NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATOR NETWORK Annual Conference 2011 Paramount High School, Paramount, CA **Executive Summary**



Marshall Islands

PARTICIPANTS

355 participated in the conference on November 12th, including 196 students, 28 teachers, and 131 parents and community members

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Anna-Rita Sloss

is the creator of Hot Hula © Fitness, a popular core workout set to the rhythm of the islands. Conference attendees enjoyed a workout with Anna-Rita.



Anna-Rita Sloss with Hughes Middle School Students & Linda Rasmussen

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Uncle Henry Kamae, Ukulele Expert
- Linaka Polynesian Dancers, Dance Workshop, Linda Vaca & Willie
- NPIEN Board, Arts and Crafts "Gecko Making"
- Margaret Sanborn, Pacific American Academy
- Dr. Joseph De Torres, Contra Costa College
- Laty Johnson, CSU East Bay
- Nancy Martinsen, CSU East Bay
- Dan Lunaria, National Education Association



Hawaii

CAREER & COLLEGE FAIR

- American University of Health Sciences
- Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
- Cerritos College
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Fullerton
- El Camino College, Compton Center
- Los Angeles Police Department

AWARDS CEREMONY

- ❖ Twenty six students were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- ❖ Three Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award were awarded: Lionel Gonzalez, Eric Lindshield, & Eunice Hooker
- ❖ Three Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Awards were presented: Sai Momoli, Lola Sablan-Santos, & Vanessa Tuione
- ❖ Shane Mauinatu, Shawn Mauinatu, Madgalene Robertson, Jayde Togiaso, and Herby Tuala received the Christina Diaz Scholarships sponsored by Gateway Business Bank, the Anita Barrios Memorial Fund, the Sarah Tanimoto Memorial Fund, the Matsuura Family, PLUS.

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PERFORMING GROUPS

Roosevelt Middle School Pacific Islander Club, Dominguez High School Pacific Islander Club, Lakewood High School Pacific Islander Club, Linaka Dance Workshop Group, Boy Scout Troop 72, Uncle Henry's Ukulele Class, Paramount High School Pacific Islander Club, Davis Middle School Pacific Islander Club



EXHIBITORS

Gateway Business Bank. California Credit Union, Pacific Asian Counseling Group, Cookie Lee, Professional Tutors of America, Hot Hula© Fitness, Teaching Aids to Go, Teachers Association of Long Beach, Schools First Federal Credit Union, Exotical Hawaiian Shop, Tairona Enterprises, Heinneman, A Bit of Aloha, Writer's Gateway



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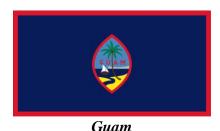
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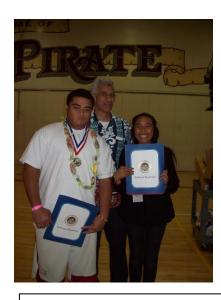


Northern Mariana Islands – Saipan





Falanai Ala leads the ukulele class in the Closing Ceremony



Tanner Luatua & Deanna Leiataua Receive the Christina Diaz Scholar Award

Join us for the 11th Annual Conference on November 10, 2012



American Samoa



Costa Mesa High School Teacher Eunice Hooker, Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award Winner

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- Anna-Rita was inspiring for all ages!
- The session by the Northern California Chapter helped us learn more about college, and the islands of Micronesia
- We can't wait for the 2012 Conference!



Founding Board Members Dr. Michael Perez and Sefa Aina



Albert Wilmovsky, Cerritos College, & Diego Ruiz, Heinnemann were some of the 20 vendors & exhibitors



Andrea Biggers & Camille Hernandez, California Credit Union, and Lorraine Telles, Cookie Lee

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A Capacity Crowd at the Paramount High School $\mbox{\sc Gym}$