



Thanks to the efforts of Greg Lee and these Kapālama students, Bishop Hall is looking a lot better these days.

knowledge to the scientific aspects of plant life.

And Lee wants students to remain the focus of future endeavors.

“Students are a key part of the whole process of building the gardens,” he said. “They plan it, touch it and experience it. The gardens tie into other things they’re learning because teachers are making them part of the learning experience.”

Lee is also working on landscape master plans for each of Kamehameha’s three campuses. Ideally, the plans will meet everyone’s needs: offer educational opportunities to students and teachers; provide a supply of native plants for cultural events and performances; and respond to requests to plant trees in honor of class anniversaries and special occasions.

The vision is that each campus will be a unique setting of native and tropical beauty rich in plants that are indigenous to their respective regions.

Lee said the Hawai’i Campus will have many varieties of *‘ōhi’a lehua* and *maile*, while *wiliwili* will flourish in its ideal environment on the Maui Campus along with *koai’e*, *kauwila*, *‘iliahi* (sandalwood), *‘ulu* (breadfruit), *maile* and *mai’a* (banana). The goal for the Kapālama Campus is to add many more plant species to the existing mix, including red and white *hala*, and white *lehua*. All three campuses will have a collection of *kalo* (taro).

There are many costs associated with propagating, planting and maintaining immense landscapes, and labor is the highest. Native plants also cost three times that of most other plants and their care requires additional time and special knowledge.

Lee said propagation is essential.

“We need to stockpile plants so that we can create more cuttings and seeds. We’re building up our supply of planting material, extending our nursery to other areas of the Kapālama Campus and developing nurseries on the other campuses.”

Lee said he needs help from Kamehameha alumni and friends who have green thumbs. He’s looking for cuttings and seeds of plumeria, ginger, gardenia, heliconia, *ti*, various colors of *lehua*, *kō* (various types of sugar cane), *mai’a*, *wauke* (paper mulberry), *ōlena* (turmeric), *kukui*, *pū hala* (pandanus) and *‘ulu*.

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