

PACIFIC news

American Samoa

American Samoa presented its No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook to the U.S. Department of Education on February 21. As a territory, American Samoa was not required to submit a workbook to receive Title I funds. However, the American Samoa Department of Education felt that creating the workbook provided an opportunity to launch improvements in American Samoa's education system thanks to NCLB's emphasis on accountability and support to low-performing children in high-poverty schools.

Hawaii

James Campbell High School in Ewa Beach received an award from the Pathways to College Network (PCN) for its success in increasing access to college for under-served populations. Campbell High School was one of six U.S. high schools to be recognized. These award-winning schools have also become the subjects of PCN case studies documenting their successful programs and sharing concrete suggestions based on real experience.



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▷ Pathways to College recognized award-winning comprehensive high schools at the national secondary schools principals conference.

The Third Annual Summer Childcare Symposium will take place June 23-25, 2003, in Honolulu. This international, interdisciplinary symposium brings together early childhood educators, health professionals, social workers, and others involved in the education and care of children. This year's theme is "Raising Warmhearted Children Is Everyone's Responsibility." For more information, go to programs.kcc.hawaii.edu/~uhaprica.

Carmela Rivera Minaya has received the Shell Science Teaching Award, a national honor given each year to one outstanding science teacher. This award recognizes the contributions Mrs. Minaya, a teacher at Hanalani Schools in Mililani, has made to her students and to the community through excellent science teaching.

Yap

Mr. Joe Habuchmai has joined the PREL Board of Directors in his new capacity as the Yap Director of Education. Mr. Habuchmai is also Yap's Lieutenant Governor.

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Dr. Zoe Ann Brown has been selected to join the Technical Work Group of the E-Language Learning System initiative, a joint program of the Chinese Ministry of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. The program will develop Web-based second language instructional materials in English and Chinese. The Technical Work Group consists of 12 American and 12 Chinese experts, chosen for their leadership in their respective fields and for their ability to integrate knowledge from various disciplines.

PREL BIDS FALAN FAREWELL



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▷ After eight years, Henry Falan has left Yap SEED and the PREL Board.

Mr. Henry Falan recently left his position as the Director of Education, Yap State Education Enterprising Department (Yap SEED), after eight years of service to his community and the children in the public school system. As the chief state school officer of Yap, Falan sat on the PREL Board of Directors along with his nine counterparts from across PREL's service region. During Falan's years on the PREL Board, he was a continuing source of inspiration and leadership and an advocate for PREL, its work, and its staff.

Two years ago, Falan's fellow Board members elected him Chairperson. In that capacity, Falan enthusiastically and effectively led the governance function of PREL. Changes in Pacific educational leaders and PREL Board composition are normal and expected. The PREL Board and staff humbly and gratefully wish to acknowledge Mr. Henry Falan and his many contributions to PREL.