# NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATOR NETWORK Annual Conference 2009 Paramount High School, Paramount, CA \*\*Executive Summary\*\*



Marshall Islands

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Over 297 participated in the conference, including 108 students, 16 teachers, and 173 parents and community members

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DR. MAFUTAGA S. TAGALOA
TULIFAU, Podiatrist, Lakewood, CA
pictured with NPIEN President Falanai
Ala



## WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Uncle Henry Kamae, Ukulele
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club, Dance Workshop
- Rita Scanlan, Arts and Crafts
- Fernando Alvarado, Prudential, Financial Aid
- Olympia Tuliaupupu, Westmont College, Parent Workshop

- Chapman University, College Networking for Students
- Albert Wilmovsky, Cerritos College, Study Skills



Tonga

## **AWARDS CEREMONY**

- Twenty five students were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- Two Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awards were awarded: Aileen Tanimoto Matsuura and Stephanie Carter.
- One Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Awards was presented: Jin Lee, Ohana Hawaiian Barbecue
- Maile Tauai, Cherrae Tedtau, Fa'aputu Va'afuti, and Natalia Cerilyn Su'a, received the Christina Diaz Scholarship sponsored by Vemma, Linaka Polynesian School of Dance, and TM and Irene Mulholland.

#### PERFORMING GROUPS

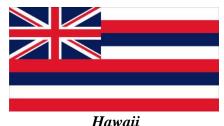
- Roosevelt Middle School Pacific Islander Club
- Troop 1200, Boy Scouts of America Colorguard, Bellflower, CA
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club



Samoa

## **EXHIBITORS**

Ray Diaz Hawaiian Gourds State Farm Insurance NT & Associates California Telephone Access Program Cookie Lee ACRO Printing US Census Bureau



### PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- Mr. Marquardt & Dr. Tagaloa Tulifau showed us we can succeed in any career choice!
- I am sorry we ignored your past invitations...all parents need to participate in the conference
- Continue the effort!
- Uncle Henry, You are the Best!

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Republic of Palau



Rossevelt Middle School Students, Compton Unified School District, enjoy the conference



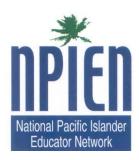
Pacific Islander Arts and Crafts Workshop



Cherrae Tedtaotao, Paramount High School, Christina Diaz Student Scholarship Award Recipient



Paramount High School Students Perform Samoan Taualuga





Paramount High School Wows the Capacity Crowd



American Samoa

# **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 11/22/09 Samoanews.com
- 11/27/09 Event Polynesia.com New Zealand

Join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on November 13, 2010 at Artesia High School, Lakewood, CA

NPIEN's Northern California Conference will take place on May 15, 2010 in Hayward, CA

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