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Kamehameha Schools is making a difference

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Aloha kākou!

The beginning of another school year is a great time for reflecting on the impact Kamehameha Schools is having in our community.

Four years into Kamehameha's 2000-2015 Strategic Plan, and new students, new programs and new stories about what KS is doing to expand its impact beyond our preschool and K-12 campuses abound.

I Mua's cover story on charter schools is a good example. It focuses on the 12 startup charter schools KS supports through the Ho'olako Like program and the two conversion charter schools through the Ho'okāko'o Corporation.

Kamehameha contributes \$1 for every \$4 that the state of Hawai'i allocates for each student in these 14 schools.

This contribution helps these charter schools meet their educational and community objectives and it fulfills KS' goal of reaching more Hawaiians.

Another feature in this issue looks at KS efforts on Kaua'i, where our Extension Education Division is serving more Hawaiian students through our Kamehameha Scholars and Enrichment Ho'olauna programs. These initiatives are expanding, and reaching ever more Hawaiian students throughout the state.

Let's not forget that we have expanded our campus programs as well. This school year will see our Maui and Hawai'i campuses grow to grade 11, with each campus enrolling 976 students. This expansion allows more children from other areas of the state to have the opportunity to attend Kapālama.

Next year, these neighbor island campuses will serve 1,120 students in grades K-12.

Finally, I am so proud of the fact that six of the charter schools we are supporting are headed by Kamehameha graduates, who have stepped into challenging leadership roles with a deep sense of dedication, *kuleana* and *pono*. I know they are strong community role models for the students in their care, as they build leaders for the future.

Through our campus and extension programs, KS is indeed making a difference in our community by improving the well-being of the Hawaiian people, and I think Pauahi would be very pleased.

Me ke aloha pumehana. I mua Kamehameha!

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On The Cover

Students from Ke Kula 'o Nāwahiōkalanī'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory Public Charter School are raising *kalo* on their laboratory farm. Located in Kea'au, the charter school is headed by director **Kauanoë Kamanā '69**.

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Under a mural depicting Hawaiian *ali'i*, members of Ho'olauna Kaua'i enjoy a morning Hawaiian culture class at the Aloha Beach Resort in Wailua, Kaua'i.