



# HUNEHUNE KALO

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Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School

Ma'na'o Nui

## *Aloha mai kākou*

*Kūlia i ka nu'u.* Students and staff, supported by our larger KANU 'ohana, hit the ground running after winter break in order to offer their highest level of cooperation, competition, and culinary excellence at the Ka Waimea Makahiki on Saturday, January 14th. The result was an immensely successful, fun-filled, unique community event. Mahalo nui loa to all those who organized and participated in this exceptional, annual celebration of the Makahiki season. The success of Kā Waimea Makahiki sets the stage for a winning semester of participation in the many events and programs of the second semester.

Throughout the year, we host or promote numerous speakers, events, programs and materials that specifically help our students reach their college and career goals. Currently many 10-11 grade students are applying for **College Horizons**, an exceptional program serving Native students that prepares them to excel in applying to and entering the college of their choice. Sponsored by different prestigious universities each summer, the program allows students to live in the dorms and meet with counselors and admissions officers who are dedicated to supporting our talented students, educationally and financially. Many of our students can take advantage of this program for little or no cost. Graduates of this unique program feel it has been one of the most important tools to help them enter their desired college. **Deadline to apply is February 6th.** Please see Ho'omana'o page for more details.



Students who will be at least 17 years old by June 11th have a fantastic opportunity to spend the summer living outdoors, conserving precious areas of our island chain and earning over \$1,000, 3 college credits and 300 community service hours with the **Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps**. Students can apply through February 28th. There are also leader positions for community members over 21 years.

This is our fourth semester offering **Running Start** courses in partnership with NHERC (North Hawai'i Education and Research Center in Honoka'a) to eligible 11-12 graders. Students who successfully complete their college course earn 3 or 4 University of Hawai'i credits per course. Not only have our students committed to taking these challenging classes in the evenings, they continue to earn top grades alongside college students! Congratulations to current Running Start students Honu Lindsey and Pōlani Kahakalau who earned scholarships from NHERC for Spring Semester 2012.

Alumni report that being successful in college while still in high school helped them to enter the university confidently. They continue to enroll at the courses at Hālau Ho'olako and NHERC, earning their core undergraduate credits right here in North Hawai'i. Mahalo to all our alumni for paving the way for this program and to our current participants whose enrollment keeps the doors of the program open.

KANU students in grades 9-12 continue to take advantage of the online courses available through eSchool Hawai'i, including science, foreign language, math, art, Hawaiian Studies and Advanced Placement classes. Courses open up at the beginning of each semester and for a summer session. Interested students must enroll with me.

Having taken advantage of the supplementary programs above, many seniors of the class of 2012 have set their college goals high and are currently pursuing multiple nationwide and Native Hawaiian scholarship funds, while tackling their individual senior projects, including mentorships with doctors, nurses, veterinarians, and business people in the community. Our first student to be accepted to the college of her choice is Honu Lindsey who was accepted by BYU Hawai'i. Congratulations Honu! We are eagerly anticipating more acceptance letters!

Please keep an eye out for announcements of more summer college preparatory programs, Financial Aid Night, and our upcoming Waimea College Fair.

*Warmest aloha,*

Betsy Boland  
Senior Project and College Advisor

## Hō'ike Haumāna

### *Hui Kū i ka Nāhele*

Hui Kū i ka Nāhele had an action packed first week of the new semester. We started off on a week-long huaka'i designed to study the interdependence of mauka and makai while building our skills as a functioning team. The week was very productive and ended with the preparation of ho'io salad for Kā Waimea Makahiki. We mahalo all of the contributions of our makua, kumu, and Uncle Joe who helped our trip to operate smoothly and effectively. We also mahalo Uncle Mike Hodson for his generous donation of tomatoes from Wow Farms, and Waipi'o hui for gathering ho'io while we were gone. Last but certainly not least, we mahalo Uncle Chadd, Aunty Pomai, Uncle Maki, Uncle Hualālai and his family for teaching us about the wa'a and important lessons of voyaging and life. The following article was written by the students of Kū i ka Nāhele to give you a better idea of how we began our semester.

Last week we went to Kawaihae to spend the week camping and to learn about the wa'a. We learned how the forest and the ocean are connected. Before Kawaihae, we went to the back of Hoku'ula to see where the Po'o Wai (head waters) of Waimea are located.

We left on Monday, January 9, 2012 and we returned on Thursday, January 12, 2012. We were happy to have Uncle Chadd, Aunty Pomai, Hualālai and Alohi join us down there. Hualālai taught us how to sail on a mini double hulled canoe and a three man canoe. We also learned the star compass in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Our teachers took us down there so we could learn about the wa'a and have some project bonding time.



Learning navigation with Haumea and Uncle Chadd.



Buoyancy lesson.



Paddling is so much fun!



Learning about the wa'a.



Appreciating the beauty of the ocean.



A paddling adventure!



Talking story.

## Kihikihi Makua

In the mauka region we visited Pu'u Ohu. We went into the forest and learned so many things. We walked to the Po'o Wai which is the beginning of the Waikoloa River. We learned that a plant called laukahi is not a weed and helps with mosquito bites. We saw a plant that is a cousin of the hapu'u. It is called 'ama'u and the difference between them is that hapu'u has multiple leaves on one stem and 'ama'u has just one leaf on a stem.



Testing the ocean's buoyancy.

My favorite activity at the Waikoloa stream was testing the water quality. We tested turbidity, oxygen level, ph, water temperature, nitrate levels, dissolved oxygen and water quality. We learned that the water is very clean and good for drinking.



The mass and volume of water.



Water testing at Kawaihae.

We camped at Hālau Kūkui where the Makali'i is in dry dock. We went to Pelekane Bay and we learned about a sanderling bird from the Arctic. It's been there for three months. After that we went to 'Ohai 'Ula beach for Piko. Then we went on the trail to pick up rubbish at Mau'umae.

We learned that the two streams that come from Kohala and flow to Pelekane Bay are Makahuna and Makeahua. We also learned that the paepae is called the running rigging in English. The kia is called the mast and is connected to the pe'a. The order of the houses on the Kūkulu O Kalani (also known as the compass) between Hikina to Akau is: Lā, 'Aina, Noi'o, Manu, Nalani, Naleo, and Haka.



So much fun!



Sailing with Uncle Hualālai.



Working on the Makali'i.

We sailed on the wa'a with Uncle Hualālai. We also sanded the rigging of the Makali'i. We went swimming and holoholo with Uncle Drew. My favorite activity was that we got to go sailing with Uncle Hualālai. I got to go on the Makali'i and see it from the top. I now know that the Makali'i's length is 54 feet and the width is 23 feet.

To take care of our kuleana, we were split up into four watches or groups. Each group had certain responsibilities. Our kuleana included; sweeping, sanding the wa'a, washing dishes, picking up rubbish, prepping meals and cleaning the bathrooms.

We ate really well on this trip. Some meals that we made were eggs with opae and uala shoots, oatmeal, tuna fish, PBJs and chicken salad. Our parents cooked the dinners; all our salads, rice, shoyu chicken, beef stew and kalua pig. Mahalo to all the parents who cooked for us. After dinner we went fishing, made smores and hung out with each other.

## Ho‘omana‘o

**KANU**

### January Birthdays

1 Jan Boneza	15 Kekuaokalani Paishon
5 Kathy Whitman	18 Florian Franzo & Melea-Hope Schutte
7 Loea Amina	20 Cheye Velez
8 Kane Kawamura	23 Sarah Kapuniai
9 Sebastian Stanley	24 Betsy Boland & Sage Lindsey-Lopez
12 Bethany Stimac	25 Ernest Tavares
13 Lyle Coffee	27 Noah Juvik & Max Musacchia
14 Kamalani Bell-Kaopuiki	28 Mauloa Thompson
	31 Honu Lindsey



**NEW 2012 DESKTOP CALENDARS ON SALE** – Fundraiser to help send our KANU Makahiki team to compete in the Moloka‘i Makahiki which will be held next week. This unique calendar features twelve photographs taken by KANU students and kumu depicting their creative exploration of the world around them through the lens of their camera. This perfect desktop calendar comes in a transparent plastic case that folds back to a 45 degree angle. Case size is 8.46” x 6.02” x 0.39”. \$10.00 each. Contact Aunty Val or Aunty Sasha at 890-8144.

**KĀ WAIMEA MAKAHIKI POLO SHIRTS** – Limited quantity of Kā Waimea Makahiki shirts available for sale at the Hālau Ho‘olako Administration Office. These shirts may be used as a KANU uniform. Cost is \$12.00 for T-shirts; \$20.00 for a polo shirt and jackets are \$30.00 each. We are also still accepting polo shirt and jacket orders until January 31, 2012. Order forms available at either office. Contact Kehau Tachera at 890-8144 with questions.

**NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR SY 2012-2013** – New student applications are available on our website as well as at both school offices. Application deadline is Friday, January 20, 2012.

**SY 2012-2013 RECOMMITMENT LETTER FOR RETURNING STUDENTS** – Recommitment letters were due January 9 for all KANU students wanting to return to KANU for SY2012-2013. We are extending the acceptance date to January 31, 2012. If you do not turn in the recommitment letter for your child, his/her space will be open to new students.

**PŪ‘ULU AUKAHI MĀKUA** – KANU’s parent support organization meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Hālau Ho‘olako. Next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. All are welcome. For more information contact Auhea Ha‘o at puuluaukahimakua@yahoo.com.

## COMMUNITY

**19th ANNUAL WAIMEA CHERRY BLOSSOM HERITAGE FESTIVAL** – Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 9 am – 3 pm. Showcasing the blooming of Church Row Park’s historic cherry trees and the Japanese tradition of viewing them—hanami. Festivities sprawl throughout town. Enjoy Japanese and multi-cultural performing arts, demonstrations of bonsai, origami, tea ceremony and mochi pounding and a host of colorful craft fairs. Free shuttle will be provided between most venues. Call 961-8706 for more info.

**PANILOLO PRESERVATION SOCIETY’S NEW PANILOLO HERITAGE CENTER AT PUKALANI STABLES TO HONOR ‘PANILOLO KEPANI – OUR JAPANESE COWBOYS** - Coincides with Waimea’s 19th Annual Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival – Saturday, February 4, 2012. For more information call 854-1541 or go to [www.PanioloPreservation.org](http://www.PanioloPreservation.org) or find PPS on Facebook.

**TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM** – YMCA of Hawai‘i in partnership with Lifeplan Institute of Hawai‘i, Five Mountains Hawai‘i and Hawaii Community Foundation is honored to bring a new innovative 10 week mentoring program for teen girls age 11- 15. This program provides positive role models and strong support structures to motivate big island youth who are ready to explore their own strategy for life. In a safe and nurturing environment, teens will acquire valuable life skills, learn how to avoid risky behaviors and boost school achievement. Contact Lorraine D’Anna for application at 961-3877, ext. 133. Program begins January 30, 2012.

**COLLEGE HORIZONS** – This is a five-day “crash course” in preparing for college. Students establish personal relationships with admissions representatives and college counselors to help students: select colleges, write memorable essays, complete winning applications, receive test taking strategies and resources, and navigate the financial aid/scholarship process. Two sessions available: **June 10-15 at Kenyon College, OH; June 24-29 at University of Pennsylvania, PA.** Completed applications must be postmarked by February 6, 2012. Eligibility: Native Hawaiian, Alaskan or American Indian (proof of heritage); 3.00 GPA (in academic courses); 10th and 11th grade high school students. \$225 program fee includes tuition, room, meals, program materials and ground transportation. Significant financial aid is available to students in need. For an application contact [betsy@kalo.org](mailto:betsy@kalo.org) or visit [www.collegehorizons.org](http://www.collegehorizons.org)

**THE HAWAI‘I YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS SUMMER PROGRAM** – This program offers a great opportunity for young adults to get involved in hands-on conservation service-learning projects. Participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend and, if eligible, can apply for three college credits. Must be 17 years old by the start of the program. During the six week program, participants assist professional experts in protecting the environment and learn about natural resource management through hands-on field experiences. For more information and or to request an application contact Betsy Boland at 890-8147 or [betsy@kalo.org](mailto:betsy@kalo.org). Or visit <http://www.kupuhawaii.org/hawaii-youth-conservation-corps/about>. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2012.