NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER **EDUCATOR NETWORK Annual Conference 2010** Artesia High School, Lakewood, CA **Executive Summary**



Marshall Islands

PARTICIPANTS

• Over 260 participated in the conference on November 13th, including 117 students, 46 teachers, and 97 parents and community members

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Idaho State Senator Edgar Malepeai is also a high school government teacher and NCAA football referee



Senator Malepeai

KEYNOTE PANEL - WOMEN & EDUCATION: Meghan Blanco, Attorney, Renee Tiedemann Maravel, Teacher, Lennox School District, Pua Palei. Researcher, Long Beach Memorial Hospital, Soledad Santos, Professor, Evergreen Valley College, Me Phillipp, Sisters Alumni of the South Pacific

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Uncle Henry Kamae, Ukulele Expert
- Linaka Polynesian Dancers, Dance Workshop, Stephanie Dao
- Rita Scanlan, Arts and Crafts
- Brenna Barrett, CEO, Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum (PIEAM)

- Albert Wilmovsky, Cerritos College
- Sane Mataitusi, Principal, San Bernardino Unified School District
- Meghan Blanco, Attorney
- Renee Tiedemann Maravel, Teacher. Lennox School District
- Eve Jakob, Mind Streams
- Diana Faatai, Dean, Carson High School, Los Angeles USD
- Me Phillipp, Sisters Alumni of the South Pacific
- Soledad Santos, Professor, Evergreen Valley College
- Dr. Joseph De Torres, Professor, Contra Costa College

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION:

National Education Association (NEA) conducted a Focused Conversation on educating Native Hawaiian Students on Friday November 12th with UC Berkeley professor Dr. Khatharya Um, and NEA director Bouv Te and researcher Dan Lunaria. Native Hawaiian teachers and NPIEN Board members participated in this session.



AWARDS CEREMONY

Eleven students were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients

- One Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award was awarded to *Elizabeth Campos*, Lakewood High School Teacher
- Five Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Awards was presented: Myra McGinnis, Moto & Rachel Puaina, King's Hawaiian Bakery, Sisters' Alumni of the South Pacific
- Shane Mauinatu, Chad Ka'aukai, Lizelle Felix, Eneti Tagaloa, and Martin Finau received the Christina Diaz Scholarship sponsored by Aileen Tanimoto Matsuura, Chris Kakimi, Gateway Business Bank, Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum, and Peace Builders

PERFORMING GROUPS

- ➤ Lakewood High School Pacific Islander Club presented the Island Nation Flags
- > Uncle Henry's Ukulele Class
- Linaka Dance Workshop Group
- Cabrillo High School Pacific Islander Club
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club
- Roosevelt Middle School Pacific Islander Club
- Davis Middle School Pacific Islander Club
- Artesia High School Pacific Islander Club



Samoa

EXHIBITORS

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Mary Kay Cosmetics
Los Angeles Police Department
Morey's Music
Peace Builders
Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum
Sisters' Alumni of the South Pacific



Tonga

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- ➤ I appreciate all the valuable information
- > Need to have more of these
- ➤ The information and resources gathered was very useful for me to share with family, community, and the school district
- ➤ Mahalo Uncle Henry!

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Northern Mariana Islands – Saipan



Uncle Henry leads ukulele class in rendition of *Pearly Shells*



Lizelle Felix and Shane Mauinatu Receive the Christina Diaz Scholarship



Sane Mataitusi, San Bernardino USD Principal, meets with parents and teachers



American Samoa

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