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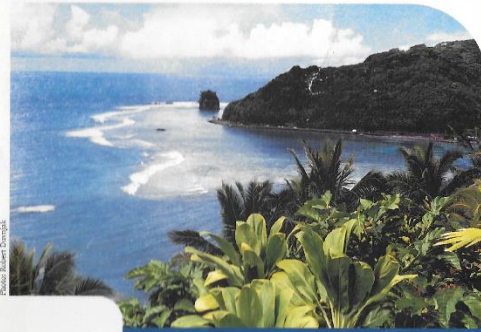
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NPIEN Mission: "Unite the resources of the village to strengthen families, the community, and promote educational excellence."

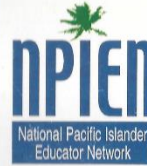


NPIEN CONFERENCE 2003

Expanding the Village: Networks, Bridges, and Resources

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 + SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
"THE POINT" (THE PYRAMID)
1250 BELLFLOWER BLVD.
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Unite the resources of the village to strengthen families, the community, and promote educational excellence



Dr. Victor Thompson, NPIEN President

Welcome to the second National Pacific Islander Educator Network (NPIEN)/ Pacific Islanders Association (PIA) Conference! We would like to thank California State University, Long Beach for its generous support and hosting of the second annual conference. We also recognize the ongoing sponsorship of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program and The United Negro College Fund.

As a new organization founded in 2001, we are frequently asked, "What is the purpose of NPIEN?"

Our conference theme, "Expanding the Village: Networks, Bridges, and Resources," reflects our organizational objectives. In order to best serve Pacific Islander students, we must expand the village to include all individuals in the community, regardless of ethnic background. The vast majority of teachers serving our youth are not Pacific Islanders. We can support these teachers by creating networks with schools, so that they are aware of Pacific Islander professionals who can mentor our youth. By creating networks,

we can help to bridge gaps that exist due to misunderstanding of cultural issues that may affect student learning. In order to address the cultural issues, we need resources from both the Pacific Islander

community, and the community at-large. Such resources include churches, school programs, and community-based organi-

zations. Finally, we must utilize internet technology to further expand the village to include and strengthen students in all of the islands of the Pacific. The participation of our two keynote speakers, Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono of American Samoa, and former Congressman Robert Underwood of Guam, demonstrates our sincere interest in exchanging information with all of our students, both on the mainland and on the islands. We welcome both of you!

We hope that you enjoy the conference, and that you will share in our vision to continue to unite the resources of the village, to strengthen families, the community, and promote educational excellence. ♦

**NPIEN
President's
Message**

Pou Ah Kiong, PIA President

Talofa!

On behalf of the Pacific Islanders' Association of Cal State Long Beach, I would like to extend our warmest welcome to all who are here in attendance for our second annual

National Pacific Islanders' Educator Network conference, in co-sponsorship with the Pacific Islanders' Association of CSULB. The importance of your presence here with us is greatly commended for the continuation of education within the Pacific Islander community.

As Pacific Islanders, we are given the opportunity to work hard in achieving our dreams and goals, and this conference enables us to look at our future and decide now what we need to do in order to achieve those endeavors.

Fourteen years ago, the Pacific Islanders' Association of CSULB was founded by five Pacific Islanders in hopes that they would soon impact the lives of the Pacific Islander community through

furthering education and the importance of doing so.

Fourteen years later, PIA still stands and remains standing with a strong foundation that our founders were able to establish.

**PIA
President's
Message**

With this organization on campus, we reach out to our fellowmen through campus events and activities to artistically portray ourselves to the CSULB community. Our main objective is to raise the number of Pacific Islanders toward a higher education. It is through this conference that we hope to instill in our next generation a dream that the students of PIA, and its founders, strive for higher education for each and everyday.

Thank you to all those who put forth the hard work in making this conference possible and to you all in attending this conference. I send my deepest alofa to you all.

Tofa soifua! ♦



Togiola T.A. Tulafono was sworn in as American Samoa's Governor on Monday, April 7, 2003 after American Samoa's Governor Tauese Sunia sudden death on Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

Prior to assuming the Governorship, Togiola Tulafono served as Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa from 1997. He was born February 28, 1947 and was educated at Samoana High School, Chadron State College in Nebraska, Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas and National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. A lawyer with approximately 20 years in private practice,

Governor Tulafono has been a policeman, administrative assistant for the Secretary of Samoan Affairs; Samoan Assistant to the Attorney General; District Court Judge; Senator for Saole County for 4 years; Senator for Sua County for 8 years; first chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Samoa Power Authority; and first chairman of the Board of High Education.

Governor Tulafono had also served as

chairman for the American Samoa Centennial Committee during the 2000 celebration marking 100 years since American Samoa became a US possession and as chairman of the South Pacific Mini

**Governor
Togiola
T.A. Tulafono
American Samoa**

Games Committee in 1997 when the territory hosted the regional games. He has been a deacon for more than 24 years at the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa (CCCAS) Sailele.

Governor Tulafono has always been supportive of Pacific Islander community events on the mainland, and NPIEN is honored to have him participate as keynote speaker in the 2003 conference.

In a recent speech in Carson, California, he spoke of the importance of recognizing that we represent all Samoans, and must never forget that "even though we may not know those back home, they know us."

These words emphasize NPIEN's mission to further networking opportunities both here on the mainland and back home on the islands. ♦



Congressman Robert A. Underwood was elected to his first term in November 1992 to represent Guam in the U.S. House of Representatives, and served until 2002. The Guam message is basically a story

about a people who struggle for recognition, people who are looking for political empowerment, people who are looking to contribute to the American

body politic. Guam has a proud history.

How to convey that is the continuing dilemma of any elected official who has to contend with the multifaceted and complex world of Washington. Congressman Underwood has attempted to do that by telling the Guam story.

Prior to his election to Congress, Underwood was the Academic Vice President at the University of Guam. The Congressman began his career as a teacher at the George Washington High School and later joined the faculty at the University of Guam in 1976. A career educator, Congressman Underwood holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from California State University and a Doctor of Education degree in Policy Planning from the University of Southern California.

As Guam's voice in Washington,

Congressman Underwood fought for the rights of all the people of the Territory. He is committed to promoting and preserving the Chamorro culture, expanding educational opportunities for our children and improving the lives of our families.

Under the guidance of Delegate Underwood, Guam's congressional offices work in close cooperation with island leaders. Through regular contact with all island residents, the constituents' desires are effectively represented.

Congressman Robert A. Underwood was born in Tamuning, Guam on July 13, 1948 to Esther Flores Taitano and John Martinez Underwood and was raised in Sinajana, Guam. He is married to Lorraine Aguilar Underwood, and they have five children: Sophia Rosario; Roberto Anaetetus; Ricardo Hurao; Ramon John Joseph; and Raphael Vicente.

Congressman Underwood organized the first Summit on Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders in Washington D.C. in 2001. It was shortly after the summit that NPIEN was organized, thanks to the encouragement and inspiration of Congressman Underwood. ♦

**Congressman
Robert
A. Underwood
Guam**



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TOGIOLA T.A. TULAFONO
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Serial # 0514

12 May 2003

Dr. Victor C. Thompson
President
The National Pacific Islander Educator Network
4425 Pixie Avenue
Lakewood, California 90712

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter dated April 2, 2003, inviting me to participate in your conference scheduled for November 14 - 15, 2003, as a "keynote speaker". I am honored to be invited to your conference and will be delighted to be a speaker in the conference as you may require.

Education continues to be the key to unlocking the wealth of talent in the Pacific, and I certainly agree that we must be diligent in our efforts to identify resources and hand fashion bridges that enhances island home cultures while preparing our people to successfully transition into the global affairs of a modern Pacific society. I commend your personal efforts for the people of the Pacific, together with your Board of Directors and the NPIEN.

I shall look forward to meeting you and expanding the discussion on the educational issues relating to our Pacific home. Please convey my warm regards to Mr. Faiana'i Ala.

Soifua ma ia Manuia le alo atu i le Fonotaga ia Novema.

Very truly yours,

Togiola T.A. Tulafono
Togiola T.A. Tulafono

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November 14, 2003

Dear Members and Supporters of NPIEN and PIA:

Congratulations on hosting your 2nd Annual Education Conference!

You have much to be proud of as you celebrate the accomplishments of the many Pacific Islander youth you've inspired to achieve educational excellence.

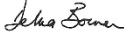
The National Pacific Islander Educator Network and Pacific Islanders Association, CSU Long Beach have had an enormous influence on our community, providing positive images and role models for our young people. It's a testament to your shared belief in education as the greatest gift one can give that a "village" of parents, educators, community organizations and others have joined you in carrying out your mission.

Many thanks to all who have helped to make NPIEN and PIA the vibrant organizations they are today. Your efforts exemplify the very best of what caring, dedicated people can do to make a difference in our community.

May your educational programs continue to inspire even greater investment in education through the scholarships and workshops you sponsor.

Best wishes for great success at this conference and in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Debra Bowen
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November 14, 2003

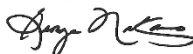
Dear Friends:

As the Inaugural Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2nd Annual National Pacific Islander Educator Network (NPIEN) Conference "Expanding the Village: Networks, Bridges, and Resources."

For the second year, NPIEN has been serving the Pacific Islander American community. NPIEN has once again proven to be one of the forerunner organizations to assist and inform the Pacific Islander community on important issues in education.

I applaud NPIEN's dedication to the ever-growing Pacific Islander community and wish many more years of growth and success.

Warm Regards,



Assemblymember George Nakano
53rd District

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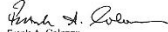
It is an honor to welcome the National Pacific Islander Educator Network (NPIEN) and the Pacific Islanders Association (PIA) to the City of Long Beach for the 2nd Annual Education Conference, "Expanding the Village: Networks, Bridges, and Resources."

We congratulate the organizers of this 2nd Annual Education Conference. The sponsors and volunteers are to be commended for providing this opportunity for dignitaries, educators, community leaders and students to join together.

The City of Long Beach is proud to be selected as a host site. We sincerely hope that this Education Conference will continue as an annual event in the City of Long Beach.

Best wishes are extended to all visiting dignitaries and participants. Thank you for coming to the 2nd Annual Education Conference and we invite you to take time to visit Long Beach again.

Sincerely,



Frank A. Colonna
Vice Mayor, Third Council District

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2003

7:00a.m.-8:25a.m. Registration, Vendors

8:30a.m.-9:20a.m. Opening General Session-Pacific Sunset Room
Dr. Michael Perez, NPIEN Vice President
Lakewood High School Drumline, ROTC, Pacific Islander Club
Invocation: **Rev. Misipoutena Tagalao**
Greetings: **Pou Ah Kiong**, PIA President, and **Gale Awaya McCallum**, Gates Millennium Scholars, Vice President **Doug Robinson**, California State University, Long Beach
Assemblymember Carol Liu (Peter Hoang)
President Robert Maxson, CSULB

9:20-9:40 a.m. Keynote Address
Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, American Samoa,

9:40a.m.-10:10 a.m. OPENING PLENARY

"NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"
Marina Tse, Principal Associate Deputy Under Secretary, United States Department of Education
Sane Mataitusi, Principal, Riley Elementary School, San Bernardino Unified School District, **Dr. Victor Thompson**, NPIEN President
Moderator: **Dr. Michael Perez**

10:30a.m.-12:00a.m. WORKSHOP SESSION I

PACIFIC ISLANDER ANTHROPOLOGY - Teachers K-12 and Higher Ed-
(Pacific Sunset A & B)
Dr. Leilani Holmes, Grossmont College

Very little is known about Pacific Islander people. Who are they? Where do they come from? The goal of this workshop is to answer these basic questions and more. This presentation will provide K-12 educators with a better understanding of our Pacific Islander communities.

PACIFIC ISLANDER SARB - Administrators & Counselors (Ukulele Room)
Vaka Faletau, Department of Children and Family Services, **Sese Vaalu**, Lynwood Unified School District, **Tofa Polamalu**, Val Verde School District, **Dr. Victor Thompson**, PUSD

Our presenters are not only members of the Pacific Islander community, professionally they provide social services to a large number of Pacific Islanders in

Los Angeles County. They will help participants understand issues of truancy, delinquency, and culture. This workshop is intended primarily for administrators and counselors.

CULTURAL VALUES - College Students (Pacific Sunset C&D)
Sefa Aina, UCLA Asian American Studies Center

This interactive workshop will help Pacific Islander college students examine the impact that their cultural values has had on their education. Participants will share experiences and struggles of being a minority on campus as well as in their own communities.

12:00a.m.-12:55p.m. **Lunch, Resource & College Fair, Vendors**

1:00p.m.-2:30p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION II**

INCORPORATING PACIFIC ISLANDER CULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM - Teachers K-5, (Pacific Sunset B)

Gary Taase, Los Angeles Unified School District

This workshop will explore creative ways in which educators can expand their curriculum and still maintain the level of achievement mandated by the state. Gary will share ideas and resources that he has utilized in his classroom.

MENTORING PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH - Teachers 6-12 (Pacific Sunset A)

Diana Faatai, AVID Director, Carson HS, LAUSD
Maria Torres, Odyssey Program Teacher, Lakewood HS, LBUSD

This panel discussion will explore ways in which educators can help their students achieve their educational goals. Presenters will explain how these proven programs can help Pacific Islander youth.

CLASSROOM DATA ASSESSMENT TEACHERS, Counselors, Administrators, K-5 Teachers (Ukleja Room)

Ruth Ashley, Director of Elementary Schools, LBUSD

Participants will be actively involved in assessing classroom data with a user-friendly format. The information gained will assist educators in analyzing results in order to make data driven decisions with instruction.

PREPARING FOR LEADERSHIP: College Students (Pacific Sunset C&D)
Daphne Kwok, APA Congressional Institute; Phil Tukia, Attorney with Poole Shaffery, Dr. Nani Lee, USC

This panel of professionals from various fields including government, law, and education will speak about how they have been able to utilize their professional goals to better serve the Pacific Islander community. They will also speak on the role of Pacific Islander college students in building stronger communities.

CHAMORRO DIASPORA & HIGHER EDUCATION: A CASE OF PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT AND FACULTY EXPERIENCES ON THE US MAINLAND. HIGHER EDUCATION (Bowman Room)

Michael Perez, CSU, Fullerton, Soledad Santos, Evergreen Valley College, Michael Bevacqua, Guam Communications Network/ Graduate Student, University of Guam

Panelists will discuss their experiences as Pacific Islander educators in academia.

2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION III**

How to Increase Parent Involvement - Teachers K-12-Pacific (Sunset A&B)

Moderator: Falanai Ala, NPIEN, Kathleen Kendrick, Dolores Street Elementary School, LAUSD

Liava'a Moevao, LAPD, Mercedes Velasquez, Del Amo Elem. Sch., LAUSD, Bishop Sione & Mele Eteaki, Maria Adamos, Parents

Presenters will share strategies that have been used to successfully gain the participation of Pacific Islander parents.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY STUDENT PANEL - For Teachers, Counselors, Administrators (Ukleja Room)

Jennifer Miyamoto, CSULB, Pou Ah Kiong, CSULB; Kekai Bryant, UCLA

Panelists will discuss the challenges of the Pacific Islander college and university student.

THE MISSION OF PACIFIC ISLANDER COLLEGE STUDENTS - For Students (Pacific Sunset C&D)

Ursula Siataga & Natasha Saclua, PIER (Pacific Islander Education & Retention)

Facilitator will engage participants in a discussion around the future leadership of the Pacific Islander community. In what ways can their personal and professional goals serve the larger community?

HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORKING (Bowman Room)

Dr. Leilani Holmes, Grossmont College, Soledad Santos, Evergreen Valley College, Dr. Michael Perez, CSU, Fullerton

This session will discuss strategies to mentor Pacific Islander university students, and develop a professional network for Pacific Islander faculty.

4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. **GENERAL SESSION (Outdoor Patio)**

Cultural Performance: **Davis Middle School Pacific Islander Club, CUSD**

5:00p.m.-6:30p.m. **Dinner-Pacific Sunset**

Cultural Performance: **San Diego Samoan Council Core Group**

6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. **GENERAL SESSION (Pacific Sunset)**

Welcome: **Chanel Plan, PIA Vice President & Dr. Victor Thompson, NPIEN President**

Greetings: **Superintendent Jay Wilbur, PUSD**

Keynote Speaker: **Congressman Robert Underwood, Guam Presentation of Student Scholar, Educator, and Community Awards**

Participating Government Leaders: **Assemblymember John Campbell, Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh,**

Assemblymember Jerome Horton, Senator Deborah Bowen, City of Long Beach Councilman Val Lerch, Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez

Cultural Performances: **Jackie Robinson Academy Pacific Islander Club, Long Beach Unified School District and Hughes Middle School Pacific Islander Club, Long Beach Unified School District**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2003

7:00am-8:25 am **Registration, Vendors**

8:30am-9:20 am **Opening General Session (Pacific Sunset)**

Welcome: **Sefa Aina, NPIEN Vice President**

Jordan High School Drumline, ROTC, Pacific Islander Club

Invocation: **Bishop Ioane Tua**

Greetings: **Chanel Plan, PIA Vice President, Daphne Kwok, Gates Millennium Scholars, Superintendent Chris Steinhauser, LBUSD,**

Assemblymember George Nakano

9:20-9:40 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, American Samoa

9:40-10:10 a.m. **Plenary Discussion: "Career Panel" Annette Siulagi, Paralegal, Latu Takapu Reichenbacher, Beacon Realty, Maria Torres, Lakewood HS, LBUSD**

10:30am-12:00 p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION I**

Culture 101 - Students Grades K-5 (Bowman Room)

Violet Moea'i, Deseret Industries, Tiloi Tuitama, Oxnard Fire Department, Nate Makatwi, Remax Realty, Jennifer Miyamoto, NPIEN

This workshop will focus on teaching traditional customs of the Pacific Islander people.

ARTS & CRAFTS - Students Grades K-5 (Foyer)

Pacific Islanders Association (PIA)



Presenter will share traditional crafts passed down from generation to generation in the Pacific Islander community.

FINANCIAL AID & COLLEGE FAIR - Students Grades 6-12

Grades 6-8 (Pacific Sunset A), Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset C)

Art Medina, CSU, LB, Daphne Kwok, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, and Bianca Larson, NPIEN

Workshop will allow participants to acquire the necessary information and materials to support a college education.

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CAREER PANEL I - Students Grades 6-8 (Pacific Sunset B)
Dr. Fred Uhrle, Physician; Annette Siulagi, Paralegal, Pete Tuaiasosopo, Actor

Pacific Islander professionals from various fields will talk about their struggles and triumphs of balancing culture and career.

CAREER PANEL II - Students Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset D)
Vaka Faletau, Social Worker, Phil Tukia, Attorney, Lisa Ripley, Orange County Probation

Pacific Islander professionals from various fields will talk about their struggles and triumphs of balancing culture and career.

COLLEGE STUDENT PANEL - Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset C)
Jennifer Miyamoto

College students will share their experiences beginning with their struggles to get into college as well as their continued battles to stay in school. They will highlight the people and the moments that made the difference for their success.

FINANCIAL AID & COLLEGE FAIR - (Ukleja Room) For Parents
Art Medina, CSULB, Daphne Kwok, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, and Bianca Larson, NPIEN

This workshop will allow participants to acquire the necessary information and materials to support a college education.

12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. **Lunch**
College Fair, Vendors

1:00p.m.-2:30p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION II**

CULTURE 101: Grades K-5 (Bowman Room)
Violet Moea'i, Deseret Industries, Tilo'i Tuitama, Oxnard Fire Department, Nate Makaiwi, Remax Realty, Jennifer Miyamoto, NPIEN

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Workshop will allow participants acquire the necessary information and materials to support a college education.

CAREER PANEL - Students Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset C)
Dr. Fred Uhrle, Physician, Jim Magoon, Forest Lawn Mortuary, Lisa Ripley, Orange County Probation

Pacific Islander professionals from various fields, will talk about their struggles and triumphs of balancing culture and career.

COLLEGE STUDENT PANEL Students Grades 6-8
 Students (Pacific Sunset A) Parents (Ukleja Room)
Jennifer Miyamoto, NPIEN

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2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. **WORKSHOP SESSION III**

CULTURAL WORKSHOP - Dance— Students Grades K-5
 (Bowman Room and Foyer)
 Presenter: **Jennifer Miyamoto and PIA**

Participants will learn traditional dances of various Pacific Island cultures. This interactive workshop will teach the participants the tradition and meaning behind some of our oldest cultural practices.

CAREER PANEL - Students Grades 6-8 (Pacific Sunset A)
Latu Takapu Reichenbacher, Beacon Realty, Violet Moea'i, Deseret Industries, Henry Mitchell, Architect, Walters & Wolf
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COLLEGE STUDENT PANEL - Students Grades 6-12
 Grades 6-8 (Pacific Sunset B), Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset D)
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FINANCIAL AID / COLLEGE FAIR - Grades 9-12 (Pacific Sunset C)

Art Medina, CSULB, Daphne Kwok, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, and Bianca Larson, NPIEN

This workshop will allow participants acquire the necessary information and materials to support a college education.

PARENT PANEL - For parents (Ukleja Room)
Wally Rank, LA County Office of Education, Penieli & Mary Tulikihihifo, Vai & Sally To'omalatai, Joe Manai, Social Worker

This workshop will help parents explore ways in which they can become more actively involved in the education of their children. Presenters will share tips that they have found to be successful.

4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION**
 Closing Remarks: **Pou Ah Kiong, PIA President, Dr. Victor Thompson, NPIEN President**
 Cultural Performance: **Paramount HS Pacific Islander Club**

6:30p.m.-11:00p.m. **GALA CELEBRATION AND DINNER**
DANCE WITH GOVERNOR TOGIOLA T.A. TULAFONO
The Gala Celebration & Dinner Dance will take place at Cabrillo High School. Tickets are \$50 per individual and \$450 per table (10 tickets). Conference participants will receive a \$10 discount on the cost of a Gala Celebration Dinner Dance ticket, \$40 per person

Welcome: **Dr. Victor Thompson, NPIEN President**
 Invocation: **Reverend Liona Thompson**
 Dinner: **Buffet**
 Speaker: **Dr. Victor Thompson**
 Keynote Speaker: **Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono**
 Dance: **Cabrillo HS ROTC, Polynesian Club**



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