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16th Annual Education Conference Summary

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- Our sponsors funded lunch plus materials and supplies for the conference

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- Products included home made cookies, substance abuse resources, auto insurance, island clothing, health insurance resources, books, jewelry, beauty products, island leis and souvenirs, financial planning, funding for college, health and human resources

COLLEGE and CAREER FAIR: Cerritos College, Long Beach City College, California State University, Los Angeles, National Polytechnic College, Cerritos College Project Hope, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Rutgers University, California State University, East Bay

- College representatives provided information on college admission and financial aid, plus the many majors and programs available

At the NPIEN AWARDS CEREMONY, seventeen Christina Diaz Student Scholars were introduced and scholarship winners announced. Here are our scholarship winners:

- **Anita Barrios Memorial Scholarship: Ashley Helenihi, USC**
- **Mae'Ole Hoku/Linda Vaka Memorial Scholarship: Jadon Paopao, Oceanside High School**
- **Sarah Tanimoto Memorial Scholarship: Isaac Rex, BYU**
- **NT & Associates /Christina Diaz Memorial Scholarship: Leatoa Masina, Paramount High School**
- **Atonio Kavea/Ohana Hawaiian BBQ Scholarship: Sisilia Fineanganofa, BYU Idaho**
- **Uncle Henry Kamae/Thompson Family Scholarship: Clara Ahsiu, Long Beach City College**
- **Melaleuca Scholarship: Kylo Blanco Soto, Niguel Hills Middle School**

Two Educators and Four Community Organizations were recognized for their support for Pacific Islander students and NPIEN:

- **Rodolfo Zendejas, Counselor, Early College High School, Compton USD**
- **Cynthia Washington, Counselor, Dominguez High School, Compton USD**
- **Cerritos College**
- **Saint Joseph High School**
- **Pro Printing**
- **The Funnel House**

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- These individuals and organizations provided funding for the scholarship winners

DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS: Cerritos College, The Comedy and Magic Club, King's Hawaiian, Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum, Nice & Bella Jewelry, Henry Dang, State Farm Insurance Agent, California Credit Union, and Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ

- All attendees received raffle tickets for visiting the vendors and exhibitors and were entered in the raffles. About 20 raffle prizes were awarded. Extra raffle tickets were also for sale.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: Students from the following schools participated in the conference: Hughes Middle School, Paramount High School, Dominguez High School, Lawndale High School, Lakewood High School, Cerritos College, Zamboni Middle School, Long Beach City College, Dana Hills High School, Niguel Hills Middle School, Costa Mesa High School, San Clemente High School, University of Southern California, and San Diego State University.

FEATURED GUESTS: **David Brown, Mylay from Island Mix Radio** was our Master of Ceremonies. David will be starting a new show, Niu Radio "Good Island Music," 106.3 FM starting January 7th at 10:00 p.m. **Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent of Cerritos College, California State Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell**, who presented an award to Clara Ahsiu, Long Beach City College student, and **Dr. Suely Saro, Field Representative for California State Senator Ricardo Lara.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Sisa Grey, Actress from Grey's Anatomy, Moana and Hawaii 5-0 discussed her career in television and movies.

Education Panel: **Ruth Perez Ashley, Deputy Superintendent**, Long Beach Unified School District (USD), **Mark Kailiponi, Principal**, Bellflower USD, **Dr. Diana Faatai, Principal**, Los Angeles USD and **Charlene Shimada, Principal**, Downey USD spoke about how to be successful education and community leaders.

Lauren Bowman, Ukulele Instructor, Lawndale High School and her Ukulele Class performed several musical numbers, and the NPIEN Ukulele Class taught by Lauren and her class also performed.

Jaymz Tuailava, Actor and Dancer, Dancing With the Stars, Glee and High School Musical shared his dance for dance and entertainment and taught all the conference attendees to dance like Michael Jackson.

PRESENTERS:

Juliann Anesi and Genielysse Reyes, Guardian Princesses Alliance shared their book about the Guardian Princesses **Channel Coast Chapter, Ventura County Linda Dunham, Linda Tuitama and Tilo Tuitama** taught the Lei Making class. **Nancy Martinsen and Dr. Joe De Torres from NPIEN's Northern California Chapter** presented a workshop on Cultural Identification and Preservation.

JOIN US on November 3, 2018 for the 17th Annual NPIEN Education Conference