As part of the events surrounding Community College Month, each campus named a community partner for the year 2000. All campuses indicated that the selection process was difficult because of the many worthy organizations that contribute to the colleges in numerous ways.

The annual Community Partner Award recognizes the contributions that businesses, industries and associations make to benefit the students of the UH Community Colleges. The partners are honored at special events and ceremonies on the campuses throughout April and May.

This year, the UH Community Colleges proudly announce the following community partners:

**Hawai‘i Community College**

**ACF Kona-Kohala Chefs Association**

The ACF Kona-Kohala Chefs Association has been instrumental in providing advisory committee members for Hawai‘i CC’s food service program and has been an active advocate of the program in several ways. The ACF Kona-Kohala Chefs Association contributes annually to scholarship awards for students. The group also directs proceeds from events to the Junior ACF account to be applied for purchasing books or equipment, for scholarship awards, and for attending ACF conferences.

The ACF Kona-Kohala Chefs Association mission is to support education. Through these many methods of assistance, it is obvious they are deserving of this award.

According to Jean W. HulI, CCA, Associate Professor, “With the support of the ACF Kona-Kohala, the food service program at Hawai‘i CC will continue to bloom and grow as the scope of their support and contributions to the College continues.”

**Honolulu Community College**

**Servco Pacific Automotive Group**

Honolulu CC has had a long and beneficial relationship with Servco Pacific Automotive Group. Eugene H. arada, Vice President, Director of Service, serves on Hon CC’s Automotive Mechanics Technology (AMT) program industry continued on page 4
The late Dr. Ernest L. Boyer of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching once offered, “The term ‘community’ should be defined not only as a region to be served, but also as a climate to be created.”

This statement came to mind as I read the cover story in this, our final newsletter of the 1999-2000 academic year. Each campus has made a wise selection in honoring a community partner for the year. I am deeply impressed by the generosity and commitment that these honorees have shown toward our colleges.

Something else in the story also caught my attention. It was the diversity of the honorees selected—from a golf resort company, to a chef’s association, to an automotive dealership, to a division of the US Army. The wide range of industries and associations that are our partners is phenomenal. It highlights the comprehensiveness of the learning environment our partners help us to create.

Throughout the year, we have emphasized our increasing role in workforce and economic development in Hawai’i. These strong partnerships with business and industry are the roots for our growing success in this area. Through their partnerships, business and industry help to create a climate of learning on our campuses that can be found at no other learning institution. They are building bridges between our colleges and the ever-evolving workplace of the 21st century.

Some of the partnerships profiled here directly impact all of our students’ learning experiences. Others work more indirectly. Some are focused on specific programs. Yet, even with these many differences, there is one common thread: they all add value to student learning. Some increase students’ hands-on experiences, others help keep our training up-to-date with the latest tools and technologies; some respond to students’ special needs as they embark on particular career paths.

Through scholarships and career guidance, advisory roles and industry support, our partners are involved in educating tomorrow’s workforce.

There is one more way that our partners contribute. It is easy to overlook, yet it is possibly just as important as the material and intellectual contributions these businesses and associations make to our campuses. It is the gift of self-esteem that they bestow upon our students. Just by getting involved, these partners demonstrate to our students that someone cares and wants to help.

So, from all of us—students, faculty and staff of the UH Community Colleges—to each and every partner: THANK YOU!

Thank you for empowering us.

Thank you for caring.

May we continue to work together in building our community.
Cisco names Hon CC one of six CCNP sites

Honolulu Community College was recently selected as one of only six Cisco Training Academies in the United States to offer the Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) training courses. CCNP is designed to prepare trainees as part of the recently launched Cisco Career Certifications, a program that addresses the growing demand worldwide for more trained computer networking experts.

Building upon the highly respected Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE) program, Cisco Career Certifications enables networking professionals to be certified at various technical proficiency levels. CCNP comes under the Network Support certification track, which is designed for professionals working with traditional Cisco-based networks that predominantly include LAN and WAN routers and LAN switches. The first certification that can be attained along the Network Support path is the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA). This is followed by CCNP and ultimately CCIE.

According to Hon CC Interim Provost Ramsey Pedersen, “Cisco was originally planning to designate only five training sites in the U.S. but, on reviewing the proposal submitted by Honolulu CC, officials realized the college offered a unique location and other opportunities, and Cisco changed its plans. Honolulu CC will be responsible primarily for training in the Pacific and Asian region and help with training overflows from the western states.”

UHCC book drive brings on smiles

The partnership for literacy between UHCC and Hawaii Literacy, Inc. brought smiles to many children on April 29. As part of this year’s Community College Month activities, the colleges coordinated a drive to collect children’s books which were donated to Family Literacy Centers and Even Start Programs across the state. The children at the Mayor Wright Homes Family Literacy Center, one of the seven selected sites, welcomed volunteer readers from ETC, Honolulu CC, Kapi'olani CC, and the Chancellor’s Office, plus the hundreds of donated children’s books. The children present were given an opportunity to select three books, and the remaining books are to be placed in their borrowing library. The UH Community Colleges collected well over 1,000 books state wide.

Taste of the Stars

Some of Hawai‘i’s top chefs came together for a brilliant night of wine, food and fun under the stars at Leeward Community College. The first annual “Taste of the Stars” was held May 6. Joining the likes of chefs Alan Wong, Russell Siu, George M avro, D.K. Kodama, Ed Goto, Randall Ishizu, Fred D’Angelo and more were LCC’s talented chef instructors and the students of LCC’s culinary arts program.

What truly set the evening apart, aside from the fabulous food, was the added element of LCC’s observatory park. Home to two structures and five telescopes, the LCC observatory offered tours and viewing continuously throughout the evening. All proceeds from the event benefit the culinary program and the observatory park.
Community partners honored by UHCCs
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Automotive students benefit from the generosity and commitment of community partners.

difficulties in the long-term care of medically fragile children, they did not know where to turn. There were no other existing alternatives for care. What was needed was a long-term nursing facility for children and teens. Island Nursing Home offered to help. Yet, the nursing home staff had no training nor previous experience in dealing with the needs of medically fragile children.

Kapi‘olani CC joined these two organizations at the table to offer training specifically for these patients. In doing so, they helped create a three-way partnership that benefits the hospital, the nursing home, the college, and, most importantly, the medically fragile children and their families.

According to Carol Hoshiko, dean of the college’s business, hospitality and community programs, “It is a collaboration in which all parties took risks to come to the aid of medically fragile children. It has become one of the most significant partnerships in which our college has been involved.”

Receiving the award for Island Nursing Home is Leland Yagi. The award to Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children will be presented to David Fox.

Kaua‘i Community College
Pacific Missile Range Facility

The Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands has been an active educational partner to Kaua‘i Community College. PM RF and the contractors who operate there have set up internships, cooperative education worksites, and training programs, and hire our graduates. PM RF has also been instrumental in helping us to develop special “cutting edge” opportunities for students such as the ERAST/Pathfinder Project.

This project built upon Kaua‘i CC’s interest in solar technology and gave our students the chance to work with the scientists and professionals of AeroVironment as they made high-flying history. Kaua‘i CC graduates with this experience have gone on to pursue degrees in areas such as engineering, and are working in the computer field.

Most recently PM RF was a key partner in the highly successful Real Connections Career Fair. According to Kaua‘i CC Provost Peggy Cha, “Whether it is setting up tents for activities on campus, working with their contractors to set up internships and training opportunities, or exploring the potential of solar technology, PM RF has been a partner committed to the betterment of our community.” The award will be presented at graduation, May 12 at the Kaua‘i War Memorial Convention Hall, to Commanding Officer Captain Brian Moss.

Leeward Community College
Ford Motor Company

Leeward CC’s Community Partner Award to Ford Motor Company will be presented to Ford’s Technical Manager for the Western Region, Kent Inouye. According to Jacob Darakjian, Professor of Automotive Technology at Leeward CC, “Ford has led the way in establishing training partnerships with the UH Community Colleges. Cooperative training agreements
Facilities maintenance students develop a broad range of skills through the hands-on learning opportunities offered by Schofield Barracks.

Maui Community College

Wailea Resort Co., Ltd. and Wailea Golf Resort Co., Inc.

The year 2000 marks a significant tenth anniversary for Maui Community College. It is the celebration of a partnership begun by Wailea Resort Company, Ltd. and now continued by its sister company, Wailea Golf Resort, Inc. In 1991, Wailea Resort Company helped Maui CC to launch its first major fund raising event by providing one of its world class golf courses, free of charge, for the Maui CC Provost’s Golf Tournament. Over the ten years, the tournament has raised more than $185,000.

This synergy of community and Maui CC participants is the model for all other fund raising events at MCC, including the annual Telethon. Provost Clyde Sakamoto will present the awards on June 17 at the Maui CC Provost’s Golf Tournament to Karl Uesugi, President of Wailea Golf Resort, Inc. and Howard Nakamura, President of Wailea Resort Company, Ltd.

The Windward Arts Council

The Windward Arts Council (WAC) and Windward CC have worked together over the years to promote arts and culture for Windward O‘ahu. WAC presidents participate on the college’s advisory board, and the Council’s Artsletter is a regular vehicle for publicizing campus arts-related events such as art gallery shows, theatre performances, classes and monthly writing retreats. Members of WAC shared their expertise in the planning stages for the college’s new humanities building and performing/visual arts center as well.

This longstanding relationship has also brought support to the college’s award-winning literary magazine, Rain Bird. Since 1992, WAC has generously given cash awards to writers whose works are published in the magazine. And, the Council provides achievement awards in visual arts, writing, music, dance and theatre for high school level Windward residents. Windward CC is grateful to have such active supporters of the arts in the community and, with the new performing arts center, expects a long, fruitful partnership with WAC. Windward CC will present the award to the Windward Arts Council at its fall convocation ceremony to WAC President Anne McKay.

The Employment Training Center Schofield Barracks

When ETC began its facilities maintenance program, Schofield Barracks supported the program by accommodating all of its 75 students with internships during the first two years. Schofield continues to host 20-25 students a year. In addition to the Schofield site, the base also offers training at Fort Shafter, Wheeler Army Air Field, and Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden.

Because of the excellent hands-on training Schofield provides, interns are able to get jobs easily. The students who have trained at Schofield have all found jobs at other facilities, including HPower, SAIC, Punahou School, and Friends of Iolani. Alfonse Domingo, coordinator for Schofield’s Facilities Maintenance program, will accept the award at ETC’s Spring Awards ceremony on May 16.

ETC State Director Angela Meixell speaks highly of this partner, stating, “We are deeply grateful to Mr. Domingo and the Schofield staff who put so much effort and time into this program. They provide our students with a quality educational experience, giving them the tools and knowledge to succeed in their future endeavors.”

Facilities maintenance students develop a broad range of skills through the hands-on learning opportunities offered by Schofield Barracks.
Learners of all ages were treated to hands-on demonstrations, tantalizing culinary treats and other stimulating experiences thanks to a generous donation of time and talent by UHCC faculty and staff.

The Community College Awareness Days at Borders Books and Music, now in its third year as part of UHCC's National Community College Month festivities were again a great success.

Participants put on an impressive schedule of displays, performances and demonstrations that enlightened and entertained Borders' patrons and helped promote awareness of the valuable role the UHCCs play in lifelong learning.

LCC Biology Professor Martin Shapiro helping some inquisitive children look at life through a microscope at Borders Waikele store.

Kap CC PTK Chapter has stellar year

Kapi'olani CC's Alpha Kappa Psi had a stellar year and received the following awards: The Fellowship Hallmark, The Leadership Hallmark, The Scholarship Hallmark, and was the 4th runner up for the Most Distinguished Chapter award.

LCC receives 5-star status

Leeward Community College's Alpha Lambda Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students in two-year institutions, received special commendation during the Pacific Regional Convention by fulfilling all requirements for distinction as a five-star chapter, the highest rank possible.

Register today for Hawaii Great Teachers Seminar

There is still time to register for the Hawaii Great Teachers Seminar, scheduled for August 6 through 11 at the Kilauea Military Camp. For a copy of the registration brochure, call Cammie Matsumoto at 956-3871, or Larry Fujinaka at 455-0374.

This seminar has proven to be one of the top professional development experiences for faculty and has attracted teachers from across the US and other countries.

The Faa Samoa 2000 Conference, held March 31 and April 1 at Leeward CC, was an unprecedented success, due in large part to the support of committed organizations and individuals. At least seven hundred people attended, among them, some of Hawai'i's top business and political leaders.

Shown above are Department of Education Superintendent Paul LaMehieu, Miss Samoa Hawai'i, Dr. Fiaui, Governor Benjamin Cayetano, LCC Provost Sharon Narimatsu, and Representative Nestor Garcia accepting the Governor's proclamation declaring March 31 Faa Samoa Day in the state.
Dear Colleagues of the UH System—

April 30, 2000, brings to a close the UHCC’s year-long commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the UH Community Colleges. We are proud to be a part of the University of Hawai‘i.

We are proud of our track record in helping students learn. On the next few pages, we feature some of our Spring 2000 graduates who are well on their way to successful futures and fulfilling careers. It is wonderful to see that, in their stories, they often credit our colleges, our faculty and staff for their academic success.

Much of what we have been able to accomplish in helping students achieve their educational objectives has been due to the fact that we are part of the University system. More than half of the students who start their education at the community colleges plan to continue on to baccalaureate programs. This is their educational goal and their hope for the future.

Not all are ready to achieve this goal as they begin, yet each has the potential. It is our job to help these students to help themselves to enable them to achieve their goals...to stretch...to aspire...no matter how long it may take or what obstacles they may face.

As we close our 35th anniversary year, we reach out to all our colleagues throughout the UH system to ask for your continued help in this area. Help us help our students. Let us redouble our efforts to make articulation of courses and transfer of students as seamless and barrier-free as possible. Let us rededicate our efforts to make the following words of John F. Kennedy come true.

“All students do not have equal talents, but each student has the right to extend his or her talent to the fullest.”

Aloha and happy summer!

Joyce S. Tsunoda
Two Kap CC students make All-USA Academic Team

Rebecca McGonigle and Donovan Slack of Kapi‘olani CC have made Kapi‘olani CC the only community college in the nation to have two students named to the first team. These two students were among the twenty selected from the 1,400 students who applied for the honor.

They were honored by USA Today in Washington D.C. on April 10. Each was presented a $2,500 scholarship from USA Today, a gold medal presented by the American Association of Community Colleges, and a glass trophy given by Phi Theta Kappa.

Rebecca McGonigle, a liberal arts major who hopes to some day be a documentary filmmaker, is the president of Alpha Kappa Psi, Kap CC’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter. While at Kap CC, she organized campus-wide honors week, was a facilitator for the International Millennium Young People’s Conference, and a volunteer working with pediatric leukemia patients.

Donovan Slack is a journalism major and plans to some day be a journalist. At Kapi‘olani CC, she was a coordinator for the Millennium Action Fund, acted as facilitation coordinator and book editorial consultant for the international Millennium Young People’s Congress, worked as an editorial consultant for the youth book on United Nations human development, was the honor society’s regional president, and the editor of Kapo, Kap CC’s student paper.

Congratulations to the faculty, students and programs of the UH Community Colleges who will be honored at the 2000 Vocational Association Awards on May 20, 2000 at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Officers’ Club. The annual awards honor outstanding instructors, students, programs and partnerships that promote career and technical education throughout the state. For information or reservations, call Dave Murakami at 832-3695.

This year’s UHCC winners are:

Outstanding Postsecondary Vocational Education Student
- Christine P. Nakama, Windward CC

Outstanding Postsecondary Vocational Educator
- Stephen Wehrman, Kap CC Associate Professor, respiratory therapy

Outstanding Postsecondary Vocational Education Program
- Medical Laboratory Technician Program, Kapi‘olani CC
- Computing, Electronics & Networking Technology Program, Honolulu CC

Exemplary Business or Labor Involvement
- Hon CC Sheet Metal & Plastics Program Advisory Committee
Katherine Starr began life in California in a situation many might find too disturbing to imagine. Yet, she has risen above her challenges to a future she once thought beyond her reach.

Starr was forced to leave school and help her family make a living at the age of 12. That in itself would forebode a difficult road ahead, but in Starr's situation, it was even worse. The money she made delivering phone books and working in telemarketing went to support her parents' drug and alcohol addictions.

When Starr was 16, her parents died in a car accident. A friend's family helped her through her teens, but it would take several years and more "wrong turns," including an abusive relationship with a man, for Starr to take steps to change her future.

In a desperate effort to start over, Starr left California for Hawai'i, and began a long search for her true self. She stated, "I was 27 years old when I found out, vividly, that my parents were wrong—I did need an education, at the very least a high school diploma, to live and work successfully."

After obtaining her GED, Starr enrolled part-time at Honolulu CC. "H onolulu Community College has certainly made a difference in my life," Starr asserts.

Once she began her education, Starr immersed herself in it. She was accepted into Phi Theta Kappa and became the chapter president. While keeping a 3.92 GPA, she managed to volunteer for numerous college and community projects. "Two years ago, I had limited goals and impossible dreams. I lacked the self-confidence and assurance that comes with an education."

Today, Katherine Starr has been accepted, with more than $30,000 in grants and scholarships, at some of the top universities in the United States, including Wellesley and Mount Holyoke. "When I was a little girl, I wanted to be a doctor. But I didn't think it was possible," Starr proclaims. "As an adult, I've become reacquainted with that little girl, the one who believes that she can be anything she wants to be."

Starr gives much of the credit to the people and her learning experiences at Honolulu CC. "I am confident that with the foundation built at Honolulu CC, I can succeed. Now I can allow myself to have hopes, hopes which travel beyond my wildest imagination or prior expectations."

Hon CC’s Rising Starr

ETC goes beyond basics

When it comes to ETC’s efforts in helping students begin their job search, the staff leave no doors unopened… including one to a Clothes Closet. ETC accepts donations of career clothing and makes these professional clothes available to its students as they begin their job search and interview process.

The purpose of ETC’s training for adults is to find gainful employment. ETC staff teach their students to dress for success, an important factor in making that first impression.

According to Office Technology Professor Kay Beach, “It’s amazing how many of our at-risk students tell us they notice the difference in how professional they feel and how professionally they act when they dress professionally!”

The clothes are important, but so are many other aspects of meeting prospective employers and making a good impression. ETC Counselor Heipua Kaopua has created a series of videos covering that topic that run on ‘Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television, and are available to ETC’s many referring agencies.

The series includes items such as active listening and effective speaking, conflict resolution and customer service, phonogenics: telephone etiquette, and how to dress for a job interview.

Donations of professional clothes are always welcome. For more information, contact Evelyn Sugihara at 844-2316. 
LCC student overcomes challenge of starting anew

Martina A. Batten is a non-traditional student with some obvious goals and not so obvious obstacles. As Leeward CC’s Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Service, and winner of a 1999 PTK International Guistwhite Scholarship among her accomplishments, it might seem strange that Batten was fearful of returning to school after many years away. (She has three grown children, one of whom is graduating from the University of Central Florida only days before “Mom” graduates from LCC.) As Batten explains, “I returned to Hawai‘i to pursue a dream, but could not find a suitable job. I knew I should go to school, but was too frightened to take the first step. One day, I just pushed myself to drop in at LCC, and fortunately, Counselor Joan Souza was there to listen.”

According to Batten, Souza helped her come to grips with her fear. “Joan told me I had already made much scarier decisions...children, jobs, moves...I immediately knew she was right. We sat together there until I had mapped out my whole educational plan.”

Once at LCC, however, Batten found out something neither she nor anyone else knew. She had learning disabilities. According to Batten, “I was making decent grades in some courses, but I seemed to study harder than anyone else. I found my foreign language course impossible. An instructor suggested that I test to see if the problem could be a learning disability. To my surprise, the tests proved that I did.” Batten and the LCC staff immediately took steps to address her problems.

Batten is completing her studies at Leeward CC this spring, and is currently enrolled in Social Work 200 at UH - Mānoa. Not only has she been accepted into the UHM School of Social Work, but was also recently named a UH Presidential Scholar and has been invited by President Mortimer to serve on the University’s Commission for Disability Access, a nine-member panel with two student representatives.

Now, Batten is looking forward to the educational challenges ahead. She says she has tremendous support from Ann Ito, Director of the Kokua project at UHM, and Nathan Chang, Chair of the School of Social Work. Batten is clearly on her way to becoming a social worker—her longtime goal!

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It was March 23, 1994, and Roberta AuYoung's heart was singing. AuYoung was finally being released from a court-ordered drug rehabilitation program in Hilo. For one year, the 23-year-old had sat behind bars. Yet the pull of “ice” was still strong. Once outside the rehab facility, Roberta tried to buy some crystal methamphetamine. When she was unsuccessful, she went home to sleep, glancing at the stars through her bedroom window. The heat of the morning sun woke her. But when she opened her eyes, AuYoung was puzzled. “Everything was pitch black,” she remembers. While she was sleeping, a tumor next to her right optic nerve had ruptured, melting the connection between her eyes and her brain. Via medevac, she was taken from Hilo to Straub Hospital on Oahu where doctors attempted to repair her eyesight. But the tumor had destroyed 98 percent of her vision. Doctors theorized that the tumor was a result of built-up strychnine in her system, caused by years of drug abuse.

These and other horrors are chronicled in “A Lighter Shade of Grey,” AuYoung's recently completed autobiography describing her battle against drug abuse and blindness. Those darker days stand in contrast to AuYoung's life today at Windward CC. She is currently president of the honor society, carries a 3.5 GPA and works as a peer tutor in the STARR program. In 1994, AuYoung was told that she would need to always be dependent on someone due to her blindness, she is self-sufficient. But she began selling wood carvings, lauhala weaving and lei and, as her business flourished, she thought about returning to school.

Ann Ito, of UH-Mānoa’s Kokua Services steered Roberta toward Windward CC. There, she has flourished. In 1997, her story, “The Turtle of Leleiwi Beach,” was published in Readers Digest. A recent story won first place in the Phi Theta Kappa annual Pacific Region short story competition. Completion of her autobiography, which she hopes to publish in the coming year, has been another major accomplishment.

The first group of Honolulu CC aviation students will complete the college’s aviation program this spring. Two of these students have received scholarships to go on to the University of North Dakota (UND) to continue their aviation training and work toward a baccalaureate degree.

David Naughton and Tony Shei will continue their aviation studies at UND in the fall. About ten other aviation students have completed their academic requirements, but will continue at Hon CC through the fall to gain more flight time.

Naughton said many others in his class have previous educational degrees or other careers. He explained, “The aviation program takes considerable focus, discipline and drive. Many of us had embarked on other career paths, but our love for flying won out.”

Shei and Naughton (above) were recently notified that they have been granted scholarships from the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation. Honolulu CC is one of only 13 institutions in the nation to receive these scholarships. The two will receive $3000 per semester for their next four semesters at UND.
The Honolulu Police Department invited the Administration of Justice programs at Hawai‘i CC, Honolulu CC, and Maui CC to take part in an all-day demonstration that brought new depths of understanding to the special duties of HPD’s SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team.

Held March 27 at HPD’s training facility in Waipahu, Ke Kula Mā‘a‘i, the event was a valuable learning experience for the students, their guests, and friends and family of the SWAT team. About 150 people, including Hawai‘i Pacific University, UH West O‘ahu and Chaminade students, were on hand.

Through a variety of displays and demonstrations, the SWAT team showed an enraptured audience some of the unique equipment, intensive training, and difficult situations in which they are often placed. They created scenarios to demonstrate how they handle dangerous situations, such as hostage, sniper, and barricaded suspect incidents.

Honolulu CC’s Administration of Justice Instructor Bob Vericker said, “We are truly grateful to Police Chief Donohue and the SWAT team for giving us this rare opportunity to understand the workings of this special division of the police force.”

Hawai‘i CC Instructor Stacy Wyland-Spriggs and her AJ students turned this trip to O‘ahu during Spring Break into an opportunity to also visit the women’s prison, tour the Honolulu Police Department headquarters, and other sites. According to Wyland-Spriggs, “The Administration of Justice Club raised money through car washes and other means just to come to O‘ahu for this Spring Break learning experience. It has definitely been that.”

John Wilt, Administration of Justice Professor from Maui CC, brought six of his students for the event, plus a student who is enrolled in his class through distance education on Moloka‘i. Wilt noted, “Our students are getting a first-hand opportunity to see how truly committed these officers are to their work. They put on a thorough, well-planned, highly educational program for all of us. We are very grateful to the officers and the police chief.”

Students get a close-up look at an HPD helicopter and learn about the various ways in which it is used in the field.