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“Sons of Samoa Football Stars Travel to Polynesian Bowl.”

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On January 6th, 2022, a couple of Sons of Samoa, invited to the 2022 Polynesian Bowl and respective colleges, received donations on behalf of the American Samoa Government, presented by the Governor, Honorable Lemanu, and the Lieutenant Governor, Honorable Talauega.

Marcus-John Samia, a senior at Samoana High School, is the proud son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Susana Samia. The American Samoa High School Athletic Association (ASHAA) 2021-2022 Football Varsity Offensive Player of the Year has been selected to the 10th Annual 2022 Polynesian All American Bowl that will take place in East Los Angeles College on January 15th.

Oakland Salave’a II, a senior at Tafuna High School, is the proud son of Mr. and Mrs. Oakland and Ginnie Salave’a. The three-star athlete and No. number 1 top-ranked prospect from American Samoa had recently signed and committed to the University of Colorado (Buffalo’s football). Oakland is scheduled to make an official visit to the Buffalo’s campus this week on January 7th and will play in the 2022 Polynesian Bowl that will take place in Honolulu at the Kunuiakea Stadium Kamehameha Schools on January 22nd.

“To see you both rise to this great opportunity is a win already,” stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, “You have made sacrifices to be in this moment. You both have remained relentless and committed to getting to where you are today. Regardless of the situation, regardless of the scoreboard, you both have already succeeded because you’ve put in all the time, all the effort, all the hard work, and it has paid off.”

Governor Lemanu acknowledges our student-athletes that have and will share their God-given talents as they advance to play at the collegiate level. “Each of you has made your mark in our

home, and you will continue to do so at the collegiate level, be it football, soccer, basketball, softball, and many more. You continue to pave the way for your younger brother and sisters hungry for success.”

Governor Lemanu, “Not only are you representing your schools and your families, but you are also representing our Territory. Lean onto God and the prayers of our people as we stand behind you both. On behalf of the Lt. Governor and the people of American Samoa, I wish you both a safe trip tonight and the best in your efforts.”

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