

NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATOR NETWORK

Annual Conference 2005 Paramount High School, Paramount, CA

Executive Summary



PARTICIPANTS

- Over 260 participated in the conference, including 140 students, 40 teachers, and 70 parents
- Dr. David Verdugo, Superintendent, Paramount Unified School District
- Trustees Alicia Anderson and Vivian Hansen, Paramount Unified School District
- Elizabeth Lem, Assistant Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Members of the Education Committee of the NAACP were in attendance

SPONSORS

- Gates Millennium Scholars Program, United Negro College Fund
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- The Resource Management Group
- California Credit Union
- Gateway Business Bank

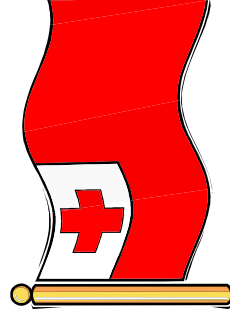
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Pastor Sweetie & Eli Williams

of the landmark Williams v. State of California Settlement, ensuring educational equity for all students



- Michael Lujan Bevacqua, University of California, San Diego
- Christi Wilkins, Dramatic Results
- Art Medina, California State University, Long Beach EOP
- Sai Momoli, PASS
- Sane Mataitusi, Principal, San Bernadino USD
- Kimiko Kelly, Asian Pacific American Legal Center



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

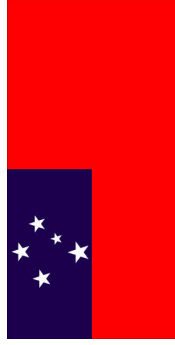
- Cathy Makunga, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Pacific Islanders Association, California State University, Long Beach
- Renee Tiedemann Maravel, Lennox Middle School

AWARDS CEREMONY

- Eighteen students were awarded Student Scholar Awards
- Three Educator Awards were awarded, and three Community Awards presented

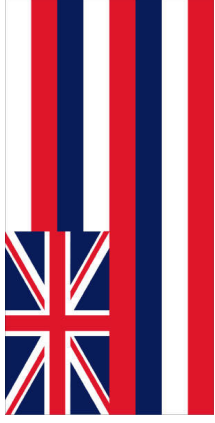
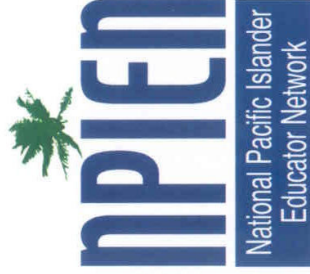
PERFORMING GROUPS

- Paramount High School Drumline
- Paramount High Academy ROTC
- Lakewood High School Madrigals Choir
- Carson High School Pacific Islander Club
- Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club



EXHIBITORS

- East West Discovery Press
- Crystal Stairs, Inc.
- Ray's Silvercraft & Christina's Hawaiian Soaps



PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- It was great to meet Pacific Islanders who made a difference
- The conference was a good way to help you look at and appreciate school
- Best of luck in the future NPIEN
- They helped me to get started on college and scholarships
- I wish more organizations would share their time and experience like you, and I look forward to next year

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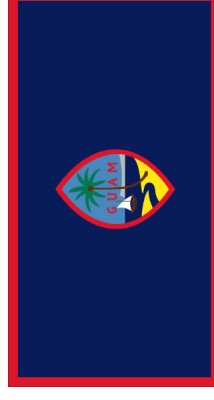
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