



## THE NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATOR NETWORK

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Pacific Islander Educator Network (NPIEN), we would like to thank you for supporting our NPIEN Pacific Islander Cookbook Project. Here are some facts about why you should support NPIEN:

- NPIEN is a Pacific Islander education organization that encourages students to go to college. We are all teachers and school professionals who work with Pacific Islander students.
- Since only one out of ten Pacific Islander youth graduate from college, your support is extremely important. Together we can reverse this trend.
- NPIEN is one of the only educational organizations dedicated to help improve the future of Pacific Islander students. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- NPIEN members visit elementary, middle, and high schools as guest speakers and role models.
- NPIEN's goal is to raise funds annually to provide mini-grants and scholarships for Pacific Islander students.
- NPIEN board members speak at academic conferences and community events to instruct the community at-large about the obstacles keeping Pacific Islander youth from achieving their dreams
- The 8<sup>th</sup> NPIEN annual conference, to be November 14, 2009 at Paramount High School, Los Angeles, CA, is a community gathering attended by over 200 parents, students, teachers, and community members – to improve college and career opportunities and introduce students to positive Pacific Islander mentors.

Your recipe donation will support the annual conference, mentoring visits to schools, and provides grants and scholarships to students. **Contact: Mail:** NPIEN Recipes c/o Aileen Tanimoto PO BOX 6555 San Pedro, Ca 90734 • **FAX:** 310-519-7567 **Or email online,** [npienrecipes@yahoo.com](mailto:npienrecipes@yahoo.com)

Sincerely,

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