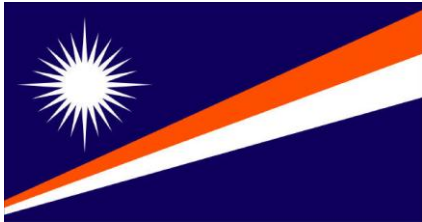


**NATIONAL
PACIFIC ISLANDER
EDUCATOR NETWORK
Annual Conference 2007
Paramount High School,
Paramount, CA**

****Executive Summary****



PARTICIPANTS

- Over 240 participated in the conference, including 123 students, 16 teachers, and 109 parents and community members
- Ruth Perez Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District
- Chris Kakimi, National Education Association
- Daisy S. Pizana, Aide to Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Maenette Benham, Michigan State University Professor, expert on Pacific Islander instructional strategies

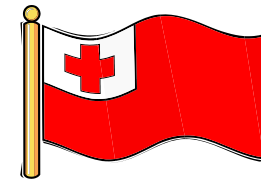


KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Saitia Fa'aifo, Dr. Aloha, author The Riches of Respect



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

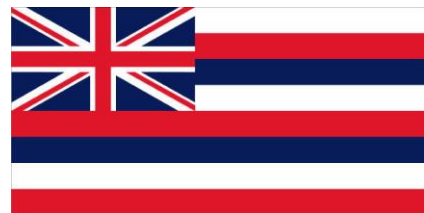
- Uncle Henry Kamae, Ukulele
- Zobeida Castillo, Dance Workshop
- Michael Lujan Bevacqua, UC San Diego
- Alfred Flores, UC Riverside
- Madelsar Ngiraingas, UC San Diego
- Mary Gonzalez, "Eating Right"
- Hope, Marie, Andrew Thompson, Arts and Crafts



AWARDS CEREMONY

- Thirteen students were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- Two Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awards were awarded: Letitia Bradley and Manaia Petaia, and five Dr. Alofa Tavuvasa Community Awards were

presented: Leigh Clausen, Gateway Business Bank, Vaka Faletau, DCFS, Susana Garcia, Long Beach City College, Na Mamo, Sponsor of E Hula Mau, and Daniel Pouesi, KIN Publications



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PERFORMING GROUPS

- Cabrillo High School Pacific Islander Club
- Troop 348, Boy Scouts of America Colorguard
- Paramount High School Drumline
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- Uncle Henry helped me learn what chords are and how to switch
- Great! What an experience!
- Very helpful information about college and scholarships
- Helped me prepare for my future
- Will use Dr. Benham's strategies in my classroom



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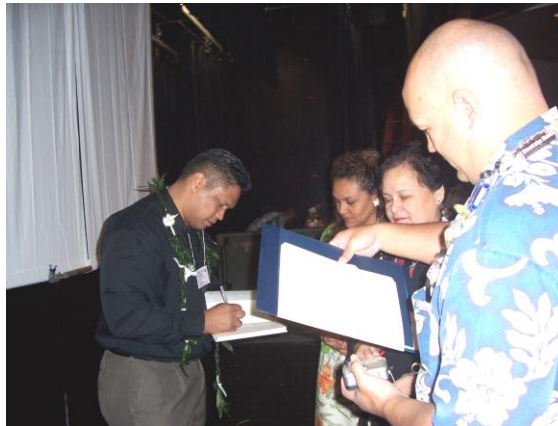
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Boy Scout Troop 348 Presents Colors of the Island Nations



Dr. Aloha, Dr. Benham, and NPIEN Board present Christina Diaz Student Awards



Dr. Aloha Saitia Fa'aifo presents his book "The Riches of Respect" to Honorees Na Mamo

Aloha is a sacred promise. "Alo" means ones embrace of self, and "ha" is the breath of life. So living Aloha requires you to share your embrace of life, your passion with others.

- Dr. Maenette Benham



Paramount High School Drumline Performance in the Opening Ceremony

I believe that all of us have a purpose in life: to live and to dream, to build and fulfill, to fail and to learn. It is only through the empowerment of people, the engaging energy of ideas, and by harnessing the creativity within you, that you can foster and manifest yourself into a higher place.

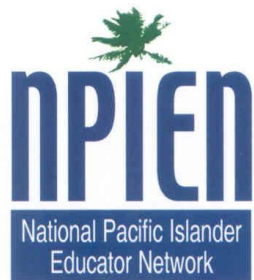
-Saitia Fa'aifo, Dr. Aloha

People, knowledge, attitude are the three most powerful ingredients in making change. All three are needed to help you succeed in creating the life, the relationships, and the world you want.

- Saitia Fa'aifo, Dr. Aloha

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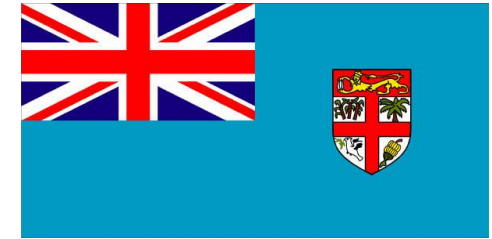
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Students enjoy Uncle Henry Kamae's Ukulele Instruction



NPIEN Board Hard at Work



Ohana literally means to spread as vines and to grow lush. It describes the extended family, the primary social unit of Hawaii. The value of Ohana obliges you to serve your family.

- Dr. Maenette Benham



NPIEN President Bianca Larson enjoys meeting with students