

**NPIEN's 15th Annual Education Conference  
at Lakewood High School  
November 5, 2016**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



**Dr. Karen Janney, Superintendent  
Sweetwater Union High School District**



**Melody O. Ngaue-Tu'uholoaki  
Inglewood Unified School District Board President**



**Ukulele Artist Hoku Bray**



**Justin Fatu Su'e Su'e  
USC Thornton Master's Degree Student in Opera**

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Cerritos College, CSU East Bay, Lennox School District Teacher Renee Tiedemann Maravel, Long Beach City College, CSU Fullerton, Rutgers University, Tino Andres, Teacher, Dominguez High School, Hector Molina, NPIEN President and NT & Associates, Alliant International University, Lakewood Sheriff Explorers, Wells Fargo

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### PRESENTERS

NPIEN Northern California Chapter (Nancy Martinsen, Dr. Joe De Torres, Anjani Varma, Megan Roberto, Johnny Gogo), Somerset High School, Paramount High School, Artesia High School, Island Mix Radio's Mylay (David Brown), NPIEN Channel Coast Chapter, Paramount High School West Campus, Hughes Middle School, Dominguez High School

**CHRISTINA DIAZ STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARDS:** Named after the late Christina Diaz, Native Hawaiian NPIEN sponsor and supporter, each high school and middle school student will receive the Christina Diaz Medallion and certificates from local legislators. Eight students received scholarship awards, ranging from \$100 to \$500.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Name/Grade	School/School District
Tuimi R. Aiono (11)	Lakewood High School, Long Beach Unified School District
Healani Barbee (11)	Artesia High School, ABC Unified School District
Bryce T. Erkelens (09)	Sato Academy of Math and Science, Long Beach Unified School District
So'onafai Faifua (12)	Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District
Moeimalaetele Filoialii (12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa
Justine Gago (12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa
Deanna Leiataua (12)	Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District
Kharyssa Malone (12)	Poly High School, Long Beach Unified School District
Jacinta Mulipola (12)	Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District
Bryson Nihipali (12)	Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy, Los Angeles Unified School District
Destiny Ryales (10)	El Modena High School, Orange Unified School District
Rejoyce Sáega (12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa
Pouono S. Saiaana (12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa
Jeremiah Seã(12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa

Julie Sefo (12)	Manu'a High School, American Samoa
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### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Name	School/School District
Kale'a Nugal (06)	Will Rogers Middle School, Lawndale School District
Keneti Pinones (06)	Bonita Christian School, Chula Vista, California
Tauelangi Asipeli Tuifua (06)	Will Rogers Middle School, Lawndale School District

**Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Community Award Winners:** Named after the late Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa, founding NPIEN board member and a teacher in the Compton Unified School District and promoter of the education in the Pacific Islander community, these awards are given to organizations or individuals who have shown exemplary for NPIEN and its programs. The awards recipients will receive a plaque and certificates.

Individual or Organization
Meghan Blanco, Attorney and NPIEN Mentor, NPIEN Board Member
Jenny Chomori, NPIEN Volunteer
Bruce Lee, NPIEN Volunteer
Cliff Kusaba, NPIEN Volunteer

**Sevia Ma'ae Educator Award Winners:** The late Sevia Ma'ae was a gifted and talented education (GATE) program teacher in the Lynwood Unified School District and founding NPIEN Board Member. Educators selected for this award have shown outstanding dedication and service to Pacific Islander students and the community.

Name	School/School District
Gwen Yates Achievement Award	Assistant Principal, Paramount High School West Campus, Paramount Unified School District
Elizabeth Campos Achievement Award	Long Beach Unified School District
Dr. Diana Faatai	Los Angeles Unified School District
Tamara Calero-Hill	Counselor, Paramount High School, Paramount Unified School District

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Mario Jimenez, Principal  
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Lakewood High School Pacific Islander Club: President Tui Aiono, Vice President Nauiaailogi Senio, Club Advisor, Maria Torres

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