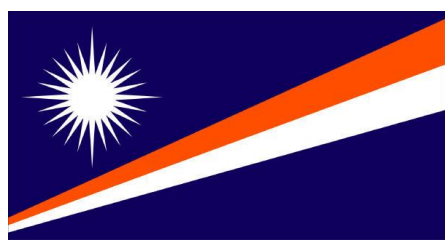


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Annual Conference 2015
Lakewood High School,
Lakewood, CA**

****Executive Summary****



Marshall Islands

PARTICIPANTS

282 participated in the conference on November 1st, including 173 students, 31 educators, and 78 parents and community members. Ruth Perez Ashley, Deputy Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District attended

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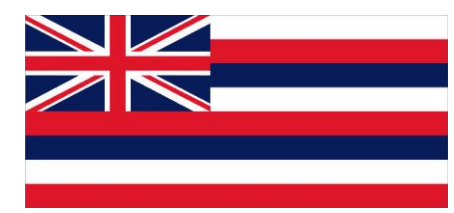
Tui Letuli
CEO, Pacific Talent Academy of the Arts



Hoku Bray and Kula a'o Ukulele o Hoku, Keynote Performers

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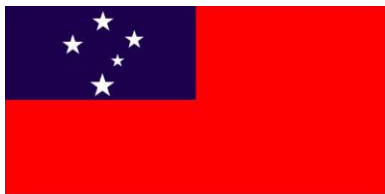
- Hoku Bray, Ukulele Expert
- Samoan Dance Workshop by Renee Tiedemann Maravel, Lennox Middle School Teacher
- Samoan Fire Knife by Tui Letuli
- Innovative Teaching Strategies by Alisi Tulua, PILOT/EPIC
- Arts and Crafts by Dominguez High School



Hawaii

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- California State University, Fullerton
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- Hawaii Pacific University



Samoa

AWARDS CEREMONY

- ❖ **Eleven students** were Christina Diaz Student Scholar Awards recipients
- ❖ **Four Sevia Ma'ae Educator Awardees** were Janna Iamaleava, Jeremiah Malumaleumu, Ixchel Gill Stanford, and Samoa Korua
- ❖ **Four Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Award** winners were: Heritage Museum of Orange County, Cerritos Performing Arts Center, Jane Ka'ala Pang, and Victor Kaiwi Pang
- ❖ **Nona Palmer, Reyna Taamu, Margaret Llamas, David Preble, Toma Suafoa-Aumavae, Sydneysierra Naioti, and Melemoala Tuifua** received the Christina Diaz

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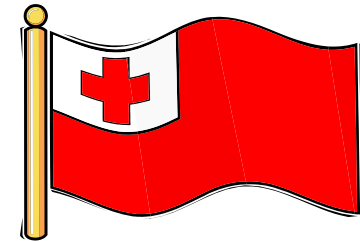
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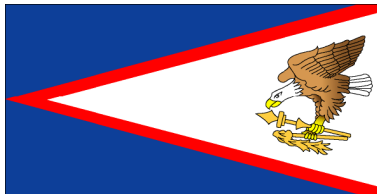
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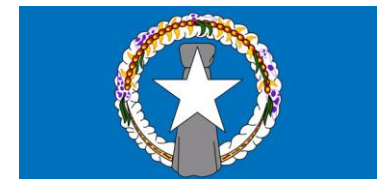
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