



NATIONAL PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATION NETWORK

"Uniting the resources of the village to strengthen families, the community and to promote educational excellence." 501.c.3 Nonprofit Organization

The poster for the 13th Annual NPIEN Golf Tournament features a vibrant background of a golf course under a blue sky. At the top, the NPIEN logo and website are displayed. The main title '13th Annual NPIEN GOLF TOURNAMENT' is prominently featured in a green banner. Below the title, the text 'Join Us for a Day on the Greens! You select the course and day' is written. The dates 'March 27 to April 20, 2026 | Tee Time: Your Choice' are listed. A list of participating regions includes Inland Empire, Los Angeles County, Orange County, Northern California, San Diego County, Utah, Colorado, Texas, Missouri & More! The 'Event Highlights' section lists: 'Supports Student Internships & Scholarships', 'Includes Participation Prize!', and 'Pick Your Foursome & Schedule Your Course!'. The 'Registration / Donation' section includes: 'Register by 04/01/2026', 'Entry Fee: \$60 Per Player or \$200 Per Foursome', and 'Does Not Include Greens Fees or Cart'. The 'How to Sign Up' section provides a URL and email. The 'Sponsorship Opportunities Available!' section includes a URL and a contact instruction. The bottom of the poster features the slogan 'Don't Miss a Fantastic Day of Golf & Fun! All Skill Levels Welcome!' and the website 'www.npien.com'. A golf bag and a golf ball are visible in the bottom right corner.

Virtual Golf Tournament Ended on 4/20, In-Person Tournament on 4/24

The Inland Empire Team (Steve and Dr. Dayton) finished on April 2nd at the Victoria Country Club in Riverside, and the Kalani Los Angeles Team finished on April 17th. The San Diego Team also finished on April 2nd. Four teams played at Recreation Park in Long Beach on April 24th. More results this week! Thanks to our Sponsors!

Major Sponsors #GivingTuesday, Rebecca Cate, The Non-Profit Partnership, Pay Pal Giving Fund, Dave and Jo Long Education Foundation, Carol and William Wynder, Henry Chang CPA, Pete's Plumbing, Ray Vincent, Teachers Association of Long Beach, Pasifica Financial, Video Voice Data Communications, Pro Printing

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Sinlaku Mutual Aid Disaster Relief - Drop Off Locations

In the wake of the storm, many of our relatives in the Marianas lack access to basic necessities. Our most vulnerable community members—rhecking rurekck) detekt) the urheresed) and preek) with detekt)em—urgently need support.

As part of our statewide mutual aid effort, we are collecting essential supplies to fill shipping containers bound directly for the islands. MCCA has priority in getting supplies in and distributing them to those in need. Join the organizations below in sending aid by helping fill a Mason shipping container with your donations.

Northern California	Southern California
<p>Fresno Mighty Community Advocacy Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-2pm 1803 Van Ness Ave, Fresno, CA 93721 Contact: Nihaea Trinidad (408-656-2525)</p>	<p>San Diego Sons & Daughters of Guan Club, Inc. Hours: 9am-7pm 134 Villa Jerome Junior Ave, San Diego, CA 92102 Contact: Tai Guibchocho (6198841626)</p>
<p>Roseville Hours: 5-9pm 2000 Singspiel St., Roseville, CA 95747 Contact: Lyn Allague Arroyo (510-384-3768)</p>	<p>Long Beach Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum Hours: 11am-3pm (Wed-Sun) 995 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 Contact: Fran Lujan (562-269-8844)</p>
<p>Sacramento Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) Hours: Weekdays 5-9pm, Weekends 10am-5pm 3109 Clay Street, Sacramento, CA 95815 Contact: Travis Wells (916-995-6756)</p>	<p>San Diego Hours: 5-10pm 2015 Panarella Drive, San Diego, CA 92106 Contact: April Ricotta (6073757143)</p>
<p>San Francisco Mission Dolores Basilica Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 Contact: Fr. Francis Galdo (415-621-4203)</p>	<p>Los Angeles Pala Projects Hours: 12pm-4pm 1307A West Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90011 Contact: Mariposa Davis (6785241920)</p>
<p>San Francisco SALT Pacific Islander Association Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm 46 Laurel Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134 Contact: Gaynoran Sitaga (415-240-6720)</p>	<p>In partnership with</p>

For a full list of supplies needed and dropoff locations, go to linktr.ee/makeitmaterial
List updated as of 4/17

Typhoon Sinlaku: Support the Mariana Islands

Please support the many in the Mariana Islands in need of basic necessities due to the Typhoon, Visit the QR Code for information on needed supplies and also now to make a donation.

We Are Looking for New Board Members: Deadline is May 22nd

Please join us as an NPIEN Board member or nominate someone. Everyone in the school community can be a Board Member: Pacific Islander Administrators, Teachers, Counselors, Support Staff, parents, students grades 11,12 or college, plus non-Pacific Islanders who have worked with our students or enjoy being part of the Village. The elections are from June 1st to June 19th, 2026. Invite your friends. Visit this link <https://forms.gle/jGPfq4AjvjlW4c317>

Apply/Nominate Someone Now for Student Scholar Awards, Attendance Awards and Adult Awards Christina and Ray Diaz Scholars, Attendance, Educator, Counselor, School Administrator, and Community Awards 2026

NPIEN is happy to continue its tradition of honoring students, educators, and community members who have made significant contributions to the Pacific Islander community. Visit this link <https://www.npien.com/resources/npien-awards>

Falanai Ala Guest Speaker and Mentoring Program Update by Lisa Lewis

For the Falanai Ala Guest Speaker and Mentoring program, we have connected with 670 total students at institutions including Lakewood High School (200 students), Orange Coast College (50 students), Starr King Elementary School, Long Beach USD (100 students), Puente Latino Association (30 students), Rogers MS (90 students), and Islander Association Conference in San Diego (200 students). We have four upcoming scheduled visits in April and May and an additional four visits still pending confirmation.

Buy See's Candies to Support NPIEN's YUM Raising

Our new campaign has started and you will be able to purchase See's Candies year-round. New link <https://www.yumraising.com/store/all-year-2026-national-pacific-islander-education-network-dddd/VicTho51109>

See's CANDIES.
YUM-RAISING FRESNO T.N.R.

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal
Every item you purchase contributes to our cause. Thanks for your support!

Did you visit the Dr. Tino Store for an NPIEN T-Shirt? Order today. Annual Conference Shirt Coming Soon

[National Pacific Islander Education Network by my-island-surprises](https://my-island-surprises.com)





Information about Immigration from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the California Department of Education, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the State of California

California's Know Your Rights Resource Portal

<https://govca.app.box.com/s/46mdr10niig1civmvh00d467plprcwjv>

San Diego County, CA Know Your Rights [County Helps Businesses Prepare for Federal Enforcement Actions](#)

What to do when detained <https://ajsocal.org/immigration/#know-your-rights>

What to Carry Amid ICE Raids <https://ajsocal.org/immigration/>

Refer to this website for more information on your rights and protections under the US Constitution. ajsocal.org/immigration

Schools are safe havens <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/safehavens.asp>

Keep Ice out of Schools <https://stopaapihate.org/keep-ice-out-of-schools/>

From the Los Angeles County Office of Education <https://www.lacoe.edu/services/student-support/immigrant-relations>

Red Card/Immigration Preparation Tool Kit if ICE visits you <https://ajsocal.org/immigration/#toolkit>

Aloha Music and Mindfulness on Mondays at 11:00-11:15 a.m. PST

15 Minutes of Escape: Aloha Music and Mindfulness Now on YouTube
 In our busy weeks, sometimes all we need is a few quiet minutes to breathe, listen, and reconnect. Aloha Music and Mindfulness offers exactly that — a 15-minute escape designed to refresh your spirit and bring a little calm to your Monday mornings. Our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/live/H6_zNt-mbpg?si=DdCGD1JCKh7DPOW6



**Lesona Ukulele Class on April 16th,
 Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5th!
 by Gene Alyanah**

Lesona Ukulele Class Brings Music and Community Spirit

The Lesona Ukulele Class on April 16 brought together a small group of three musicians, including one who joined via Zoom from Torrance, CA. Despite the size, the session was filled with energy as they practiced Coconut, Iko Iko, and Banana Boat. The group later held a mini concert for an audience of 15, including employees Annie, James, and Azela. A highlight of the evening was performing Can't Help Falling in Love, adding a personal touch to the moment. The next class is set for May 21 at 6:00 p.m., with the Ohana Night Concert celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 2 at 6:00 p.m.



Join Us for School Talk Story on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. PST on Twitch

Visit this page for the music and chord charts for Ukulele Class <https://www.facebook.com/groups/511301896632709> Also here https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1U_ara7SxQd19a47Lzfs1wS-DWcxzXSiw Live on Twitch, streamed to YouTube, Facebook and Link-in!!! https://twitch.tv/ukulele_dad Please subscribe to Twitch and YouTube to support NPIEN.

LA Island Radio Daily: Join the Show Daily

Here is the link for LA Island Radio <https://www.laislandradio.com/> Listen to the show on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. to hear NPIEN News. Thank You David Brown, Mylay, for your support! We also need guests for School Talk and LA Island Radio. Let us know of your interest npjen@npjen.com



Community Health News

by Andrew Dysim

Workshop Focuses on Improving Food Access

A recent workshop in San Diego focused on improving access to food and making sure communities have a voice in shaping the local food system. Hosted by the County, the event brought together community members and food system partners to discuss ways to make food more accessible while also recognizing its importance to cultural identity and overall health. During the workshop, participants explored eleven actions from the County's Food Justice Community Action Plan. They shared ideas and gave feedback on how the County can better support communities and improve the food system. Rachel Chapa Oporta from the San Diego Food System Alliance emphasized how important it is for the County to listen directly to the community in order to create meaningful change. One key part of the workshop was an "interactive gallery," where attendees viewed posters showing the progress the County has already made. People were able to give their own input and suggest strategies for addressing food access issues. Overall, the workshop showed that improving food access requires collaboration between the government and the community. The feedback gathered will help guide the County's future actions, which will be shared in an update to the Board of Supervisors later this year.

New Tuberculosis Exposures Reported at Southwest High School

Recent tuberculosis (TB) exposures have been reported at Southwest High School in San Diego, prompting the County's Tuberculosis Program and the Sweetwater Union High School District to notify students and staff who may have been at risk. The potential exposure occurred between September 23 and October 23, 2025, and is not connected to earlier cases reported in July 2025. Health officials clarified that this situation is not considered an outbreak because the TB cases involve different strains. While previous cases included both probable and confirmed TB, a newly confirmed case has been identified but is unrelated to those earlier infections. Officials believe that thorough investigations helped detect these cases earlier, which may have reduced the spread and severity of the illness. Students and staff who are considered at higher risk have already been contacted. To help prevent further spread, the County will provide free TB testing at the school, along with x-ray services for those who test positive. Educational resources about TB will also be offered to help people understand the disease and how it spreads. Tuberculosis is an airborne disease that spreads through close, prolonged contact with someone who has active TB. Symptoms include a persistent cough, fever, night sweats, and unexplained weight loss. However, not everyone infected with TB becomes sick right away. This is known as latent TB, which can later develop into active TB if left untreated. Officials stress that testing and early treatment are key to preventing serious illness. Even people without symptoms who test positive should follow up with medical care to reduce the risk of developing active TB. Although TB cases declined for many years, San Diego County has seen an increase in recent years. This makes continued awareness, testing, and treatment especially important to protect public health.

Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine in San Diego County

A new quarantine has been put in place in parts of San Diego County after Mexican fruit flies were discovered during a routine inspection in La Mesa. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced that the quarantine will affect areas including Spring Valley, Bonita, and nearby cities such as El Cajon, Santee, and San Diego. The quarantine zone covers about 77 square miles and is meant to stop the spread of the pest. Officials from the CDFA, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner are working together to control the situation and guide farmers, businesses, and residents. To eliminate the fruit flies, officials are using several methods. These include releasing sterile male flies to reduce reproduction, applying an organic treatment called Spinosad, and removing fruit from areas where the flies or their larvae have been found. These methods are considered safe and effective for reducing the population. The quarantine will impact growers, stores, and nurseries that handle fruits and plants that could carry the pest. Home gardeners are also being asked to not move homegrown fruits or vegetables off their property and instead consume them at home to prevent spreading the flies. The Mexican fruit fly is a serious threat because it can infest more than 50 types of fruits and vegetables, which could harm California's agriculture and local food supply. Officials say these pests are often brought into the state through fruits or vegetables carried by travelers from other regions. Overall, the quarantine is an important step to protect crops and prevent the spread of this invasive species, and residents are encouraged to follow guidelines to help control the situation.

We Can Do This! Take Care of Your Health

Visit these two websites for additional information

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

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

Announcements

- Happy birthday to Dawn Rock!
- **Time to apply for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Visit this link https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa?mc_cid=5ffd567a2b&mc_eid=6c7fc3df7d**
- 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
 - **New Members:** Chandra Johnson, Jeff Riggins, Kimberly Jandoc, Sabrina Ayllon, Kayla Caballero, Daniela Felix Ramonet

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