

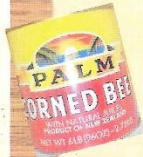
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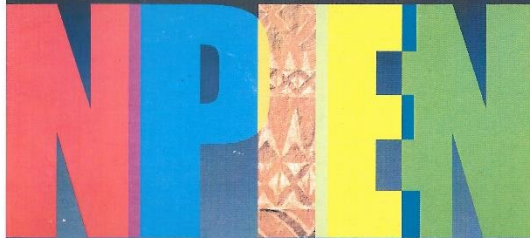
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**NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATION NETWORK AND
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Uniting the Village: Bridging Institutions and Resources

FIRST CONFERENCE

November 22-23, 2002

*California State University, Long Beach
Student Union Hall*





message

Dr. Victor C. Thompson, *NPIEN President*



On behalf of the Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee, I would like to welcome you to the first National Pacific Islander Educator Network (NPIEN) Conference, in joint sponsorship with the Pacific Islanders Association (PIA) of California State University, Long Beach. NPIEN was founded in 2001 by a group of Pacific Islander teachers, professors, and administrators, inspired by their attendance at the Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Summit on Higher Education in Washington D.C., hosted by Congressman Robert Underwood of Guam. Our mission is to "Unite the resources of the village to strengthen families, the community, and promote educational excellence." NPIEN's purpose is to serve as a resource organization to schools and increase awareness of existing community resources that can support Pacific Islander students in their attainment of higher educational goals.

NPIEN is also a professional organization for Pacific Islander educators. As we develop networking opportunities, it is our objective to truly unite all segments of the community to support the dreams of our families as they came to America, to pursue higher education. Your participation in this historic conference is the beginning of the fulfillment of my long-time personal dream, to gather Pacific Islander professionals, educators, students, and parents together to discuss how we can fulfill your dreams and aspirations.

A special thanks to PIA for believing in our efforts, and to all the students in attendance today. To see all of you inspires us to continue to strive to work harder as Pacific Islander professionals, knowing that the future will be brighter as you will eventually follow us. Best wishes for a great conference, and we look forward to "Uniting the Village and bridging institutions and community resources."

Sincerely:

Victor C. Thompson



message

Jennifer Miyamoto, *PIA President*

On behalf of the students of Pacific Islanders Association (PIA) I would like to welcome all of you to the first annual National Pacific Islanders Educator Network conference, in co-sponsorship with the National Pacific Islanders Educator Network (NPIEN). PIA was founded in 1991 by five students in need to find an organization that they could feel comfortable with. In researching the CSULB campus they found that less than one percent of the student body was comprised of Pacific Islanders. In hopes to raise these numbers as well as promote awareness about the culture, PIA began. Our founders believed that it was important to promote the similarities as well as the many differences within the Pacific Island culture. This is what builds the foundation of our organization to this day. We work, every year through campus events and activities to paint a picture of who we are as Pacific Islanders to the CSULB community. However, one of our main objectives as a student organization is to raise the number of Pacific Islanders moving on to a higher education. It is through this goal that we are looking forward to this conference in hopes that we can begin to break down the barrier for Pacific Islanders by communicating and educating what it is like to be a Pacific Islander in an institute of higher education. This conference will bring together all aspects of a dream that the students of PIA live everyday. Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication in putting together this event.

friday november 22, 2002

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Early Registration**.....MP Room Foyer/MP Room C
Mentor & Resource Fair
Vendors

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Entertainment**Alamitos Bay/MP Rooms A&B
Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Welcome and Greetings**

Sefa Aina, Vice President, NPIEN

Bishop Sione Eteaki, Invocation

Setu Ta'ase, Pacific Islanders Association (PIA)
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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Vicente M. Diaz, *University of Michigan*

8:30-10:00 p.m. Reception & DanceAlamitos Bay Room/
MP Rooms A&B



saturday november 23, 2002

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Registration**Foyer of MP Rooms &
Alamitos Bay Room

Continental Breakfast
Mentor & Resource Fair
Vendors

8:45 - 9:10 a.m. **General Session**Auditorium

Welcome, Opening Ceremony, and Invocation

Dr. Michael Perez, Vice President, NPIEN

Long Beach Poly High School Pacific Islander Club

Reverend Misipouena Tagaloa

Greetings and Introductions

Dr. Victor Thompson, *President, NPIEN*

Keynote Greeting

President Robert Maxson
California State University, Long Beach

Doug Robinson, *Vice President of Student Affairs*
California State University, Long Beach

9:10-9:55 a.m. **Plenary Discussion**
"To P or Not to P"Auditorium
Facilitators: Sefa Aina, Dr. Damon Selesa

Dr. Ken Galea'i, *San Diego State University*

Jennifer Miyamoto, *President, PIA*
California State University, Long Beach

June Pouesi, *National Office of Samoan Affairs*

Dr. Amy Stillman, *University of Michigan*

Dr. Damon Salesa, *University of Michigan*

Lola Sablan-Santos, *Guam Communications Network*



saturday session 1

10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Social, Cultural and Educational Challenges-Educators/Community

“Myths & Stereotypes Affecting Pacific Islander Students”Room 303
Facilitators: Dr. Michael Perez, Burt Robles

Dr. Michael Perez
California State University, Fullerton

Eugene Mafi, *Paramount High School*
West Campus, Paramount USD

Falana'i Ala
Long Beach Unified School District, Facilities

“Overcoming Obstacles to Success for Pacific Islander Students”Room 304
Facilitators: Dr. Victor Thompson,
Titimaea N. Ta'ase

Tavita Sagapolu & Vaka Faletau
Department of Children & Family Services

Dr. Victor Thompson
Paramount Unified School District

Student & Parent Resources:
“Demystifying College”MP Rooms A & B
Facilitators: Sefa Aina, Art Medina, Julie Moefu

Sefa Aina, *University of California, Los Angeles*

Malina Koani-Guzman
University of California, Los Angeles

Jason Hino, *University of California, Los Angeles*



saturday session 2

11:00 -12:00 p.m.

Educational Strategies-Educators

“Strategies to Support Pacific Islander Students”Room 303
Facilitator: Ruth Perez Ashley, Maria Java

Eugene Mafi, *Paramount High School*
West Campus, Paramount USD

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Paramount High School, Paramount USD

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Student & Parent Resources:
“Student Services in Higher Ed”MP Rooms A&B
Facilitators: Eugene Mafi, Art Medina,
Cristobal Morales

Art Medina, *California State University*
Long Beach, EOP

Clara Chiu, *OCA*

Ursula Siataga, *UCLA*

12:00 -1:30 p.m.

LuncheonMP Room C and Alamitos
Bay Room

Open Career/Mentor/Resource Fair
(List of presenters included)



saturday

session 3 & 4

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Bridging Educational and Community Resources

"Resistance to Paradise"Room 303
Facilitators: Dr. Victor Thompson
Titiimaea N. Ta'ase

Baltazar Pinguel
American Friends Service Center, Philadelphia

"Gates Millennium Scholars"Room 304
Facilitator: Sefa Aina

Clinton Helenihi

Student & Parent Resources:

"PIA Student Panel"MP Rooms A&B
Facilitator: Art Medina

Jennifer Miyamoto, President, PIA
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California State University, Long Beach

Christina Barry, Treasurer, PIA
California State University, Long Beach

Sasha Antonio, Member, PIA
California State University, Long Beach

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Session 4. Higher Education Strategies

"Higher Education: Barriers, Access, and Retention"Auditorium
Facilitator: Dr. Michael Perez
Dr. Ken Galea'i, *San Diego State University*



saturday

closing session

August Luuga, *Long Beach City College*

Dr. Sreee Weroha
Wisconsin Department of Education

Dr. Clara Park
California State University, Northridge

Dr. Vicente M. Diaz, *University of Michigan*

Dr. Amy Stillman, *University of Michigan*

Dr. Damon Salesa, *University of Michigan*

Dr. Leilani Holmes, *Grossmont College*

Student and Parent Resources:

"Job Etiquette"MP Rooms A & B
Facilitators: Sefa Aina, Art Medina

Falana'i Ala
Long Beach Unified School District, Facilities

Bianca Larson
California State University Long Beach

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Closing General SessionMP Rooms A & B

Dr. Victor Thompson, *President, NPIEN*

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resource/career/mentor fair participants

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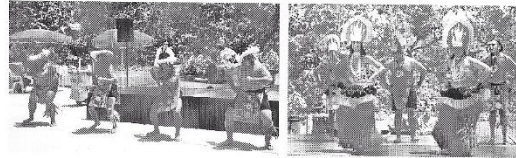


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