





NPIEN Service Award Winners 2022: Each recipient received a plaque at the October 21, 2022 Annual Conference.

Sevia Ma’ae Educator Award

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	Organization
<p>LooLoo Tupua, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist</p> 	<p>Long Beach City College, California  LooLoo faithfully serves our local high school students in Long Beach and Wilmington as they prepare for community college. Whether they are applying for the first time, having difficulties with FAFSA, or simply needing someone to call for reassurance, LooLoo gives them her all. She is fluent in Spanish and Tagalog and has helped countless first generation Filipinx &amp; Latinx students and their families to start their community college journeys. LooLoo is an accomplished educator who cares for our students and works hard to make sure they succeed from day one.</p>
<p>Alema Te’o, Health and Physical Education Teacher</p> 	<p>Alta High School, Canyons School District, Sandy, Utah  When you hear the term "All-Poly," Alema Te'o comes to mind. As the founder of All-Poly Sports, Alema has been a tireless advocate for all kids and a role model for our Polynesian youth here in Utah. He is a loving husband and father, Health and PE instructor at Alta High School, and has been involved in helping young people in secondary education for over 30 years. He is a bright point of light in our Polynesian Community here in Utah and I am proud to call him my friend and mentor.</p>

<p>Sgt. Daniel Tuitele, California Army National Guard</p> 	<p>Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District, California Sgt. Tuitele has dedicated his time and knowledge to supporting all students at Dominguez High School. He is a native of American Samoa.</p>
<p>Stephanie Westbrook, College and Career Specialist</p> 	<p>Dominguez High School, Compton Unified School District, California Stephanie's goal is ensuring students are academically prepared and informed of meeting the requirements for High School graduation and college admissions. She is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, and serves as the secretary for her chapter and the State of California. She is a Zeta Youth Affiliate Advisor for young ladies ages nine to thirteen and provides leadership skill activities</p>

**Dr. Alofa Tanuvasa Village Award**

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.

Name	Organization
<p>Hayward High School Poly Club: Alex Niutoa, Mary Walsh, and Virgil Hart, Advisors, Club Presidents Angel Niutoa, and Ehlivah Fealofani</p>	<p>Hayward High School, Hayward Unified School District, California The Poly Club, founded in 2008, performs at school rallies, and hosts guest speakers. The Club is open to</p>



any student at the school. And they are proud to share Pacific Islander culture through dance and workshops.

Shari Farmer, Field Deputy



Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services One of most resourceful individuals around. She constantly and consistently shares services via e-mail to community agencies to support the community: food and nutrition, employment, mental health services, medical services, recreational programs for students.

UrsulaAnn Siataga , Professor and Certificated Staff Recruiter



San Francisco State University, San Francisco Unified School District, California A great role model, leader, and educational advocate. She was able to implement the first Sāmoan dual language program in 2021 at San Francisco Unified School District. She is a part of most or all the Pacific Islander non-profit organizations from LA to the Bay Area. She is all around amazing

Nele Ofisa, Advisor, Pacific Islander Club

Alta High School, Canyons School District, Sandy, Utah



Nele Ofisa is a leader in helping our youth at Alta High School. She helped organize the Pacific Islander Club at our school. . She has the ability to organize community resources and people to help achieve our overall goals of helping young people

Rebecca Fast, Teacher-on-Special-Assignment



Parent University, Long Beach Unified School District, California Rebecca Fast is a teacher on special assignment who developed the Long Beach Unified Parent University that provides parent involvement activities. She has provided parent training at the LBUSD Pacific Islanders Education Voyage parent meetings and helped parents navigate the ParentVUE, that allows them to view their student's information such as attendance, grade, and she informs parents of our monthly meetings and other events through emails and text messages at the district office

Ana Petero, Member of the Board of Education



Fairfield- Suisun Unified School District, California  
Ana Petero was elected to the Board of Education in 2020. Originally from Fiji, she is a Communication Studies professor and former Speech and Debate coach at Solano Community College. She serves on the Solano Commission for Women and Girls and is part of Fairfield's "adopt-a-street" program, which is dedicated to beautifying and maintaining our community. She has been a volunteer Little League baseball umpire and is committed to doing her best to serve the students.


Darlene Kato, Site Coordinator



Bay Area Community Resources serving Fremont High School, California provides expanded learning, behavioral and mental health, healthy communities, national service, and youth workforce and re-entry programs.

### Sala Auelua Counselor Award

Named after the late Salamasina (Sala) Auelua, Cajon High School, San Bernardino City Unified School District, one of the first Pacific Islander School Counselors.

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<p data-bbox="296 841 674 873">Callie Bjerregaard, Counselor</p> 	<p data-bbox="772 841 1465 873">Alta High School, Canyons School District, Sandy, Utah</p> <p data-bbox="772 881 1843 1149">Wayne Manu: In my interactions with Callie, she is very interested in the well being of our students at Alta, particularly our young women. During our Falanai Ala speaker series she ensured that young people attended and that they had snacks. She is one of the adults that came forward to help with the formation of the Pacific Islander Club at the school. She continues to reach out with her time and energy to ensure that our students have a great learning experience here at Alta High School. She cares!</p>