

# In Memoriam



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Former American Samoa Director of Education and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Board Chair, Malaetele Dr. Lui Tuitele, passed away on February 26.

Malaetele Dr. Tuitele was born in Leone Village and graduated from Samoana High School, American Samoa. He received a BS in Biology from Truman State University, Missouri, and an MEd in Secondary Education and an EdD in Educational Leadership from Brigham Young University, Utah. He worked in education as a high school principal, classroom teacher, and educational administrator with the American Samoa Department of Education Central Office. Malaetele Dr. Tuitele also served on the Territorial Planning Commission, the American Samoa Government Scholarship Board, and the Board of Higher Education. He was Program Director of Goals 2000, Program Director of Teacher Certification, Deputy Director of Instructional Services, and Chairman—American Samoa Humanities Council.

Malaetele Dr. Tuitele is remembered as a dedicated educator and public servant committed to providing the best educational opportunities to the children of American Samoa and the Pacific. He also provided invaluable leadership and vision to PREL.

