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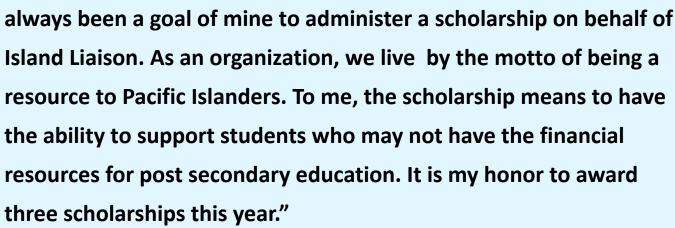
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Letter from our Founder and Executive Director

#### Claudia F. Kaercher

"I came from a family that instilled in me a standard of excellence in education as it has the ability to impact people's lives. It has



### Pacific Islander Education Facts & Figures

- 65% of NHPI students are enrolled in a 4-year college (5% less than the national average)
- 32% of students enrolled in two-year colleges are NHPI
  - NHPI students were awarded the lowest amount of financial
     aid among full-time, full year undergraduates from 2019-2020
    - 1 in 8 NHPIs (12%) have less than a high school degree
    - 1 in 5 NHPIs (19%) have a bachelor's degree or higher

(AAPI Data, 2025)



# Congratulations to our inaugural cohort of scholarship recipients!

\$1,500

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\$4,500

**Scholarship amount** 

Total scholarships

Total amount awarded

Meet our 2025 scholarship awardees!



Irina Andrianajason



Nian Paiden



Laverne Sorriz





## Irina Andrianajason

Major: Chemistry, BS & Toxicology minor

Plan for Future: "I want to be in the medical field after I finish my undergraduate studies and continue teaching violin. "

First Generation Student

Arizona State University - Tempe, AZ

## Nian Paiden

Major: Emergency Medical Technician, AAS

Plan for Future: "One of my goals is to pursue a degree that will help my island community, in medicine, in service, and dedication."

First Generation Student

Navarro College - Corsicana, TX





## Laverne Sorriz

Major: Biology, BS

Plan for Future: "I am currently on the premedical track with the goal of becoming a doctor. In the future, I want to return to Micronesia to serve as a physician."

**First Generation Student** 

**University of Texas at Dallas** - Dallas, TX

## Help us fund the dreams of next year's Pacific Islander scholars!

Your donation will go towards the disbursement and administration of our annual scholarship.

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\$10	Supports one application review and processing
\$25	Contributes to student supplies
\$100	Pays for student's textbooks for one semester
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