

# **PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

## **HO‘OMOE WAI KĀHI KE KĀO‘O: CREATING A SPACE & PLACE FOR MĀKUAHINE IN THE UNIVERSITY**

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This paper highlights Mākuahine Scholars as a significant faction of University of Hawaii at Mānoa students. Information gathered from personal interviews with mākuahine at UHM provided insight into the experiences, significance, and needs of this unique student population. This paper challenges UHM’s stance as a “Hawaiian place of learning” by calling for the recognition and support of an essential group of Hawaiians on campus, the Mākuahine Scholars. This project seeks to 1) Identify Mākuahine Scholars as a unique group of students at UHM, 2) Analyze and voice the experiences of Mākuahine Scholars within the university system, 3) Document services currently available to Mākuahine Scholars, and 4) Develop a series of resolutions or suggested services that will acknowledge and support this marginalized group. With hopes to elucidate the challenges before Mākuahine Scholars in order to highlight a path towards improved achievement and success at UHM, this paper is written for all mothers, those of the present as well as those who will consequently make their mark.