

NĀ LAU LAMA

A Statewide
Collaboration
to Improve Outcomes for
Hawaiian Students



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Holomua E-news bulletin

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Pūpūkāhi i Holomua. *Unite in order to progress.* (Mary Kawena Pukui)

Nā Lau Lama is a private-public partnership of more than 70 organizations focused on our public schools. The objective is to create meaningful, relevant connections that engage children using culture-based and place-based educational strategies. The purpose of this e-newsletter is to share information relevant to Nā Lau Lama, bringing research-based, culturally healthy and community educational practices together to advance learning and public education.

This month's newsletter features several updates and events of interest.

Nā Lau Lama Community Report & Workbook

Work is currently underway on a community anchored and research-based resource intended to provide educators and policy makers with recommendations for implementing Hawaiian culture-based education. The five Nā Lau Lama working groups, along with other Hawaiian education and community-based programs, are each contributing insightful chapters for the report and interactive workbook sections will be included for readers. More information will be shared when the Nā Lau Lama Community Report & Workbook nears completion later in the summer 2007.

Aloha `Āina: Professional Development for Teachers Grades 3 – 10 **The Pacific American Foundation is delivering workshops with:**

- New standards-based educational materials that focus on Hawaiian culture and local environments;
- Grade Level teacher guides with lesson plans, student activity sheets, rubrics, CDs, a DVD and other resources;
- Hands-on activities with other educators;
- Pre/post-tests designed to help measure student achievement in science and math; and
- Half-day field excursions to preview field sites.

The registration flyer including workshop dates is attached. For more information:

<http://alohaaina.thepaf.org/>

Kahua Project: New Teacher Orientation

The Kahua Project: DOE Orientation and Mentorship Program is a collaboration between the Hawai'i State Department of Education, Hawai'i State Teachers

Association, Kamehameha Schools, UH-Hilo Kahuawaiola Teacher Education Program, Hālau Wānana, and Keiki O Ka `Āina. The primary purpose is to demonstrate effective strategies for supporting and retaining new teachers through:

- Professional development
- Coaching/mentoring
- Development of community connections and relationships
- Opportunities to connect community resources to DOE teachers

In its first year, SY 2007-08, the Kahua Project will work with 35-40 new teachers who are placed in the Ka`ū, Kea`au, and Pāhoa (KKP) Complex Area.

Mary Correa, the KKP Complex Area Superintendent, has organized a team of her staff to work in tandem with the State DOE Personnel Development Branch, Induction, Monitoring & Professional Development Section, and with KS to implement the Kahua Project.

For more info on this Nā Lau Lama initiative contact Dr. Walter Kahumoku, Public Education Support Division/Professional Development Strategies Department at Kamehameha Schools: 534-8177.

Pacific Educational Conference

Language Acquisition: Knowledge That Empowers

What: Featuring several Nā Lau Lama contributors

Where: McKinley High School, Honolulu, Hawai'i

When: July 9 – 12, 2007

Co-hosted by: Hawai'i DOE, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education (UHCOE), and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)

For more information: <http://www.prel.org/pec2007/2007.asp>

National Indian Education Association 38th Annual Convention

E Ho`i I Ka Piko Aloha (Return to Cultural Honor & Caring)

What: Call for Research, Workshops, and Forums Proposals
Due Postmarked by August 3, 2007

Where: Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

When: October 25 - 28, 2007

Co-hosted by: NIEA and Native Hawaiian Education Association

Sponsored by: Kamehameha Schools and Office of Hawaiian Affairs

For more information: <http://www.niea.org/events/overview.php>

Workshop presentations & Forums are requested on these topics:

- *Early Childhood Education*
- *Education Legislation & Appropriations Updates*
- *Higher Education Issues*
- *No Child Left Behind*
- *Native Language Revitalization and Immersion*
- *Financial Literacy*
- *Youth Focus (student attendees and student led)*
- *Higher Education Focus (student attendees and student led)*

Please be sure to send in your presentation proposal by August 3!

We hope this e-newsletter will inspire new participants to connect with us as we work together to keep everyone informed about the work of Nā Lau Lama Hawaiian Education Initiative; we invite you or your educational organization to send in “Holomua” e-news to Elizabeth Aulsebrook at elaulseb@ksbe.edu. Me ke kākō`o mau.

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The Pacific American Foundation is offering Workshops for Gr. 3 – 10 teachers

Workshops will provide teachers:

- New standards-based educational materials that focus on Hawaiian culture and local environments
- A teacher's guide for their grade level with lesson plans, student activity sheets, rubrics, CDs, a DVD and other resources
- Hands-on sessions to try the activities with other educators
- Pre/post-tests designed to help measure student achievement in science and math
- Preview of field sites with half-day field excursions
- Lunch

Aloha 'Āina Teacher's Guides:

- Gr. 3 Wetlands
- Gr. 4 Ahupua`a
- Gr. 5 Stream Life
- Gr. 6 Conservation
- Gr. 7 Coral Reefs
- Gr. 7 Schoolyard Gardens
- Gr. 8 Landforms
- Gr. 9 Streams
- Gr. 10 Fishponds
- Gr. 10 Forests

Workshop Dates:

O`ahu – Windward Community College

June 14-15, 2007 – Gr. 3-8

July 23, 2007 – Gr. 9-10

Kaua'i – Waipa Foundation- PAU

April 21, 2007 – Gr. 4, 5, 7 and 8

Hawai'i

April 28, 2007 – Kona – Gr. 4 and 6 - PAU

August 18, 2007- Hilo (Keaukaha Elementary) - Gr. 3-10

Maui

June 28, 2007 – Gr. 3 – 9

For more information about workshop locations and other details, go to

www.thepaf.org for sample lesson and related info or call the Pacific American Foundation at 533-2836.

Yes! I am interested in participating in the *Aloha 'Āina* teacher's workshop.
Please register me for the following workshop:

Workshop

Date _____ Island _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

School _____ Grade Level _____

The registration fee is \$20 and includes a complete teacher's guide, training and lunch. To register, complete this form or download an application at www.thepaf.org and mail it with the registration fee to: **The Pacific American Foundation • 33 South King Street, Suite 205 • Honolulu, HI 96813 • • fax: (808) 533-1630**