





NPIEN Service Award Winners 2022: Each recipient received a plaque at the October 21, 2022 Annual Conference.

Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award

The late Sevia Ma'ae was a gifted and talented education (GATE) program teacher in the Lynwood Unified School District and founding NPIEN Board Member. Educators selected for this award have shown outstanding dedication and service to Pacific Islander students and the community.

Name	Organization
<p>LooLoo Tupua, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist</p> 	<p>Long Beach City College, California LooLoo faithfully serves our local high school students in Long Beach and Wilmington as they prepare for community college. Whether they are applying for the first time, having difficulties with FAFSA, or simply needing someone to call for reassurance, LooLoo gives them her all. She is fluent in Spanish and Tagalog and has helped countless first generation Filipinx & Latinx students and their families to start their community college journeys. LooLoo is an accomplished educator who cares for our students and works hard to make sure they succeed from day one.</p>
<p>Alema Te'o, Physical Teacher</p>  <p>Health and Education</p>	<p>Alta High School, Canyons School District, Sandy, Utah When you hear the term "All-Poly," Alema Te'o comes to mind. As the founder of All-Poly Sports, Alema has been a tireless advocate for all kids and a role model for our Polynesian youth here in Utah. He is a loving husband and father, Health and PE instructor at Alta High School, and has been involved in helping young people in secondary education for over 30 years. He is a bright point of light in our Polynesian Community here in Utah and I am proud to call him my friend and mentor.</p>
<p>Sgt. Daniel Tuitele, California Army National Guard</p> 	<p>Sgt. Tuitele has dedicated his time and knowledge to supporting all students at Dominguez High School. He is a native of American Samoa. Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District, California</p>
<p>Stephanie College and Specialist</p>  <p>Westbrook, Career</p>	<p>Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District, California Stephanie's goal is ensuring students are academically prepared and informed of meeting the requirements for High School graduation and college admissions. She is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, and serves as the secretary for her chapter and the State of California. She is a Zeta Youth Affiliate Advisor for young ladies ages nine to thirteen and provides leadership skill activities</p>