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## Senator Galuteria Travels To Our Nation's Capitol

In July, I was honored with an invitation to moderate a panel discussion at the inaugural symposium of the First Stewards: Coastal Peoples Address Climate Change, at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. The new conversation on coastal climate change was spearheaded by four Washington state coastal tribes: the Hoh, the Makah, the Quileute, and the Quinault Nations. They have turned to other coastal tribes from the Pacific Islands, Alaska, the east coast, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico to share stories of adaptation and solutions due to coastal climate change.

Also while in Washington, D.C., I was able to meet with our U.S. Senators, Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Senator Daniel K. Inouye. It was a momentous time for Hawaiians; I was thrilled to be present for the signing of the Native Hawaiian Roll in our nation's capitol. The signing is a great testimony to the courageous individuals who, decades ago, saw injustice and stepped forward. The inauguration of this roll marks the next step in the framework towards self-governance for the Hawaiian people.



An historic moment: Trustee Peter Apo, the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, and the Honorable Daniel Inouye look on as Senator Galuteria adds his name to the Native Hawaiian Roll in Washington, D.C.



Governor Neil Abercrombie, Former Governor John Waihee, and Lt. Governor Brian Schatz pictured with the certificate proclaiming July 20, 2012 through July 19, 2013 as the "Year of Kana'iowalu" that encourages the people of Hawai'i to celebrate the work of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission.



Ceremonial signing of SB 1520 into law (Act 195) at Washington Place on July 6, 2011. Pictured here with Governor Neil Abercrombie are Senators Dela Cruz, Kidani, Solomon, English, Kahele, Galuteria, Espero, Hee, Chun Oakland, and Baker. Act 195 mandates the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission.

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## Young Constituent Shares Experience as Intern for Senator Galuteria

Aloha! My name is Brittany Amano, and I am a sophomore at 'Iolani School. This past summer, I had the privilege to intern at Senator Brickwood Galuteria's office for three days. I got to experience what it was like to work as a politician in the capitol building.

I first became interested in politics in the seventh grade. On a trip to Washington, D.C. I was inspired after talking with inspirational leaders such as former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Senator Daniel Inouye, and Senator Daniel Akaka. It was on this trip that I realized that my passion for public speaking and taking on leadership roles can fit perfectly with this particular field.

Upon entering high school, I joined 'Iolani's Global Issues Club and the Speech and Debate Team. These two extracurricular activities have increased my knowledge about and interest for politics and global affairs.

I also took a three-week summer school class called "Contemporary Global Issues" which expanded my knowledge of global issues through such activities as public speaking exercises, Model U.N. simulations, and listening to a variety of guest speakers. For the first two weeks, we met in a conference room at the State Capitol, and spent the last week in New York City touring various historical monuments. The highlight of the trip was visiting the United Nations itself and getting to see where the delegates have their meetings.

The experience I had at Senator Galuteria's office has shown me what it is to be a politician, and how much excitement it brings. It has helped me to start preparing for my future in the world of politics and in just simply being an involved citizen in our community. My goals are to become a United States Page for Senator Daniel Inouye, and to study international affairs in college.

## New Homeless Coordinator



Colin Kippen with Governor Abercrombie

In early June, Governor Neil Abercrombie signed legislation that established the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) under the Department of Human Services (DHS). The new act formalizes the HICH as it begins to implement the State Strategic Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness.

On the same day, the Governor also introduced Colin C. Kippen as his new Coordinator on Homelessness. Mr.

Kippen, 62, served as the National Indian Education Association executive director in Washington, D.C., and was previously the executive director of the Native Hawaiian Education Council. He also served as a deputy administrator and a land and natural resources officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and has participated in various community organizations such as the Hawaiian Civic Clubs and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee.

### Hawaii Children and Youth Day

Sunday, October 7, 2012 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. • State Capitol  
<http://www.facebook.com/HawaiiCYD>

## Brittany's Biography

*Brittany has worked with various non-profit organizations since the age of ten, and has even started her own non-profit organization called Hawai'i's Future Isn't Hungry. She has worked with Leahi Hospital, the YMCA, and local food banks. She is a member of the YWCA Young Women's Network Board as well as her school's Key Club.*

*Brittany has initiated and led many projects to benefit youth, including a walk to raise funds for a school's literacy program and a school supplies drive for homeless children. She recently manned a lemonade stand to raise money for her non-profit organization.*

*Besides being a member of her school's Speech and Debate Team, she is a member of the Model U.N. Team, the Pre-Med Club, and the Mock Trial Team. She is fluent in Japanese, and is currently studying Spanish; she also wants to learn German, Chinese, and Russian so she can speak the languages of the four emerging economic superpowers: China, Russia, Japan, and Germany.*

*Brittany has won many national and local awards for her community service work, including the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the Farm Rich Kids Who Give award, and the Presidential Volunteer Service award.*

*Raised in Hawai'i, Brittany resides in Honolulu, enjoys creative writing, debating, and dancing in her free time. Known for her smile, her energy, her outgoing personality, and her giving spirit, Brittany is a determined girl whose goal is to make a difference in the world.*

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