by working cooperatively with teammates to develop a differentiated and insightful solution to address a real business challenge. Entrants must deliver a five-page executive memorandum and virtual presentation for the company to review. It is also a chance for consultants to showcase critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills. Petelo is in her first

year as a Chaminade student majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Entrepreneurship and Communication. She is the daughter of Mikaele and Akata Petelo of Ottoville, Tafuna, a former Miss American Samoa, a 2017 Fa'asao-Marist High School graduate, a member of the Fatu-o-Aiga Catholic church, and a Student Liaison officer at the American Samoa Governor's office in Hawai'i. Epifania expressed her excitement for this year's competition and looks forward to this experience to showcase her skills and expertise. She hopes to gain more knowledge from this opportunity and be able to give back to the Samoan business community. "I would like to commend the Honorable Governor Lemanu P. Mauga and the Honorable Lt. Governor Talauega E. Ale, together with the American Samoa Government Hawai'i office under the direction of Director Tuiafono Vaiuli Sua Jr., for their support in allowing me to balance work and academics," stated Epifania Petelo.

Epifania is the only person of Samoan descent chosen to represent Chaminade this year and will be with her team in Orlando, Florida, from April 9-14, 2023. We extend our good wishes as she represents her school and her island home American Samoa.

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