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Re: Staff Development through the Association of Pasifika Staff in Tertiary Education (APSTE)

Talofa,

APSTE has been supporting Pasifika staff and students in tertiary education in Aotearoa for over thirty years. Our mission is to nurture and develop the educational aspirations of Pasifika, while acknowledging our unique cultural heritage and values. It is the only nationwide association specifically for Pasifika staff in tertiary education.

I would like to bring to your attention and consideration the following development opportunities as you and/or staff plan for 2015.

APSTE Annual Conference: 2015 Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland, July.

It is the only conference dedicated to issues facing Pasifika staff and students in tertiary education in New Zealand.

- ✦ Networking opportunities
- ✦ Latest research and current issues in tertiary education impacting Pasifika
- ✦ Project collaboration and research partnership opportunities
- ✦ New ideas and ways of thinking to bring about institutional change
- ✦ Reinforce community links.

APSTE Support for research

APSTE supports and commission research.

- ✦ APSTE currently sit on AKO Aotearoa's Pacific Caucus and have close relationships with Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs (MPIA), Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) who fund and commission research.
- ✦ Professional support to write research proposals which enhances Pasifika achievement
- ✦ Extensive networks and relationships with Pasifika communities

These are only two of the ways in which APSTE supports and provide staff development. If you would like to know more information or have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Manuia and best regards,

Peni Fa'alogo
APSTE Chair

