



PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS
2006
Miss Pacific Islander
of San Diego

Mahealani Katherine Mansinon-Vicente

19 years of age, is the child of Gemielle Mahealani Salazar and James Bonares Vicente. Mahealani graduated from University City High School, Class of 2005. She is currently attending Southwestern College and plans to later transfer to the University of San Diego. Mahealani was also an outstanding ambassador for PIFA as a 2005 Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego Princess. She is a full-time student and is an Alaka'i and first line dancer for Ka Halau Hula of Napua Ilima 'O Kehaulani. She has received recognition from the following accomplishments and awards, including 2000 E Hula Mau 3rd place winner in the Kaikawahine Kahiko Category by Na Mamo, 2002 and 2005 Ohana Award from Ka Halau Hula Napua Ilima 'O Kehaulani, 2003 E Hula Mau 3rd place in the Wahine Auana Category by Na Mamo, 2001 Track and Field achievement from Bell Junior High Physical Education in 400 M Relay (1st Place) and for Shot Put (2nd Place), 2002 acknowledgement of outstanding member - WEB from Bell Junior High, 2003-2004 Member of University City High School Auxiliary Drill Team (Regional Champions), 2004-2005 Staff Member of University City High Excelsus Yearbook and 2002-2005 sustained an above average 3.5 GPA graduating with academic distinction. Mahealani's special

hobbies and interests include Polynesian dancing and being an assistant teacher for Ka Halau Hula of Napua Ilimia 'O Kehaulani. She loves to learn about her Hawaiian culture and language. The person she admires most in her life is her mother. Mahealani's mother is a single-family mother, with four children. She states that no matter what happens or what goes on in her family, her mom has been able to support all of her family's dreams. Her future plans include finishing college at the University of San Diego and getting her Master's Degree in Mathematics with a Minor in Spanish. Mahealani believes her best asset is her sensible and understanding personality and loves to live life to the fullest because she believes you only have one chance.



Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego 2005 Court, Miss PIFA, Edieann Stanley, Princess court, Mahealani Mansinon-Vicente and Kathryn Reyes



Mahealani representing PIFA at the Walk to cure Diabetes, 10/22/05



2005 Pageant Court pictured with PIFA Board of Directors and VIP Dignitaries at the 2005 Festival



In 2005, the pageant court had the privilege to work with the San Diego County Adopt-A-Family Picnic and held a demonstration area for the children to learn how about the Maori Islands. They taught the children how to make poi balls and did some face painting



Mahealani Mansinon-Vicente was crowned Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego 2006 at PIFA's 4th Annual Taste of the Pacific Islands fundraiser at the Bali Hai Restaurant on August 1, 2006. There she had the opportunity of emceeding with Hula of AJ's Playhouse on channel 93.3 fm and performing with her halau, Na Pua Ilima O'Kehaulani



Aloha kakou!

My name is Mahealani Katherine Mansinon- Vicente and I'm your reigning Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego 2006. I'm currently a full-time student attending Southwestern College as a sophomore and I will be transferring to the University of San Diego next fall. I wanted to send a couple of "thank you"s to show my appreciation and my thankfulness.

First and foremost I wanted to thank God for the many blessings that he's given me, becoming Miss PIFA this year is only one of the many.

Mahalo nui loa to my family. Mostly my mom and my grandma for being there for my pageant, their ability to attend all of my events, and also any other time that I needed them. I know that I can always talk to you two about anything if I ever needed help and advice, thanks for the continued support and I love you both.

Dinorah Guadiana-Costa, muchas gracias. Without your wonderful support and your beautiful recommendation, I can say that your words were very heartfelt and sincere, I would not be where I am and I wouldn't have the title and the position that I do without your help.

Thanks so much to Jasmine Cone and Jolene Ibarra. This past year as a princess for PIFA my pageant coordinators have helped me share my first experiences with a plethora of things ranging from public speaking to representing young Pacific Islander women in my community and everywhere in the county of San Diego. I appreciate everything and all the work that you do to help my time and reign as Miss PIFA a little easier. I look forward to working with you two in the near future.

To Edieann Heali'i o Nalani and Kathryn Rose Reyes, I've had the pleasure of reigning with you two for a whole year last year and I'm very sad that it all had to come to an end. But I look forward to seeing both of you in the future and working with you again. Thanks so much for making my first experience a memorable and fun one.

Auntie Kehau, mahalo from the bottom of my heart. You've taught me everything that I know about my culture and about Polynesian dancing and I appreciate and love it so much. Without you I wouldn't have the appreciation and understanding that I do about the Hawaiian culture and about hula. To my fellow alaka'i, Janet Vila, Annabelle Gutierrez, and Katrina St. Aubin, thanks so much for being there and for helping me grow as a dancer and an alaka'i. I love all three of you so much! And also to the rest my Ilima girls, without you I wouldn't have the "hula sisters" or any sisters at all for that matter. You guys are the sisters I never had. And to everyone else who's a part of Na Pua 'Ilima o Kehaulani, thanks so much for your continued support and appreciation for the Polynesian dance, without your support I wouldn't be where I am now.

And lastly, thank you to the Pacific Islander Festival Association for enabling me to share my aloha and my mana'o with the rest of the San Diego community. Also, for enabling me to continue my education at Southwestern College through your support and generous scholarship awards. Thank you to all of the past and current board members for enabling me to become Miss Pacific Islander of San Diego 2006. From the bottom of my heart I really appreciate and look forward to being that and representing PIFA to the best of my ability. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to represent PIFA and all of the Pacific Islander cultures and to help in the perpetuation of them.

Thank you to all, malama pono. Aloha.

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