

# NĀ LAU LAMA

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to Improve Outcomes for  
Hawaiian Students



**Aloha nō kākou,  
Welcome to our new Nā Lau Lama Hawaiian Education Initiative  
monthly “Holomua” e-news bulletin!**

So many of our Nā Lau Lama volunteers in the working groups and planning committee are doing amazing work to kōkua Hawaiian learners in public education! We want to share the good news with all NLL participants and hope this monthly e-bulletin can become a way for everyone to keep in touch with what’s going on across our collaborative initiative.

We recently asked all the groups’ po’o to share some of the exciting things going among their volunteers. The bullets compiled below may not be a complete listing and we encourage the community network of collaborators to send in additional updates relevant to Nā Lau Lama.

Also, please scroll down for a reminder notice about the Nā Lau Lama strand at the upcoming **Native Hawaiian Education Association’s annual conference**. MAHALO NUI to NHEA Director Lui Hokoana, conference organizer Kulumanu Vorhies and all the other hard-working NHEA volunteers for their gracious kōkua in working with planning committee to organize the strand schedule.

## **MARCH 2007 Holomua E-NEWS**

1. Gear-Up/HiDOE “promising practices” conference was held in late February. PAF’s “Aloha ‘Āina” Team presented on their program/curricula.
2. 5<sup>th</sup> annual Service learning conference “Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike”, will be held March 10th at UH Mānoa Campus Center. If you missed the Gear-Up conference, this will be another

chance to see the PAF team present their “Aloha ‘Āina” program.

3. Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, Nā Lau Lama Culture-based Education working group meeting, to discuss NLL related issues and topics, and next steps. 11 to 3 pm, KS-Kawaiahao Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> flr room 1
4. NHEA conference: Herb Lee and his PAF team will be teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> grade lesson on their “Aloha Aina” curriculum, Wednesday morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. Herb also reports that “(the) Hawaii Digital Library reported that the Kahea Loko culture curriculum got over 12,000 hits in 9 months and another 1,000 hits in Hawaiian language. January 2007 nearly 1,300 hits. There is demonstrated interest. We need to get more curriculum on line to share with others.”
6. Kanu o ka ‘Āina and Keiki o ka ‘Āina have completed proposals to develop a series of cultural immersion camps for teachers. Keep an eye out for more on this end.
7. Walter Kahumoku (Kamehameha Schools) shared exciting plans working with various collaborators to begin a pilot teacher orientation program in Hilo based on Nā Hōnua Maoli Ola.

We hope this sharing also will inspire new participants to join us as we work together to bring Hawaiian-culture-based education to Hawaiian learners – and all learners – across our state. To keep everyone informed about the work of Nā Lau Lama, we invite you or your educational organization to send in “Holomua” e-news to Reshela DuPuis at [reshelad@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:reshelad@hawaii.rr.com) or Brandon Ledward at [brledwar@ksbe.edu](mailto:brledwar@ksbe.edu). MAHALO PIHA!

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**NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
MARCH 27 & 28, 2007  
Chaminade University, Honolulu**

**NĀ LAU LAMA HAWAIIAN EDUCATION  
Strand Schedule  
Working Groups' Presentations  
& Cross-collaboration Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Workshop I: 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Rm: E202 Culture-based Education Working Group

Rm: E207 Indigenous Assessment Working Group

**Workshop II: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm**

Rm: E202 Professional Development Working Group

Rm: E207 Advocacy & Policy Working Group

\*TBA: Family & Community Strengthening Working Group

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Nā Lau Lama Volunteers Meeting 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

Rm: H109 Cross-collaboration meeting for all working group & planning committee volunteers. Open to the public.