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Dear Association for Institutional Research Community,

We want to thank the Association for Institutional Research and the selection committee for awarding our paper, "Oceania in the Desert: A QuantCrit Analysis of the (Under)Counting of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Students at an AANAPISI-HSI," the Charles F. Elton Best Paper Award for 2025. To know that a group of our peers felt our article offered a meaningful contribution to the broader Institutional Research and Institutional Effectiveness community is truly rewarding.

Moreover, it does not escape us that in this current moment, this recognition affirms the role and continued importance of critical data collection and analyses for better understanding the communities we serve across our respective campuses. We are deeply grateful for this recognition and humbly accept the award.

While not every member of our writing team will be able to be in person at the 2025 AIR Forum, Drs. Espinoza and Drake are excited for the opportunity to present the paper and will be present to accept the award for the team at the ceremony.

What an honor. We look forward to being in community soon. I MUA (ONWARD)!

Warmest regards,

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