



THE MIDWEST CHAPTER KICKS-OFF THE TOURNAMENT!

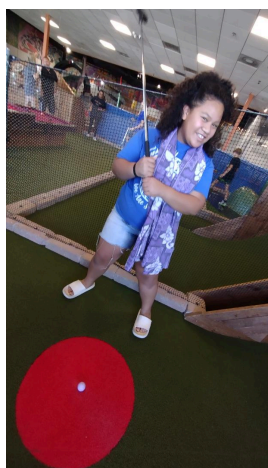
Congratulations to the Midwest Teams for your fine play! These Mini golfers recently finished: Paema Tali, Mill Creek Elementary, Marlei Key, Bridger Middle School, Sala Morris, Bingham Middle School and Lupe More, NPIEN Board Secretary. The Chrsirman High School Team also finished. More on our other teams soon.

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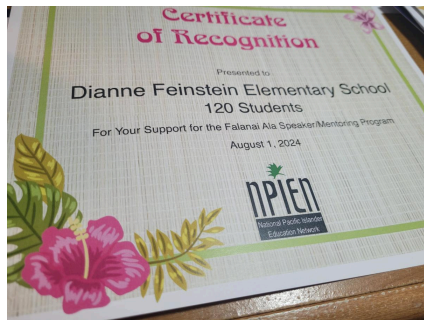
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Top Host Schools Recognized

The following schools will be recognized for their participation in the **Falanai Ala Guest Speakers/Mentoring Program:**

- Dianne Feinstein Elementary School, San Francisco Unified School District, 120 students participated
- St. Anthony of Padua School, Gardena, CA, hosted 4 speakers
- Will Rogers Middle School, Lawndale School District, CA, hosted 5 speakers
- Compton High School, Compton Unified School District, CA, 120 students participated
- Urbita Elementary School, San Bernardino City Unified School District, CA, 120 students participated



Utah and Inland Empire Chapters Participate

Utah Chapter President Nele Ofisa participated in the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) Economic Summit at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City. Krystal Ka'ai, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders was a speaker. Nele reports that the event was a productive session, fostering meaningful discussions on the challenges and opportunities within our communities. Key topics included:

1. Strategies for enhancing community engagement and representation.
2. Initiatives to address socioeconomic disparities.
3. Collaborative efforts to support education and healthcare access.

Inland Empire Chapter President, Island Grad CEO Francine Blacksher and Dr. Thompson, on the invitation of Ben Raju, NPIEN Mentor and Director of the Small Business Association in Los Angeles, attended the Summit at UC Irvine, Irvine, California on August 8th. Special guests and speakers were Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan, Helen Beaudreau of the US Department of Health and Human Services, an NPIEN partner, and Erika Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to the President and AANHPI Senior Liaison who grew up in Hawaii. She recognized the one year anniversary of the Maui fires. Great to see LA Island Radio's David Brown, Southern California Community Response Team Executive Director 'Alisi Tulua and her team and many more.



LESONA UKULELE CLASS and CONCERT AT OHANA HAWAIIAN BBQ ON JULY 16TH FEATURES 15 UKULELE PLAYERS

We had 40 at the restaurant and 15 ukulele players for our class, a new record! Our next Lesona Class is on August 20th at Ohana Hawaiian BBQ 5316 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712.



Ohana Night on August 1st!

Ohana Night featured audience participation where a mini ukulele class was provided then a performance of the song. Thanks to Leatapo Fesili, NPIEN Vice President and Albert Wilmovsky, Event Staff Member for participating! Our next Ohana Night is on September 5th at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to join us at 5316 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712!

L.A. ISLAND RADIO and SCHOOL TALK STORY

LA Island Radio is an NPIEN partner led by radio personality David Brown "Mylay." Listen to LA Island Radio at <https://www.laislandradio.com>



Ukulele_dad/School Talk Story with Dr. T is on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. School Talk Story with Dr. T discusses NPIEN events and activities and features guests from the world of Education. Watch on Twitch https://twitch.tv/ukulele_dad at 12:00 p.m. It will also be streamed to Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in and YouTube.



We Can Do This!! COVID Vaccines, Measles, Avian Flu

The more often you and your loved ones get COVID and other illnesses, the higher your risk of complications. Get the protection you need. Find updated vaccines at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

Los Angeles County Update: COVID-19

Los Angeles County residents 65 and older now have access to an additional dose of the updated (2023-2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine that provides added protection to residents who are at increased risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. Residents can get the updated vaccine four months after

their previous dose of the updated vaccine. All residents, 6 months and older, who have not yet received the updated (2023-2024 formula) vaccine, are also urged to take advantage of this important protection from serious COVID-19 illness. The Centers for Disease Control and Protection endorse the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that people ages 65 years and older should receive 1 additional dose of any updated (2023-2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech) at least 4 months after their previous dose of updated (2023-2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine. The available COVID-19 vaccine is designed to target COVID strains circulating now, and research shows that it is effective at reducing the chance of severe illness and long COVID. Updated COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months and older, regardless of prior vaccination or infection status. If you have not received an updated (2023-2024) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, it is not too late.

Public Health Confirms Measles Case in LA County: May 16, 2024

On May 9, 2024, an individual arrived from Qatar Airways flight QR 079 at LAX Terminal B Gate 134 while infectious with measles. Exposed individuals who were at Terminal B from 2pm to 4pm should check if they are vaccinated against measles. These individuals should contact their health care provider if they are immunocompromised, monitor themselves for symptoms 7 to 21 days after May 9th, and contact their provider if symptoms develop.

For more measles information: ph.lacounty.gov/measles

For a list of clinics offering free or low-cost vaccines for uninsured or underinsured: Call 211 or <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics.htm>

- Getting your [#COVID19](#) vaccine is the best way to protect us all.
 - You have 3 ways to find vaccines near you
 - Search vaccines.gov
 - Text your ZIP code to 438829
 - Call 1-800-232-0233

Visit these two websites for additional information

<https://wecandohis.hhs.gov/>

<https://www.pacificislanderhealth.org/>

Public Health Monitoring Nationwide Avian Flu Outbreak

- One Western Gull in Manhattan Beach had a confirmed case of avian flu in January 2024, but individuals who had contact had no reported illness. U.S. dairy cows, poultry, and wild birds are being monitored by the LA County Department of Public Health for the outbreak of H5N1 bird flu.
- Follow the practices below to reduce risk:
 - Do not consume raw cheese, meat, or milk.
 - Use protection when in contact with sick animals or infected feces.
 - Only observe wild birds from afar.
 - Keep pets away from dead or sick birds.
 - Get a flu vaccine if there's a possibility of exposure to infection, to reduce chances of being sick with both human and bird flu viruses simultaneously

Announcements

- **All new members and renewing members eligible for a scholarship from Grand Canyon University (GCU)! <https://www.npien.com/home/join-npien> Contact Jaylin Pedicord or Kara Kahler for information on GCU. 1-800-800-9776 ext. 2427522 jaylin.pedicord@gcu.edu kara.kahler@gcu.edu**
- Our 23rd Annual Education Conference is taking place on October 26, 2024 at Hayward High School, CA.
- Team Samoa Running and Fitness Club team members ran with the Compton Run Club recently. Please join us for future fitness events. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/teamsamoa>

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