



Village Builders: Isaac Hoopii
3rd Annual National Pacific Islander
Educator Network (NPIEN) and
Pacific Islanders Association (PIA) Conference
California State University, Long Beach
Student Union
November 19-20, 2004

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Friday November 19, 2004

5:00pm-6:00 p.m. Registration, Vendors & Exhibitors, College & Career Fair – Foyer & Ballroom (BR) C
6:00-7:00 p.m. Reception & Networking – Foyer, BR C
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Opening General Session – BR A&B
Keynote Speaker: Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, American Samoa
Pacific Islander Student Club Performances: Dolores Street Elementary School, & Lennox Middle School, Kathi Kendrick & Rene Tiedmann-Maravel
8:30-10:00 p.m. Dance – BR A&B DJ Wilson Edwards

Saturday November 20, 2004

8:00am-9:00 am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendors & Exhibitors, College & Career Fair, Foyer, BR C
9:00am-10:00 am Opening General Session – All ages – BR A&B
 Lakewood High School Drumline, Ralph Siemsen, & ROTC, Master Chief Bullock, Paramount Academy ROTC, Sgt. Major Hughes, Long Beach Poly High School Pacific Islander Club
Greetings: Ruth Perez Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Long Beach USD
Keynote Speaker: California Principal of the Year Karen Janney

10:30am-11:30 p.m.: **WORKSHOP SESSION I**
Although a specific audience is noted for each workshop session, most are appropriate for all with the exception of the children's sessions.

Arts & Crafts – Students Grades K-5- Kekoa Sato, Alamitos Bay Room
 The children will learn how to make traditional arts and crafts passed down from generation to generation in the Pacific Islander community.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program Scholarship Seminar – Students Grades 6-12, Emerald Kapiolani Adams, Manhattan Room (upstairs)
 Students will learn how to apply for the Gates Millennium Scholarship from former scholarship recipient Emerald Adams.

College Student Forum – Facilitated by California State University, Long Beach Students, Pacific Islanders Association, Auditorium (basement)
 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.

Career Panel – Students Grades 6-12, BR A
 Aumaiinu'uese Puni, CEO/President Agility Speed Power Consulting, and Fred Uhrle, M.D., Marcy Santos, Attorney, Moderator Pacific Islander professionals from various fields, will talk about their struggles and triumphs of balancing culture and career.

Higher Education Networking – College & University Faculty, Venice Room (upstairs)
 Dr. Michael Perez, California State University professor, will lead a discussion on how Pacific Islander faculty networking. Co-presenters Soledad Santos, Evergreen College, San Jose, and Michael Bevacqua, Graduate Student, UC San Diego.

Teaching Alternative Behavior Strategies School-wide – Part I - Educators Grades K-12, Redondo Room (upstairs)
 William Ybarra of the Los Angeles County Office of Education will share strategies to improve school climate and classroom management. This is a two part session.

Hands On Math Through Art – Educators Grades K-12, Hermosa Room (upstairs)
 Christi Wilkins of Dramatic Results will introduce this outstanding curriculum for elementary school students, currently implemented in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Financial Aid Tips for Parents/Career and College Fair – Rich Robert Room, BR B&C
 Parent Rich Robert will offer tips to parents on how to apply for financial aid, followed by a visit to the Career and College Fair at 11:00 a.m.

11:30pm-1:00pm Lunch – Pick-up your lunch and participate in an activity

- Margo Lenson Book Signing, BR C
- College & Career Fair, BR C
- Vendors & Exhibitors, Foyer



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1:00pm-2:30pm WORKSHOP SESSION II

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Heroes, Story Telling, and More Crafts – Students Grades K-5- Aileen Tanimoto & Kekoa Sato, Alamitos Bay Room

Children will meet a Pacific Islander firefighter, Tiloi Tuitama, police officer, teacher, and other heroes. They will visit the College & Career Fair, learn cultural stories, and continue with arts and crafts.

**Financial Aid & Career & College Fair – Students Grades 6-12
BR B&C**

Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak to college and career representatives plus hear presentations on college and career preparation and the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMSP). The workshop will allow participants to acquire the necessary information and materials to support a college education.

Presenter: Bob Tyra, Los Angeles County Office of Education (1:00-1:30)
College and Career Fair follows from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Author Margo Lenson, “Changing History” College Students & Adults,
Hermosa Room (upstairs)**

Someone once said, “The easiest way to change history is to become a historian.” Margo will discuss her Tui Communications’ book series, *Pacific Voices Talk Story* and how Pacific Islanders are role models of endurance & survival in America. She will introduce the story of Bill Tapia, a ukulele master.

**Teaching Alternative Behavior Strategies School-wide – Part II - Educators
Grades K-12, Redondo Room (upstairs)**

William Ybarra of the Los Angeles County Office of Education will share strategies to improve school climate and classroom management.

**“It Takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child, But it Takes a Great Mother to Raise the Village.” Eveni Suli Tafiti Higher Education Faculty & Community,
Venice Room (upstairs)**

2:30pm-4:00pm WORKSHOP SESSION III

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Music and Dance Students Grades K-5 – Kekoa Sato, Alamitos Bay Room

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

High School Forum Students Grades 6-12, Moderator former NBA player Wally Rank, Organized by Paramount High School Students Auditorium (downstairs)

High school students will participate in a panel discussion on how they believe they can survive the academic and social rigors of high school, and prepare for college and future careers.

**What is Education Like Back Home? Educators Grades K-16 & Community
Hermosa Room (Upstairs)**

A delegation of teachers from American Samoa, commissioned by Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, will share their experiences and provide suggestions for teachers working with Pacific Islander students on the US mainland.

**Upward Bound Program, California State University, Long Beach – Tu Ngo and
Mirella Medina, Redondo Room (upstairs) Students Grades 6-12 and Parents**

A college preparatory program designed to first generation, low income students.

4:00-5:30p.m. Closing General Session – Auditorium (basement)

Closing Remarks: PIA & NPIEN

Pacific Islander Student Club Performance: Santiago High School

Special Guest Speaker Sgt. Isaac Hoopii

ACADEMIC BOWL See our students in action as their academic knowledge is tested, in a “Jeopardy” like gameshow

Closing Session Drawing & Isaac Hoopii Book Signing



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Gala Celebration Luau and Dance – BR A&B

The Gala Celebration Luau and Dance will take place in the main ballroom. Tickets are \$50 per individual and \$500 per table (10 tickets).

**6:00-7:00p.m. Luau, catered by The Loft Hawaiian Restaurant
Banning High School ROTC and Pacific Islander Club, Christina Green
Special Guest Speaker Sgt. Isaac Hoopii**

7:00-8:30 p.m. NPIEN Awards Recognition Ceremony

- Elementary School Students of the Year
- Middle School Students of the Year
- High School Students of the Year
- Educator Awards
- Community Awards
- Honorary Board Awards

8:30-10:00 p.m. Closing Session Drawing & Dance, Wilson Edwards, DJ

VENDORS and EXHIBITORS

- AACP, Inc. Asian & Pacific Islander Books
- Alta Med, Hugo Ramirez
- Alzheimer’s Association of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties
- Beacon Realty, Latu Takapu Reichenbacher
- Beacon Lending, Bruce Reichenbacher
- California Telephone Access Program
- Century 21 Elite, Marty Schuster
- East West Discovery Press, Icy Smith
- Fresh Air, Lisa Samatua
- Gateway Business Bank, Joy Janes
- Guam Communications Network, Lola Sablan-Santos
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services
- Long Beach Unified School District Human Resource Services, Kerri Sorenson
- NPIEN/American Red Cross
- PHFE Management Solutions
- Ray’s Silvercraft & Christina’s Hawaiian Soaps, Ray & Christina Diaz

- The Resource Management Group, Kirk Fausett
- US Food and Drug Administration
- Western Region Asian Pacifics (WRAP)

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Long Beach EOP, Upward Bound
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Dominguez Hills, Lourdes Pena-Alanis
- Cerritos College, Shirley Arceo
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program, Emerald Kapiolani Adams
- Long Beach City College, Mike Tuitasi
- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Officer Siamone Bangphraxay
- De Vry University, Alex Kotoyantz
- Chapman University, Marcela Martinez & Cesar Guerrero
- Long Beach Unified School District ROP, Joel Ward & Claudia Parras
- Los Angeles County Office of Education – Migrant Education, Bill Horton
- United States Air Force, Sgt. Michael Galea
- United States Army, Sgt. Fred Quichocho

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- Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Copper
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Copper
- Heritage Family Pantry, Bronze
- Glen & Jennifer Castro, Bronze
- Long Beach 4th Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bronze
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 Crystal Cathedral Glory Productions
 The Comedy and Magic Club
 Glacial Garden Skating Arena
 Golden Nugget, Bronze
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 Hofs Hut
 Ice House Comedy Club
 In N Out Burgers, Partner
 David Kopperud
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 Laugh Factory, Bronze

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 Long Beach Marriott
 Long Beach Playhouse
 Los Alamitos Race Course
 Los Angeles Dodgers
 Magic Mountain
 Orange County Museum of Art
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 Ramada Express Hotel
 Rockreation
 See's Candies
 Tui Communications
 Universal Studios

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PRESENTERS AND SPEAKERS

Ruth Perez Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Long Beach Unified School District, is a former Director of Elementary Schools and elementary school principal.

Aumaiinu'uese S. Puni is the CEO/President of Agility Speed Power Consulting, and Vice Chair of the Tautua Samoa of North San Diego County, a non profit organization. Puni has tested, trained and consulted with Olympians, professional, college, and high school athletes. Currently an instructor at US Colleges for Sports Medicine Technologist and an Athletic Trainer at Norte Vista High School in Riverside, CA. Puni is finishing his MSc. in Sports Management and will pursue a PhD by 2007.

Fred Uhrle, M.D. is a doctor of internal medicine in Fresno, California.

Dr. Michael Perez is a professor of sociology at California State University, Fullerton

Michael Lujan Bevacqua is a graduate student, Ethnic Studies, at the University of San Diego.



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Soledad Santos has been a professor for 16 years in the BIS (business information systems) department at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California. She is originally from the village of Piti, Guam, USA. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in Business/Secondary Education, and teaches office technology, communications, professional image, and human relations.

William Ybarra recently retired as the Senior Project Director of the Safe Schools Center of the Los Angeles County Office of Education. He is a recipient of the a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in the area of child welfare and attendance.

Christi Wilkins is president of Dramatic Results.

Margo Lenson is author of the *Pacific Voices* book series. She is the owner of Tui Communications which over sixteen years has evolved into "Tuicom.com: Tapa*tiki*Text of the Pacific Islands." Tuicom turned publisher in 2001 with the pioneering book series *Pacific Voices Talk Story: Conversations of American Experience*. Volume three was just released in July 2004. Margo was born Margaret Mary King and raised in Kane'ohe, Oahu when Hawaii'i was still a territory. Margo is collecting and publishing the oral histories of Pacific Islanders living in the mainland US.. Tui Communications is funded by book sales and proceeds from Islander festivals throughout the year, but Margo credits "an enlightened and supportive husband" for Tuicom.com's operation.

Kekoa Sato is a noted dance and art specialist.

Wally Rank, Regional Coordinator for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, is a former Los Angeles Laker and only Samoan NBA player.

Eveni Suli Tafiti, is the Director of the Multicultural Center at Weber State University

Rich Robert is a parent advocate

Bob Tyra is a Counseling Consultant for the Los Angeles County Office of Education

Gale Awaya McCallum is the Outreach Director for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Mary Santos is Deputy General Counsel for the Los Angeles County Office of Education

Emerald Kapiolani Adams is an original recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholar Program scholarship, and graduate of Scripps College, Claremont Colleges, California

Karen Janney, principal of Montgomery High School, a California Distinguished School in the Sweetwater Union High School District in San Diego, California, is the 2004 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Principal of the Year, the first Pacific Islander principal named by ACSA. Under her leadership, the school's API rose 42 points, and more students are going to college and taking advanced placement courses.

Isaac Hoopii is a Pentagon Police Sergeant, who serves as a Canine Bomb Unit supervisor. On September 11, 2001, Officer Ho'opi'i saved the lives of many Pentagon victims after the attack on the Pentagon. He used his voice by calling out to victims and letting them know there was someone to help. Mr. Ho'opi'i was awarded the Medal of valor, the highest civilian award. Isaac was one of the first U.S. Pentagon police heroes asked to carry the 2002 Olympic Torch. He carried the Torch through the Law Enforcement Memorial, Washington, D.C. Isaac competed in the K-9 Olympic in May 2002 in Muncie, Indiana, with his new K-9 partner "Marko." Mr. Ho'opi'i has been recognized across the nation for his bravery and service to others. He has been featured on Top Cops, the Today Show, CNN, and such print media as USA Today, U. S. News & World Report, the Washington Post, and Honolulu Star Bulletin. Mr. Ho'opi'i has been asked to speak throughout the U.S. about his experiences on 9/11/01. Hawaii's Governor Ben Cayatano and Governor Lingle declared a Proclamation on November 28, 2001, and August 1, 2002 naming it "Isaac Ho'opi'i Day." Mr. Ho'opi'i is a native of Hawaii.



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American Samoa

Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega is an Honorary Member of the NPIEN Board of Directors, and an avid supporter since the National Pacific Islander Educator Network's inception in 2001. Born in Vailoatai Village, American Samoa, the son of Eni and Taulai Hunkin of Vailoatai, he holds Matai orator title, "Faleomavaega" of the Faivae Family, Leone, American Samoa. He is married to Hinanui Bambridge Cave of Papeete, Tahiti, and they have five children. He is a graduate of Kahuku High School, in Hawaii, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/History, University of Houston Law School, Texas, Juris Doctorate in, and the University of California, Berkeley, with a Master of Law (LL.M). He has served as American Samoa's Representative to the U.S. Congress, from 1989 to the present, Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa, and Deputy Attorney General of American Samoa. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War, United States Army, United States Army Reserve, Captain, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and a Member of the 100 Battalion 442nd Infantry Reserve Unit. He is a member of the House Committee on International Relations and House Committee on Resources, and has served on the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Human Rights Caucus, Congressional Oceans Caucus, Native American Caucus, and Reserve and National Guard Caucus. He wrote the book Navigating the Future: A Samoan Perspective in U.S.-Pacific Relations, KIN Publications. His interests include participating as a Crew Member on the Polynesian Voyaging Canoe *Hokule'a* that sailed from Tahiti to Hawaii in 1987, and playing Golf.

AWARDS CEREMONY 2004

Student Scholar Awards

Elementary Honorees

Angela Dones, Alondra School, Paramount USD
Emmalyn Lauago, Alondra School, Paramount USD

Middle School Honorees

Bryana Kekauoha, Rogers Middle School, Lawndale USD

High School Honorees

Caitlin Fair-Cruz, Wilson High School, Long Beach USD
Valentive Ah Fook, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Gwendolyn Eteaki, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Jennifer Faamafi, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Krystan Hayes, Wilson HS, Long Beach USD
Alatava Leituala, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Lemi Lilo, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Joshua Malo, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
Jaynie Mamaradlo, Wilson HS, Long Beach USD
Ramon Martinez, Paramount HS West Campus, Paramount USD
Funaki Mateaki, Morningside HS, Inglewood USD
Glory Matua, Paramount HS, Paramount USD



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High School Honorees

Louisa Muagututia, Wilson HS, Long Beach USD
Crystal Perreira, Wilson HS, Long Beach USD
Ellen Price, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
William Price, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
Richie Robert, Woodbridge High School, Irvine USD
Mia Stenning, Wilson HS, Long Beach USD
Ashley Tafua, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
Anna Tapu, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
Folau Tuione Jr., Leuzinger High School, Centinela Valley UHSD
Toano Ono Vaifale, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD
Meridianna Veavealagi, Paramount HS, Paramount USD
Walter Zinck, Western High School, Anaheim UHSD

Peni Pau'u, Chief of Police, National City

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California Assemblyman George Nakano

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Sgt. Isaac Hoopii, Pentagon Police Officer

Karen Jamney, Principal, Montgomery High School
Sweetwater Union High School District

Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, American Samoa

Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awards

Ben Diaz, Hollydale School
Paramount Unified School District

Sevia Ma'ae (posthumous)
Lugo Elementary School
Lynwood Unified School District

George Shigematsu
Garden Grove Unified School District

Chris Steinhauser, Superintendent
Long Beach Unified School District

Community Awards

Marie Cruz, President
Pacific Islander Festival Association, San Diego

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