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PLANS FOR HAWAIIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER MOVING FORWARD

Kamehameha Schools is proud to present one of the very first initiatives to be born from community-wide Strategic Planning efforts: the Hawaiian Culture Center Project (HCCP).

In 1994, the Board of Trustees approved a staff report proposing that a cultural center be built on the Kapālama campus and that Kamehameha Schools be established as a "Hawaiian Cultural Education Center."

**DON'T
MISS THE LAST
WORKSHOP!
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2001**

Over the ensuing two years, some 300 members of the Kamehameha community attended workshops and served on sub-committees which resulted in a preliminary plan.

In 1996, the HCCP planning committee's decision to be highly inclusive was questioned and a unilateral decision to immobilize the project was made. Last July, the tide changed.

The chief executive officer and the chief executives have approved an interim plan directing the planning committee to re-engage the KS community in open dialogue to modify and/or reaffirm the visions and directions of this revitalized project.

The primary objective for this year is to develop an updated HCCP plan that will include detailed facility features, program designs, recommendations on location(s) and budget outlines.

Members of the HCCP planning committee are Randie Fong, Kēhau Abad, Holoua Stender, Charlene Hoe, Julian Ako, Sarah



Those sharing their mana'o at an HCCP workshop represent a cross section of the Kamehameha community. From left, Kamehameha Elementary School Principal Kahele Kukea '63, Fred Cachola '53, former director of community education, student Aureana Tseu '01 and Hawaiian collections specialist Kawika Makanani '66.

Keahi, Jamie Fong and Mike Lum, with Neil Hannahs as adviser.

A series of workshops have been held and so far, about 300 people have participated. The cultural programs under discussion at this point include carving, cultivating native plants, apprenticeships with masters, engaging in research on KS lands, Pacific Studies, ho'oponopono, food preparation (e.g. imu, etc.), Hawaiian leadership, oratory, cultural protocol, hosting practices and more.

There is ongoing discussion regarding the location of the center as well as the possibility of multiple sites. The center and its programs would be available to KS students, staff, alumni, families and the community at large, and would endeavor to reach as many Hawaiians as possible.

All interested members of the KS community are encouraged to participate in a last and final workshop scheduled for:

**Thursday, January 11, 2001
Performing Arts - Band Room
Kapālama Campus
5:00 pm Dinner (provided)
5:45 - 8 pm Workshop**



HCCP Project Manager Randie Fong addresses the crowd at a recent workshop.

To confirm your attendance or to share your mana'o, call Jamie Fong, HCCP Coordinator, at 842-8655, or email jafong@ksbe.edu. Deadline is two days before the event, Jan. 9, 2000.



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HCCP UPDATE *continued*

This project will be a shared investment – Kamehameha will be looking to its community, especially alumni, to contribute specialized expertise (e.g. architecture, landscaping, design, culture & arts, furnishings, artwork, etc.) as well as financial and other resources.

Here are a few of the comments from attendees at previous workshops:

“It’s so rewarding to see the Schools focus on Hawaiian culture... The pendulum has finally swung the other way!”

– **Nona Beamer '41**

“There are still old timers who have a lot of knowledge [fishing, etc.]... It feels so good to hear our young people speaking our language... This center is for them...”

– **Leighton Tseu '67**

“I really liked knowing that although I may not be here when the center is built, at least I had a say in what goes into it.”

– **Alohalani Ho '02**

“We need to broaden our thinking to include knowledgeable people who may not be Hawaiian [Master-Apprentice Program]...”

People like Dr. Donald Mitchell had so much to share... This is a wonderful undertaking... I will share this with others at the University and we will kāko'o!”

– **Dr. Kanalu G.T. Young '72**

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS CHILDREN’S CHORUS COOKBOOK AND COMPACT DISC NOW AVAILABLE

With proceeds dedicated to helping finance a Japan tour, the official Kamehameha Schools Children’s Chorus Cookbook, featuring countless delicious recipes for Hawaiian (and non-Hawaiian) tastes, is now available for \$10 by calling 842-8383.

The Kamehameha Schools Children’s Chorus was founded in 1988 by Suzanne Kaupu Soon. Lynell Bright has been the director since 1989.

The chorus consists of 114 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders, ranging in age from 9-12 years, from Kamehameha Elementary School.

The chorus, which has performed with the Honolulu Symphony, Henry Kapono, twice with Celine Dion, on the Perry and Price Show and on the KHON and KHNL morning news shows, among many others, is now offering its first compact disc.

Entitled *Nā Keiki O Kamehameha*, the CD features special guest artists The Brothers Cazimero (**Robert '67** and **Roland '68**), Teresa Bright, Brother Noland (**Conjugacion '75**), Nā Leo Pilimehana (**Lehua Kalima Heine '84**, **Nālani Jenkins Choy '84**, **Angela Fernandez Morales '84**), I Mua (**David Dunaway '85**, **Albert Akiona '85**), The Anguay Sisters, Crystal Mateo and Henry Kapono.

The CD will be available at the KS bookstore and at retail outlets across the state beginning in December 2000. A portion of the proceeds will be used to help fund the group’s trip to Japan, scheduled for June of 2001.





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WARRIORS SELECT FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES

Kamehameha Athletic Directors Blane Gaison and Erv Kau have welcomed four new head coaches to the Warriors' athletic program.

Former University of Hawai'i star Micah Kroeger has been selected to guide Kamehameha's varsity boys basketball fortunes. Kroeger played for the Rainbows from 1995 to 1998 and graduated with a degree in marketing in 1999.

"There's a rich basketball tradition here and I just want to try and carry on that tradition," Kroeger said. "Our goal every year will be to win the state championship."

Former two-time NAIA All-American wrestler Billy Venenciano will take over the school's wrestling program. Venenciano was the state 119-pound wrestling champion representing Moloka'i High School in 1987 and 1988.

"This is a golden opportunity for me to give back and continue to develop young student athletes and a quality coaching staff," Venenciano said.

After a successful stint on the junior varsity level, Andrew Ah New has been tapped to head the varsity boys soccer program. Ah New coached Kamehameha to the 1998-1999 junior varsity boys ILH soccer title. "I'm very happy to have been selected," Ah New said.

Well known as a talented baseball and softball coach, Ty Sing Chow has been named Kamehameha's new varsity girls softball coach.

Sing Chow has gained fame in recent years as coach of the Pearl City Pearls, an ASA squad which has dominated age-group competition in recent seasons.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to coach at the varsity level and will maintain and build on the softball program's winning tradition," Sing Chow said.

SETTLEMENT REACHED

After more than three years of legal battling, the Attorney General, former Trustees and Interim Trustees reached a settlement Sept. 22 on the surcharge claims filed by the Attorney General against the former Trustees.

Kamehameha Schools will be paid approximately \$14 million, which is the balance of its primary insurance policy after payment of a portion of the former Trustees' and the Attorney General's litigation costs.

The settlement was recommended by the court-appointed mediators, as well as two court-

appointed Masters – Colbert Matsumoto and Benjamin Matsubara. Kamehameha's in-house counsel and other legal advisors supported the recommendation as well.

KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND COMPLETED

A new, state-of-the-art \$400,000 Kindergarten Playground on the Kapālama campus was completed this fall. Featuring the full gamut of play equipment and safety flooring, the project has kept Kamehameha's youngest beneficiaries full of joy at recess time. Work is proceeding on schedule on the new \$850,000 Kamāmalu Playground, which should be ready for the youngsters by the end of Christmas vacation.



KES physical education teacher Jay Tschillard helps a student negotiate the monkey bars.

SOLID GOLD VIDEOS

Kamehameha producer/director Mike Racoma and K-3 Reading Director Anna Sumida earned a "Gold Award" in the 2000 Aurora Awards competition for their educational video entitled "Help Your Child Learn to Read – Kindergarten and First Grade."

Mike Munemitsu served as cameraman for the project.

The Aurora Awards is a national competition designed to recognize excellence in the film and video industries. Programs are judged in the areas of creativity, message effectiveness and technical excellence.

"The video was really a team effort," Racoma said. "The production quality is up there."