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# NSF-LSAMP STUDENTS WIN AISES AWARDS

## LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCES FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (LSAMP) PROGRAM

This program is aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of students successfully completing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) baccalaureate degree programs, and increasing the number of students interested in, academically qualified for and matriculated into programs of graduate study.

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## ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is a non-profit consortium of more than 60 universities and research institutions around the world. OTS was founded to provide leadership in education, research and the responsible use of natural resources in the tropics.

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Funded by National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program, the OTS NAPIRE program provides a unique, intensive opportunity for field research to undergraduate students from the United States and the Pacific Islands.

Recently, two NAPIRE (Native American and Pacific Islander Research Experience) students were recognized for their work at the 2009 AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) conference in Portland, OR.

Snohomish Indian, Jeremy Rude, received first prize for his presentation of his research "Tropical Forest Climate Along an Elevational and Edge to Forest Gradients: The Relationship Between Climate and Restoration". at the AISES. Jeremy currently attends California State University at Humboldt.

*"This experience has increased my confidence and motivation as a professional student. The mentor/mentee relationship was especially beneficial for me in achieving these skills. After my experience with NAPIRE, I have decided to continue my work with the Organization of Tropical Studies (OTS) Tropical Biology semester in Costa Rica this spring. I am currently in the process of investigating graduate schools and look forward to attending after the completion of my undergraduate degree in Environmental Policy"*

– Jeremy Rude

Lisa Kapon, Hawaiian, tied for third place with her poster "Cultural effects of habitat fragmentation on the Orange Billed Sparrow, Costa Rica". Lisa is a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Congratulations Lisa and  
Jeremy!



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