

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH RECIPIENT OF STARS OF OCEANIA AWARD AT THE STARS OF OCEANIA/PASIFIKA ENERGY SUMMIT

Senator J. Kalani English received the University of Hawai'i Stars of Oceania award at the Pasifika Energy Summit, earning recognition alongside fellow traditional and political leaders who advocate, practice and lead in ways that demonstrate aloha, responsibility, and caring for the welfare of the Pacific Ocean and Planet Earth.

Dr. Faiautusi Avegalio, Director of the Pacific Business Center Program at the Shidler College of Business Administration, University of Hawai'i Manoa, presented the Stars of Oceania award.

"Your personal interest, advocacy and example of statesmanship in cultivating, strengthening and promoting greater cooperation and collaboration between the Legislature of Hawaii and in particular the Territories, Feely Associated States and Commonwealths of the Pacific, are well known," said Dr. Avegalio. "The bridges of mutual respect that you have fostered over your tenure as Senator for the State of Hawai'i and Pacific governments have been outstanding. Your respect for the ancient wisdom of the indigenous cultures of the Pacific and love of Hawaii's traditional culture and wisdom are equally compelling."

"This is a tremendous honor," Sen. English said. "To me it is common sense that we should find ways to combine today's technologies and

knowledge with the vital legacy of culture and inclusiveness that our ancestors have left us. I am very grateful that others share these views, and that we can find a way to build on a shared commitment to not only preserving, but also making use of our legacy."

The Stars of Oceania Luncheon Awards ceremony, part of the Pasifika Energy Summit, was sponsored by the UH Pacific Business Program. Luncheon guest speakers included Her Highness Masiofo Filifilia Tamasese of the Independent State of Samoa, who shared traditional stories of Samoa that tie the wisdom of animal insights to ecology.

The 2009 Pasifika Energy Summit brought together the minds of elders and students, the values of traditional wisdom and contemporary knowledge, and the

views of distinguished leaders and educators to share in the common goal of supporting planetary sustainability. Connected rather than separated by the sea, traditional leaders from Melanesia, Polynesia, and Micronesia, and as far away as the East Coast of the United States, gathered to address the ever-pressing realities of global warming, unstable ecosystems, shifting economies and resource depletion largely driven by the industrial-era practices of humankind.



Her Highness Masiofo Filifilia Tamasese, wife of the Head of State of the Independent State of Samoa, offers her congratulations to Senator English.



*Sen. J. Kalani English addresses the gathering at the 2009 Pasifika Energy Summit Luncheon. **The Stars of Oceania Award.** April 9, 2009
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Senator English discusses Hawai'i energy policy with Dr. Stephen Schneider, Nobel Prize winner; Stanford professor and Keynote Speaker at the University of Hawai'i Stars of Oceania award ceremony at the Pasifika Energy Summit.

A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

It has been an exciting month for me and my colleagues. We have been working deep into the night at balancing Hawai'i's strained budget; maintaining programs and addressing the many concerns of our diverse and interconnected constituents.

On April 9th, I was deeply honored to be recognized by my distinguished peers in the Pacific with *The Stars of Oceania Award*.

When one Island benefits from advancing infrastructure improvements, all of Hawai'i benefits and it was very satisfying to see the completion of Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway in Kona, as well as the beginning of the Lahaina by-pass project on Maui.

With still so much to complete we are looking forward to a successful wrap-up of session. Mahalo for your support and participation in this year of critical change.

J. Kalani English

LONG AWAITED QUEEN KA'AHUMANU HIGHWAY - PHASE I - DEDICATION CEREMONY, KONA HAWAII



DOT Director, Brennon Morioka, Representative Cindy Evans, Senator J. Kalani English, Executive Director La'i'opua 2020; Craig "Bo" Kahui; Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. President William Wilson gather in the middle of the road for the traditional Hawaiian blessing and an untying of a maile lei. March 31, 2009

50TH MAUI SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR AWARD WINNERS



Senator Shan Tsutsui, Senator Roz Baker, and Senator English with the award winners at the 50th Maui Schools' Science & Engineering Fair, held Jan. 29 at the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center in Wailuku. Winners from Sen. English's district include: Alana Fernandez, Tiffany Riley, Shella Mangay

Ayam, Keola Kahalewai, Esther Lopez, Kaiulani Laemoa, Hope Will, Aulani Hiro, Eric Gilliland, Ryan Johnston, Kyle Macmillan, Jared Shimada, Tyler Yamada Alexa Foley, Mary Brune, Michael Plynn and Dane Oshiro.



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