



Profile of Project
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BEACON (Bilingual Education And Career Opportunities for Neighbor islands)
is a Career Ladder project coordinated by:

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- Hawaii Community College
- Kauai Community College
- Maui Community College

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U.S. Department of Education
Office of English Language Acquisition

About the Project

Purpose To upgrade the skills and promote the career development of in-service, part-time teachers and educational assistants who teach English as a Second Language (ESL)/bilingual students.

The project is supported by activities to promote enhanced career opportunities; train bilingual educators; and provide tuition, stipends, academic counseling, and other personalized help to ensure participant's educational and career success.

Components Career Advancement: Part-time teachers and educational assistants will earn higher-level college degrees through the UH system leading to completion of a teacher education program approved by the Hawaii Department of Education.

Professional Development: Part-time teachers and educational assistants will acquire new, and strengthen existing, ESL/bilingual education teaching skills and content knowledge.

Mentoring: Part-time teachers and educational assistants will be aided by one-to-one mentoring by highly qualified classroom teachers.

Staff Empowerment: Part-time teachers and educational assistants will acquire a heightened sense of control and new skills in planning and carrying out bilingual education/ESL programs and services.

Mainstreaming: ESL students will attain higher levels of English proficiency leading to instructional mainstreaming, and will participate in a larger number and variety of student activities.

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Message from Dr. Randy Hitz

Thank you for your interest in a teaching profession and for choosing the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The College prepares teachers at four levels: baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, master's, and doctorate degrees and certificates. In addition, these programs are provided in various forms (on-site, computer-based, interactive video) throughout the state. All of our programs are approved by the state of Hawaii and nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Hawaii is fortunate to have such a diverse ethnic population. It is because of this diversity that communication and interaction across cultures is important. Hawaii is experiencing a severe shortage of teachers, and Project BEACON, a U.S. Department of Education national project, is an excellent way to recruit and prepare well-qualified individuals for the teaching profession.

The purpose of Project BEACON is to promote the career development of in-service, part-time teachers and educational assistants who teach English as a Second Language (ESL) or bilingual students. This will be done by helping Project BEACON participants attain a higher-level college degree through the University of Hawaii system leading to the completion of a teacher education program approved by the Hawaii Department of Education.

On behalf of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Education, I would like to congratulate all of the individuals involved in this program. It is our hope that there will be great strides in education for the diverse students in Hawaii.



Dr. Randy Hitz, Dean
College of Education

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Cerila Balberde

Degree Sought: PBCSE
Department: Elementary Education
Language(s): Tagalog and English
Representing the Island of: Hawaii
Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher
Academic Advisors: Alice Kawakami UH Hilo TEP Program,
James Cromwell & Pat Grossman, UHH

Career Objective: To perform in a challenging and responsible position in the field of teaching.

Education: University of Hawaii-Hilo
Degree sought: B.A. in Psychology, May 2002
Plan to enter UH Hilo Teacher Education Program (TEP) in
Elementary Education

Hawaii Community College at Hilo, HI
Associate of Arts degree, May 1999
Major in Liberal Arts

Hawaii Community College at Hilo, HI
Associate of Science degree, May 1997
Major in Early Childhood Education

Work Experience: ESLL PTT
Waiakeawaena School
September 1990 – Present

A-Plus Group Leader
Waiakeawaena School
August 1999 – December 2000

Substitute Teacher
E. Maka'ala School
September 1998 – December 1998

After-school Care Director
Haili Christian School
June 1997 – September 1998

Personal Background: Born and raised in Manila, Philippines. I plan to work full-time with students of Limited English Proficiency.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, writing, traveling, cooking, and learning about different cultures.



Delia Blanco

Degree Sought: Bachelor of Science
Department: Elementary Education
Language(s): Ilocano, Tagalog, English
Representing the Island of: Hawaii
Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher
Academic Advisor: Barbara Arthurs, Hawaii Community College

Career Objective: I look forward to earning my degree in order to become a full-time teacher. I have a true and honest passion for teaching young minds and wish to be a part of their educational, mental and social development. I want to be an agent of change and advocate for young kids. I also want to be a guiding star in my community by making myself visible and by letting kids know that there is a brighter tomorrow.

Education: Ka'u High School
1969-1972
I finished my secondary education in Hawaii.

Cabugao Institute, Philippines
Finished second year of high school.

Work Experience: Part-time ESLL teacher at Ka'u High & Pahala Elem.
1996-present.

Part-time ESLL teacher at Naalehu School 1995-1996
Project Keiki
1990-1995

Parents as Partners
1985-1990

Personal Background: Yours truly is Delia Blanco, a high school graduate of Ka'u High & Pahala Elementary School. I was 14 years old when I first came to Hawaii. I am married and blessed with four children, 3 daughters and 1 son. I found it very satisfying to help kids to grow academically, intellectually, socially, & emotionally. I always have this passion in me.

As to my characteristics as an individual, I am a person who loves to work with other people. I have very good interpersonal relationships and the ability to adjust to any status of social and professional levels.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy cooking very much, in addition to gardening, listening to music, and assisting individuals who are in need of help.



Chita Bracerros

Degree Sought: Bachelor of Arts

Department: Education

Language(s): Ilocano, Tagalog, English

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor(s): Barbara Arthurs, Hawaii Community College

Career Objective: I love teaching young children. They are just like a piece of clay. You can shape and mold it when it is still moist and damp. But once it's dry, it can't be shaped or molded anymore. I'd like to leave a valuable footprint that will help shape a brighter future for each young life I touch.

Education: University of Hawaii at Hilo, Present
Pursing a Bachelor of Education

AA Degree, Liberal Arts, Fall 2002
Hawaii Community College

BA Business Administration
University of the East, 1969
Manila, Philippines

ESL Certificate
University of Hawaii, Hilo Community College, Spring'83

Work Experience: PTT, ESL, 1991-present
Waiakea Elementary School

Group Leader, 1991-present
E.B.DeSilva School APlus Program

PTT-CSAP, 1981-1985
Keaua Elementary & Inter. School

PTT/Educational Assistant, 1985-1987
E.B.DeSilva Elementary School

Personal Background: Born and raised in Magsingal, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. Married in 1974, I came to the US in October, 1974. I have two girls and one boy. I plan to reach as many ESL children as I can and share the knowledge and experience I've had by learning English as my second language. The experiences I went through gives me an insight of what an ESL child goes through. I can help ease their transition into a new school and culture. Hopefully I'll make a positive impact on their life and be an instrument to help them reach their goals.

Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, arts & crafts, sewing and gardening.



Lotuvale Bustillos

Degree Sought: B.Ed.

Department: SPED, ESLL

Language(s): English & Samoan, (understand, speak some Hawaiian)

Representing the Island of: Kauai

Site Coordinator: Ligaya Ortal, Kauai DOE, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Creighton Fujii

Career Objective: To be able to help Hawaiian students in a regular classroom setting, especially those that are having difficulties in understanding how to do the class work and to meet the standards the DOE expects each student to accomplish. I would also like to continue my education and obtain a Master's degree in Elementary Education, after completing my B.ED in ESLL or Special Education.

Education: Kauai Community College
Pursuing a B.ED. in Elementary Education, 1/01-present
Campbell High School, Graduated 1977

Workshops & Certificates:

- Native Hawaiian Culture/Directed Reading 1/18-1/20/01
- Writing Rubrics # 3, 1/18/01
- Parents Standards, 1/10/01
- Language Art Standards (ESLL), 12/11/00
- Tech/Microsoft Word, 12/9/00
- HWA (Writing Workshop #2) 12/01/00
- STRP, 11/00
- Picture Writing, 10/29/00
- Functional Behavior, 10/19/00
- HWA (Writing Workshop), 10/11/00
- Reading Mastery Program, 3/13-3/15/00
- Junior Great Books (Certificate) 2/2000
- Corrective Reading, 2/10-2/11/00
- Cair (ESLL) 11/16/99
- Language Arts Standards, (ESLL) 9/9-10/99
- Accelerated Reading Certificate, 'Ele'ele Elementary School (Dr. Karen Crabtree), 6/14-7/23/99

Work Experience: Educational Assistant in SPED Department
Kekaha Elementary School, 1994 - present

Personal Background: Born and raised on a little island called Ta'u Manua, American Samoa and later moved to Hawaii in 1972. I attended Ilima Intermediate School and Campbell High School. Coming from a background where English is a second language, I can identify with students that speak English as a second language, and can read but are not able to comprehend the language. I want to give back and be able to assist them better.

Interests/Hobbies: In my spare time I enjoy reading the Bible, playing ukulele and singing church songs. I love to cook and am good at it. I enjoy crafts, playing volleyball, and cheering for my boys when they have games.



Cinthy Cassidy

Degree Sought: B.Ed.

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): English, Spanish

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikihala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: To service ESLL (English as a Second Language Learners) with English skills and Technology. I have already dedicated my life to teaching disadvantaged students who are struggling to improve their lives. I want to help families who are in great need, in a better capacity.

Education: Maui Community College (present)

University of Hawaii at Manoa
SPED (Special Education) 487 (present)
Technology 3 (T3) (present)

University of Belgrano 1984
Master in Argentine law
Regional accreditation in the United States.

Work Experience: Coordinator and sole computer instructor.
Lahaina Community Technology Center
2000 - Present

PTT, ESL
Kihei Elementary School and Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary School
1990 - Present

School Home Assistant
Working with Spanish speaking population in Maui
1995 - Present

ESLL teacher and Spanish teacher, Adult Education
Baldwin High School
1991-1996

Notary Public, State of Florida
1986-1990

Civil Rights Teacher Assistant
University of Belgrano Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Worked concurrently as an attorney at law
1984-1985

Personal Background: Born in Shresveport, Louisiana, USA. Raised in Argentina. I plan to continue teaching technology and English skills to disadvantaged ethnic groups, only better.



Kafaleen Fabian

Degree Sought: AA/BEEd

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): Chuukese and English

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisors: Barbara Arthurs, Hawaii Community College

Career Objective: My goal is to earn a degree in teaching and become a teacher for second language speakers of English. Eventually, I would like to earn my masters degree in ESL and help train student teachers become outstanding teachers.

Education: Hawaii Community College at Hilo, HI
Pursuing a liberal arts degree, Present

Waiakea High School
Graduate, May, 2002

Work Experience: ESLL Student Aid at Waiakea High School, 2002

Personal Background: Born and raised in Micronesia, I moved to Hawaii in June of 1998 after completing middle school. I wanted to improve my English language skills to help me enroll in an American University. With my teachers and parents support, I am able to pursue my dream.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, writing, traveling, and taking care of younger children.



Ana Favia

Degree Sought: AA

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): Tongan and English

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikahala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: To become a certified bilingual educator. My immediate goal is to improve my instructional abilities, to increase my “knowledge and skills connected with teaching limited English Proficient (LEP) students” that will allow for the needs of each student and will establish skills for success throughout the various stages of the life-long learning process.

Education: Maui Community College, Present
Pursuing a Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts

Queen Salote College
Higher Living Certificate, 1971

Free Wesleyan School, 1965

Work Experience: Part-Time Teacher, 1990-Present
King Kamehameha III Elementary School, Lahaina, Maui

Front Desk Clerk & Housekeeping Manger, 1988-1989
Coconut Inn, Napali, Hawaii

Custom Collector, 1980-1985
Treasury Department, Tonga Island

Sales Clerk, 1976-1979
Fakalato Store, Tonga Island

Dispatch Clerk, Fletext Carpet Company, 1973-1975
Wellington, New Zealand

Teacher, 1972
Maufauga Elementary School, Tonga Island

Personal Background: I grew up and attended school on the island of Tonga. After moving to Hawaii, I became involved in the education of culturally diverse populations whose language at “home” is not English. The years of experience has left me with a realization that I am in need of additional professional development.

Interests/Hobbies: Dancing, voluntary work at community and church organizations



Teresita Gray

Degree Sought: BSE

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): Tagalog, English, Bicol

Representing the Island of: Kauai

Site Coordinator: Ligaya Ortal, Kauai DOE, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Creighton Fujii, Kauai Community College

Career Objective: I want to have the experience of having a student return to my classroom years later and thank me for the difference I made in their life. I love the look on the face of a student when he or she understands what you are teaching them.

Education: Arelliano University Manila, Philippines
BS Commerce (Banking and Finance) 1978

Work Experience: ESLL PTT Eleele, School
1995 to present

Educational Assistant Ele'ele School
1992 to 1995

Substitute Teacher 'Ele'ele, School
1992 to present

Personal Background: I was born and raised in the Philippines. I am married to my husband Kenneth and I have three children: Douglas, Kenneth and Kenberley. I will raise my children successfully.

Interests/Hobbies: Traveling, spending my husband's money, raising my children.



Chiemi Ishii

Degree Sought: B.Ed. in Secondary Education

Department: ESLL

Language(s): Japanese

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Alice Kawakami UH Hilo TEP Program

Career Objective: I want to teach high school students Japanese in Hawai'i. My long-term goal is to get a Master's in Teaching because I think I can explore ESL teaching more deeply with such an education. I would like to be an international student's teacher or counselor. ESL teachers need to know Asian ESL students are not the same as English or "English-related" speakers. They have different cultures, customs, and languages.

Education: University of Hawaii at Hilo
B.A. Psychology, 2001

Otsuma Women's University
A.A. Japanese Literature, 1975
Tokyo, Japan

Dainihon Shogeiin (School of Calligraphy)
1960-1993 (30 years, every weekend)
Tokyo, Japan

Work Experience: 2001- Present
PTT, ESLL, E.B. de Silva Elementary School

1989-1991
PTT, English and Calligraphy, Misuzu Garden (Test Preparation School)
Tokyo, Japan

1982-1989
Instructor, Calligraphy, (at residence)
Tokyo, Japan

1982-1984
Tutor, English, (Doctor's residence)
Tokyo, Japan

Personal Background: I lived in Japan most of my life. I have visited many Asian countries such as Korea, China, Taiwan, Singapore and lived in Hong Kong for four years. Although I have a background in business, teaching and learning have always been close to my heart. I began this interest as a young adult in Tokyo teaching American business executives Japanese. It is a pleasure and challenge to teach.

Interests/Hobbies: Calligraphy, Poetry and Dress Making.



Yan Liu

Degree Sought: B.Ed. Elementary

Department: ESLL

Language(s): English & Tongan

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikihala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: I want to be a high school ESLL teacher. I am also interested in eventually earning an M.A. in education.

Hawaii Community College, Present

Pursuing an AA degree in Liberal Arts

Education: Waiakea High School, 2002
Hawaii

Wuyang School in Guangzhou
China

Work Experience: Volunteer Tutor, Present
Waiakea High School

Youth Conservation Corps Worker, Summer 2002
Volcano National Park, Hi

Waitress and Cashier, 2001-2003
Happy Valley Seafood Restaurant
Hilo, Hawaii

Farm Helper, 1998
Chi Ha Sung, Hawaii

Personal Background: I was born in Canton, China, in 1984 to Zhi Guang Liu and Zhili Song. My father is a hotel manager and my mother was a teacher. In 1998 my mother and I emigrated to the United States. We live on Hawaii where I attended Waiakea High School for four years and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Interests/Hobbies: My interests are singing, computers, tutoring, and swimming. I would also like to learn to play a music instrument



Elizabeth Malafu

Degree Sought: B.Ed. Elementary

Department: ESLL

Language(s): English & Tongan

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikihala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: To assist ESLL students and to be productive for the community. I want to be able to set priorities and establish achievable goals, to work and communicate effectively in groups, demonstrate tolerance for individual and cultural differences, spend time with the students and hopefully add to their overall growth and learning.

Education: Police Training School, Fiji
Diploma, 1974

St. Joseph Business College, Tonga
Diploma, 1972

Work Experience: PTT ESLL
Kihei Elementary School,
Kihei, HI
1984-Present

Bilingual School Home Assistant (half time)
Maui District Office
Maui, HI.
1984-Present

Personal Background: I'm a single parent with four grown up children. Three sons and one girl, one grandson, my baby son still in school, attending UNLV. My other son is a teacher at Maui High School. I'm really involved in my church's activities as a Tongan Christian Church.

Interests/Hobbies: My hobbies are volleyball, reading bibles, and mostly staying with my children and grandson.



Simaima Masi

Degree Sought: B.A. Elementary Education

Department: ESLL

Language(s): Tongan and English

Representing the Island of: Kauai

Site Coordinator: Ligaya Ortal, Kaua'i DOE, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Creighton Fujii, Kauai Community College

Career Objective: To help the children speak English as a second language. To help the Tongan people so that they don't have trouble with the English language.

Education: Kauai Community College
1997-2001

Kauai High School.
Graduate, 1995-1997

Work Experience: Part-time Teacher
Kapaa Elementary School.
1999-2001

Personal Background: I was raised in Tonga and when I moved here to Hawaii, I knew that my parents had a hard time with English and so I tried to help them with what I had learned. English is very important to my family and me.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, writing, working with the kids in church, swimming, talking with my family and also my friends.



Arlene Pilapil

Degree Sought: B.Ed. in Secondary Education

Department: ESLL

Language(s): English, Visayan, Tagalog

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Barbara Arthurs, Hilo Community College

Career Objective: When I go through my teaching studies and get my degree, I believe I will be professionally developed, empowered and sharpened in my teaching skills, especially in the planning of bilingual application/ESL programs and services. I want my LEP students to attain higher levels of English proficiency leading to instructional mainstreaming and to participate in a greater number and variety of student activities.

Education: Immanuel Bible College
B.A. Theology, 1965

UH Hilo
ESL Teaching Certificate, 1991

Work Experience: 1991-present
PTT, ESLL, Konawaena High School

1994-present
PT School Home Assistant, West HI District

1989-1991
PTT, ESLL, Konawaena Elementary

1981-1989
PTT, ESLL, Kealakehe Elementary

1970-present
Certificated Minister

Personal Background: I grew up in the Philippines in a strong Christian family and learned to love The Lord with all my heart. I went to Bible College to prepare myself as a Christian educator where my husband pastured a church for 10 years. After that, I took some public education courses to pursue public teaching but because I had 5 children with a set of twins, I stopped until our whole family came to Hawaii in September, 1976. My passion had been to teach children and youth and help people with a desire to be a blessing to them.

Interests/Hobbies: Singing gospel songs and playing piano, accordion, organ and ukulele. Love to read the Bible and other good books. Love to use the computer whenever I have time.



Luz Ramil

Degree Sought: B.Ed.

Department: ESLL

Language(s): Tagalog, Ilokano and Spanish

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikhala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: To teach children how to read, live life fully and happy. I want to educate thoughtful, effective, social-minded and socially responsible human beings, empower and enrich the lives of my students, and demonstrate by my example the excitement of learning. The best way to learn a language is through songs. Music is the language of the soul or heart. I treasure ideals, love noble music, great monuments, keep faith, and safeguard the inquiry of my students.

Education: Maui Community College, HI
Associate of Arts degree, Liberal Arts, 1974

University of the East
Bachelor of Arts – English, Library Science, 1968
Manila, Philippines

Work Experience: 2001-Present
EA, Lihikai Elementary School

2000- 2001
EA, Special Ed., Kamalii Elementary School

1999-2000
PTT, ESLL, Lokelani Intermediate School

1998-1999
School Librarian, Lanai High School

1993-1998
PTT, ESLL, Kihei Elementary School

1992-1993
PTT, ESLL, Waihee Elementary School

Personal Background: I was born in Manila, Philippines and grew up speaking Tagalog. At the same time, in a private all girls catholic school, we were taught English by the Franciscan and Dominican nuns. I can speak and write simple Spanish. I am well versed in Ilokano. In 1972, I came to Maui, Hawaii. My husband is a self-employed lawyer. We have three daughters. Iris is a 3rd grade teacher in California, Aimee is an architecture graduate from UVA and works at GYA Architects in Maui and Audree is at UH Manoa studying accounting.

Interests/Hobbies: Computers, Hula, Filipino Folk Dances, lifelong learner. I am a monthly lector at St. Theresa's church in Kihei. I also volunteer at Haggai Institute in Kihei.



Evelyn A. Ramos

Degree Sought: B.S.

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): Ilocano, Tagalog, English

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikhala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: To pursue an elementary education degree so that I am more capable, effective, and efficient in extending my services to the ESLL students, the ESLL parents, and also to the community.

Education: Maui Community College
Office Administration & Technology (1998-2000)
BS Elementary Education (present)

Data Center Computer College, Laoag, Philippines
Computer Technology, 1992

Mariano Marcos State University, Philippines
Master of Arts in Public Administration, with units, 1987-1989

Divine Word College of Laoag, Philippines
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 1986

Work Experience: ESLL PT Tech Teacher
Lihikai School, 1999 to present

Customer Service Associate
Host Marriott Services - Hawaii, 1996 - 1999
Tesoro Hawaii, 1997 to present

Computer Teacher (1992-1996), Registrar (1993-1995),
Officer In-Charge (1995-1996)
Data Center Computer College, Philippines, 1992-1996

College Instructor
Mariano Marcos State University, Philippines
College of Economics & Management, 1989-1991

Legal Secretary,
Mariano Marcos State University, Philippines, 1986-1989

Personal Background: I was born and raised in the Philippines and am a mom of 10-year-old boy. I enjoy working with students and love to see them progress.

Interests/Hobbies: Working on the computer; Building a web page; Web hunting – searching for free wares that I can utilize in the classroom.



Precita Ramos

Degree Sought: BEd

Department: Elementary Education

Language(s): Ilocano, Tagalog, English

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisors: Barbara Arthurs, Hawaii Community College

Career Objective: To finish my Bachelors degree in Education and hopefully meet the teaching certification requirements

Education: Hawaii Community College, Present
Pursuing a liberal arts degree

Bachelor of Science in Commerce, 1985
Divine Word College of Laoag, Philippines

Batac Junior College, 1972
Batac, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

Work Experience: Educational Assistant, Present
Pahoa High and Intermediate School
Pahoa, Hawaii

Food Service Helper, 1994-1998
Pahoa High and Intermediate School

Secretary, 1979-1991
Divine Word College, High School Department
Laoag, Philippines

Personal Background: I was born and raised in the Philippines and came to Hawaii in 1991. I am married and have two children; both girls, ages 12 and 14. I am presently employed as an Educational Assistant at Pahoa High and Intermediate School

Interests/Hobbies: Working with students, cooking, interior decorating, and gardening.



Conchita Rivera

Degree Sought: B. Ed.

Department: ESLL

Language(s): Tagalog and Ilokano

Representing the Island of: Maui

Site Coordinator: Norma Barroga, Hawaii DOE School Renewal Specialist

Academic Advisor: Mikhala Helm, Maui Community College

Career Objective: There are a lot of challenges, difficulties and hard work dealing with children from different countries because of language and cultural differences. I fully understand and care for these children. One of my goals is to let them know that they are not different from other children of this world. I emphasize that their values and culture is very important to carry on as they grow older. They enjoy all my classes as I also enjoy learning some different languages every year.

Education: Maui Community College
A.S., Office of Administrative Technology

Northwestern College
BA of Science in Commerce, 1980
Phillipines

Work Experience: 1991- Present
PTT, ESLL, Makawao Elementary School

1993-1995
PTT, ESLL, Pukalani Elementary School

1998-1999
PTT, ESLL, Kula Elementary School

Personal Background: I am happily married with two children. I started teaching since 1992. I am enjoying my job working with children who came from different countries. English is also my second language and I really feel how these youngsters feel as they are immersed in their new environment.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy singing and I am a member of my church choir. I enjoy gardening, hiking, reading and shopping.



Milagros Sagucio

Degree Sought: MA in Teaching

Department: ESLL

Language(s): English, Ilokano, Tagalog,

Representing the Island of: Kauai

Site Coordinator, Ligaya Ortal, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Creighton Fujii, Kauai Community College

Career Objective: We all believe that the young generations are the future of our country. Teachers have the great role of molding these children. I want to commit myself to education and help these children be the best person they can be.

Education: Divine Word College
Bachelor in Elementary Education
Philippines, 1987

Work Experience: 2000-present
P.T.T. ESLL, Koloa School

Immaculate Conception Academy
Classroom Teacher, 9 years
Ilocos Norte, Philippines

Kiddie Care Learning Center
Laoag City, Phillipines
Substitute Teacher

Personal Background: I worked as regular teacher in the Philippines for about 10 years. I am presently working at Koloa School as an ESLL teacher. There's no doubt that I love to work with children. I consider them my life.

Interests/Hobbies: I love to play volleyball.



Kathleen Wines

Degree Sought: B.Ed in Elementary Education

Department: ESLL

Language(s): English, French

Representing the Island of: Hawaii

Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, ESLL Resource Teacher

Academic Advisor: Barbara Arthurs, Hilo Community College

Career Objective: To have the chance to encourage, equip and guide children is a privilege. I enjoy working with children who are having a hard time with a skill and, step by step, master that skill. I would like to successfully encourage children to learn and have them know that it doesn't matter where they are from, that they can do and become anything they want. The challenge of sparking the interest to read and learn in children is the main reason I want to be a teacher. Also, personally, being a teacher also enables me to be the mom I want to be.

Education: North Seattle Community College
French courses; 1980

High Line Community College, WA
No degree; 1975-1977

Work Experience: 2000-present
Paraprofessional Tutor, Kea'au Elementary School

1999-2000
Tutor, Mt. View Elementary School

1999
Tutor, Keonepoko Elementary School

1990-1993
Medical Assistant; Receptionist (Hilo)

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Seattle, WA. I went to Community College in Seattle for two years but did not graduate. My husband and I sailed in the South Pacific for three years and settled in Hawaii after that. We have been here almost 12 years. We have one son, who is eight.

Interests/Hobbies: Gardening- We have a small rambutan orchard. Spending time with son and husband. Swimming, reading.



Jennifer Wolf-Moon

Degree Sought: PBCSE
Department: Elementary Education, ESLL
Language(s): English, German, some Spanish
Representing the Island of: Hawaii
Site Coordinator: Matilde Narido, Hawaii DOE ESLL Resource Teacher
Academic Advisors: Niki Lebarios, University of Hawaii

Career Objective: To become a certified teacher and work in the public schools.

Education: University of Hawaii, Present
Seeking Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education, ESLL

BA degree in Anthropology, 1996
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

Work Experience: PINS Teacher, 2002-Present
Honaunau School
Honaunau, Hawaii

Part Time Teacher, ESLL, 2001-2002
Honaunau School
Honaunau, Hawaii

Part Time Reading Tutor, 1999-2001
Kahakai Elementary School
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Teacher, Grads Program for Pregnant Teens, March 199
Konawaena High School
Kealahou, Hawaii

Personal Background: I have lived all over the United States. I moved to Hawaii in 1988. I have 4 children and my husband is an artist. I have a degree in Anthropology, specializing in Pacific Island and Southeast Asian cultures. I have studied many languages including Spanish, Indonesian, Sanskrit, Tagalog, French, German and Tok Pisin. I have traveled to several countries including Indonesia, Jamaica, Germany, France, Italy and the Bahamas. I love teaching and working with children from many cultures.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, writing, traveling, cooking, and learning about different cultures.

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Cinthy Cassidy, Teresita Gray, Elizabeth Malafu, Simaima Masi, and
Evelyn Ramos

2001-2002

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Cerila Balberde, Delia Blanco, Chita Bracerros, Lotuvale Bustillos,
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