

## IPES Awards 60 Scholarships to the National University of Samoa



*Some of the NUS students who won scholarships sponsored by IPES*



*V.C Fui Asofou Soo receiving the cheque from IPES President Tologatū*

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013, a special ceremony was held at the Le Papaigalagala Campus of the National University of Samoa (NUS) to award scholarships from the Institute of Professional Engineers of Samoa (IPES) for a number of University students.

This scheme is now into its fourth year having started in 2009. This year saw the increase of scholarships from forty to sixty with thirty now allocated for students studying degree courses in Maths and Science at the Mountainside Campus of the university. In the past all awards were designated for the students studying trade courses at the Oceanside Campus.

The Prime Minister, Hon Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi gave out the keynote speech with two fellows from IPES, Afioga Leiataua Tom Tinai and Afioga Fonoti Afamasaga Perelini Perelini giving out the awards to students.

According to the President of IPES, Tologata Tile Tuimalealiifano, the whole purpose of the scheme is to promote engineering as a profession and a career path to young students. Engineering offers a lot of opportunities and with many new projects being implemented by the Government as seen in roads, buildings, water, power and so forth, it is vital that Samoa has proper trained skill engineers to maintain and care for these projects so they can be sustainable.

The student representative speaking on behalf of his fellow scholarship recipients thanked IPES for the golden opportunity given to them. He stated that they will work hard to ensure that there is a good return for this generosity.

IPES would like to thank the following companies who donated for the scholarship scheme. The number of scholarships provided by each one is printed next to the company/donor's name.

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4. Trade Supplies Samoa Ltd – 1
5. P-Pacific Consultants – 1
6. Land Transport Authority – 2
7. Samoa Water Authority – 2
8. OSM Consultants – 1
9. Tinai Gordon & Associates – 4
10. Northpower NZ Ltd – 1

11. Faina Ah Liki – 1

12. Bluebird Construction Ltd - 4

Congratulations to all those students who received scholarships.