



National Pacific Islander Educator Network 2008 Awards Recipients

NPIEN Student Scholar Award Winners

- Nominated by counselors or teachers
- Minimum 2.5 GPA, demonstrated outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, leadership, extracurricular activities, or academic improvement

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Name	School/School District	
Ruby Aliimatafitafi	Paramount High School (HS) West Campus, Paramount Unified School District (USD)	
Stephanie Aliimatafitafi	Paramount High School, Paramount Unified School District (USD)	
Katherine Brito	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Leilani Brito	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Christina Fa'agata	Paramount High School, Paramount Unified School District (USD)	
Emily Ann Kaveinga	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Taumoelau Kaveinga	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Uona Kaveinga	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Minetta Lauulu	Paramount High School, Paramount Unified School District (USD)	
Maafu Lavatai	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Keresoma Leio	Paramount HS, Paramount Unified School District (USD)	
Vatikani Makalo	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Latu Manufekai	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Maris Manufekai	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	

	School District (UHSD)	
Bernice Mauinatu	Paramount HS West Campus, Paramount USD	
Shane Mauinatu	Paramount HS, Paramount USD	
Dannica Ofisa	Lakewood HS, Long Beach USD	
Magdelene Robertson	Paramount HS West Campus, Paramount USD	
Tulimalei Sekona	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Ron Siaoosi	Lakewood HS, Long Beach USD	
Amelia Sili	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Benjamin Taione	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Maile Tauai	Paramount HS West Campus, Paramount USD	
Eugene Tausinga	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Chanice Tedtaotao	Paramount HS West Campus, Paramount USD	
Cherrae Tedtaotao	Paramount HS, Paramount USD	
Ashley Tii	Paramount HS, Paramount USD	
Henrietta Toleafoa	Paramount HS, Paramount USD	
Tyrone White	Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Name	School/School District	
Daniel Blanco	Will Rogers Middle School (MS), Lawndale School District	
Manumaa Finau	Will Rogers Middle School (MS), Lawndale School District	
JoAnn Halalilo	Prarie Vista Middle School, Hawthorne School District	
Marie Kaveinga	Prarie Vista Middle School, Hawthorne School District	
Mau Kaveinga	Prarie Vista Middle School, Hawthorne School District	
Reyna Tausinga	Will Rogers Middle School (MS), Lawndale School District	
Ana Tuiaso	Will Rogers Middle School (MS), Lawndale School District	

NPIEN's Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Award Winners

- **Named after the late Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa, Elementary School Teacher and Humanitarian, Compton Unified School District, and founding NPIEN Board Member**
- **Outstanding service by community members or organizations to Pacific Islander students and NPIEN**

Name	School/School District/Organization	
Ama Tupu	Coordinator, Club Olympian, Leuzinger High School, Centinela Valley UHSD	
June Pouesi	Office of Samoan Affairs	
Al Aiono	Polynesian Café	
John Keoni Jensen	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	

NPIEN's Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award Winners

- **Named after the late Mr. Sevia Ma'ae, Gifted and Talented Program Teacher, Lynwood Unified School District, and founding NPIEN Board Member**
- **Outstanding service by teachers to Pacific Islander students**

Name	School/School District	
Kristin Aldrete	Teacher, Leuzinger HS, Centinela Valley Union High School District (UHSD)	
Dani Boepple	Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, Compton Unified School District	
Linda Rasmussen	Teacher, Hughes Middle School, Long Beach USD	
Gwen Yates	Assistant Principal, Paramount High School, Paramount USD	