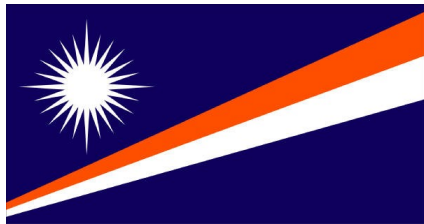


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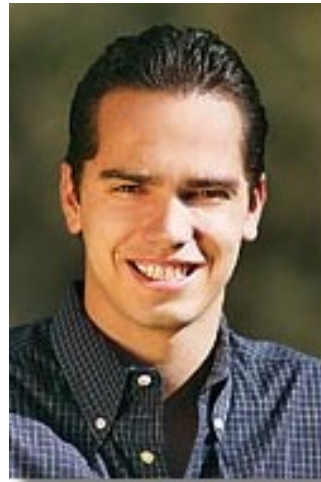
- Over 270 participated in the conference, including 140 students, 24 teachers, and 106 parents and community members
- Ruth Perez Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District
- Chris Kakimi, National Education Association
- Dr. Audrey Yamagata Noji, Vice President, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA

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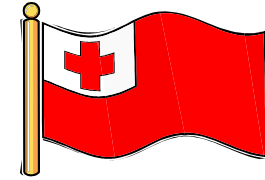
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: James Kawika Riley, Pacific Islander Access Project, who helped to end Pacific Islander exclusion from higher education opportunities



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Uncle Henry Kamae, Ukulele
- Zobeida Castillo, Dance Workshop
- Marie Thompson, Arts and Crafts
- Wilson Financial Services, How to Fund for Education

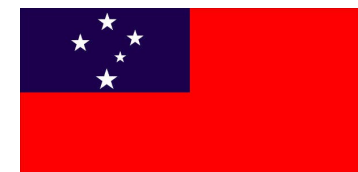


AWARDS CEREMONY

- Thirty seven students were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- Four Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awards were awarded: Kristin Aldrete, Dani Boepple, Linda Rasmussen, and Gwen Yates; Four Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Awards were presented: Ama Tupu, June Pouesi, Al Aiono, and John Keoni Jensen
- **Dannica Ofisa**, former Lakewood High School student, now at Cal State University, Fullerton, received the Christina Diaz Scholarship sponsored by Vemma, NT&Associates, Wilson Financial Services, and Guesthouse International Hotel

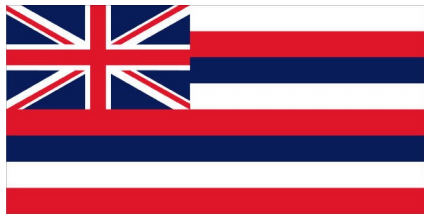
PERFORMING GROUPS

- Hughes Middle School Polynesian Club
- Troop 1200, Boy Scouts of America Colorguard, Bellflower, CA
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club



EXHIBITORS

Ray Diaz Hawaiian Gourds
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Los Angeles County Office of Education
Mary Kay Cosmetics
NAPAFASA
PasifikBridge Books
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PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- Very stimulating & provocative
- Very good forum and gathering resources
- Continue the effort!
- Thanks for acknowledging me with something new
- It was fun!
- Uncle Henry, You are the Best!
- It was worth coming, good job

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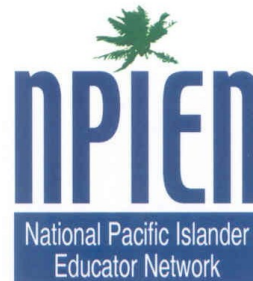
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Dannica Ofisa, Cal State Fullerton student, 2008 Christina Diaz Scholarship Recipient



Cherrae Tedtaotao Receives Christina Diaz Student Scholar Award



Hughes Middle School Students Wow the Crowd with Pacific Islander Dance



Compton USD Teacher Dani Boepple, Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award Recipient, reviews certificates



Gwen Yates, Assistant Principal, Paramount High School, receives the Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award

