

**NATIONAL  
PACIFIC ISLANDER  
EDUCATION NETWORK  
Annual Conference 2015  
Lakewood High School,  
Lakewood, CA**

**\*\*Executive Summary\*\***



*Marshall Islands*

**PARTICIPANTS**

237 participated in the conference on November 7<sup>th</sup>, including 136 students, and 111 parents, educators and community members. Lakewood City Councilman Steve Croft was in attendance.

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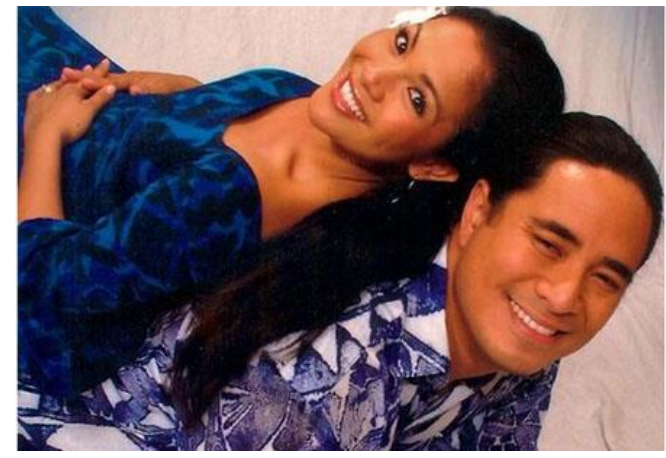
**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**



**Macie Tuiasosopo,  
Attorney**

Quotes

- Macie was very engaging
- All of the keynotes were very inspiring
- The Panel caused us to think about our futures
- Principal Kailiponi had great information and statistics



**Tini Grey, Entertainer and  
Angela Grey, Educator and Miss  
America**

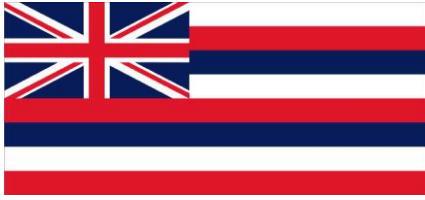


**Panel Discussion by Dr. Mafutaga  
Tagaloa-Tulifau, Pua Palei and  
Veiongo Suatele**

**WORKSHOP PRESENTERS**

- LACOE Aloha Ukulele Ensemble
- Mark Kailiponi, Principal, Somerset High School, Bellflower USD
- Arts and Crafts by NPIEN

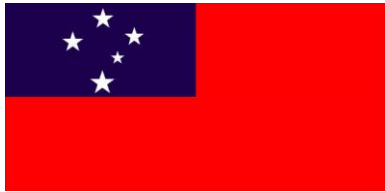
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- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Fullerton
- Southwest Carpenters Training Fund
- American Career College
- Rutgers University



*Samoa*

### AWARDS CEREMONY

- ❖ **Twenty four students** were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- ❖ **Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awardee** was Alicia Megofna
- ❖ **Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa**

**Community Award** winners were: Meghan Blanco Fitzpatrick, Babouch Moroccan Restaurant, Los Angeles Dodgers and the Comedy and Magic Club

- ❖ **Isabel Olaes, Justin Pena, Kiezel Bascos, Jheremmiah Legapasi, Zoe Pamomag, Keely Toma, Ta'iuta Grey Uiagalelei, and Pualani Pulu** received the Christina Diaz Scholarships sponsored by Anita Barrios Scholarship Fund, NT & Associates, Linda Vaca Scholarship Fund, Sarah Tanimoto Scholarship Fund, Horace Mann, Melaleuca, Thompson Family, Ohana Hawaiian BBQ, F. Mary McAuliffe, Steve Donnenfield, Pam Post, Bruce Lee, Hawaii's Daughters Guild.

### PERFORMING GROUPS

Artesia High School, ABC USD, Lakewood High School, Long Beach USD, Pua Olena of Jackie Robinson Academy, Long Beach USD, Dominguez High School, Compton USD

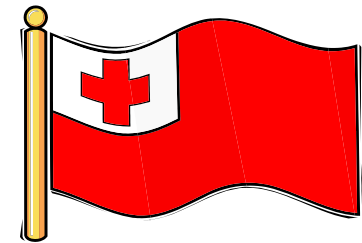
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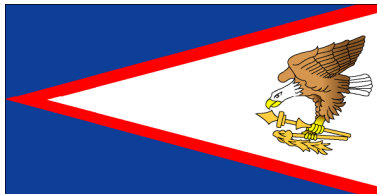
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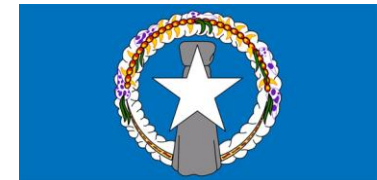
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Long Beach Courtyard by Marriott



**Northern Mariana Islands**



Artesia High School Presents the Island Nation Flags



NPIEN's Channel Coast Chapter led the Arts and Crafts

Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on November 5, 2016!!!

NPIEN's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on April 25, 2016  
Lakewood Country Club  
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Jackie Robinson Academy's Young Men Perform

**Quotes:**

- We thoroughly enjoyed Arts & Crafts, it was great!