University of Hawai‘i Community College students and programs came home from the International Phi Theta Kappa conference in Denver at the end of March with many top awards. Kapi‘olani CC’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Alpha Kappa Psi, was named one of the top six distinguished chapters in the Society for the second year in a row, competing with more than 1,200 chapters nationwide for the honor. Kapi‘olani CC Chapter Officer Linda Letta stated, “It is impressive that we’ve won this award, but to win it two years in a row truly shows the caliber of our students and program.”

Alpha Kappa Psi also won Hallmark Awards in the areas of Fellowship and Leadership and received a trophy for being among the top 25 chapters in Phi Theta Kappa.

Several UHCC students and staff also received recognition. Michelle Fong, of Kapi‘olani CC was awarded a George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award. Anthony Lum of Honolulu CC won a 2001 Distinguished Chapter President Award and Dona Takahashi of Kapi‘olani CC won a 2001 Distinguished Chapter Officer Award. Linda Letta of Kapi‘olani CC won a 2001 Paragon Award for New Advisors. Jorge Corbalan of Kapi‘olani CC was awarded a regional officer award and Charlotte Toguchi of Kapi‘olani CC, Phi Theta Kappa Coordinator for the Pacific Region, was presented with the 2001 Distinguished Regional Coordinator award. Look inside this special graduation issue for more stories about outstanding UHCC students and programs.
We all know that the benefits of education are far-reaching. People with a college education tend to have higher-paying jobs and better health. They volunteer and vote more. We also know that Hawai’i employers depend on the knowledge and skills of our graduates to build and sustain their organizations.

Many of the articles in this issue of the UHCC Newsletter focus on our students and graduates. We know our students deserve the credit for recognizing the importance of education and for taking that initial step onto our campuses. Yet, time and again, they name individual faculty and counselors, program coordinators, and campus mentors as the “people who have changed their lives.”

Without the dedicated faculty and staff who make educational opportunities at the UHCCs possible, there would be no readily accessible starting point for their success.

We have all worked very hard to build our community colleges into flexible, responsive, dynamic institutions. We have also begun to reap the rewards of our work, as witnessed in the growing community support for our efforts. Even the strong student and community support during the recent UHPA strike demonstrates that people realize the vital role we play in providing the starting point for career and educational success.

I am grateful that an equitable agreement was reached and the strike was resolved. But, this does not mean we return to “business as usual.” Now is the time to regain our momentum in moving our colleges forward by increasing our services, expanding opportunities in new technologies, reaffirming our relationships with industry and education partners, and pursuing professional development goals—whatever we need to do to be our best.

Student success stories affirm the fact that we are very good at what we do. They also reflect the dedication and commitment of our UHCC family. As we move toward the restorative days of summer, please remember that we are a team and all of our services are vital to Hawai’i’s future.

From the Employment Training Center’s short-term, basic skills training, to the broad base of knowledge provided through our liberal arts courses, to the advanced technology training offered through PCATT, the UH Community Colleges offer more than just education…we offer hope.

Joyce S. Tsunoda
Senior Vice President, UH and Chancellor for Community Colleges

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGAIN OUR MOMENTUM IN MOVING OUR COLLEGES FORWARD...
KAUAʻI CC FILM FESTIVAL SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

A student film festival at Kauaʻi Community College brought budding filmmakers to the campus late last month. Students on Kauaʻi, the Big Island and Oʻahu were showcased in what organizers explain is an attempt to encourage filmmaking by young people. The chairman of the successful event was Kelvin Manalo, president of Kauaʻi CC’s Film Club and president of the Associated Students of Kauaʻi CC.

HON CC STUDENTS WIN GATES SCHOLARSHIPS

Troy Baker and Frank Lee Sardinha of Honolulu Community College were two of only seven students in Hawaiʻi to be awarded Gates Millennium Scholarships. Troy Baker explains that the scholarship covers most of the costs not covered by his Pell Grant. Baker is transferring to UH Mānoa, to the School of Arts and Sciences and plans to enter the School of Education. The Gates Millennium Scholars program is aimed at expanding access to higher education for students who reflect the diverse society in which we live.

KAP CC STUDENT WINS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jorge Corbalan had no sooner returned from a successful trip to the Phi Theta Kappa awards in Denver than he found out he also won an EMI/Selena scholarship, awarded to only ten students nationwide that are of Hispanic ancestry.

ETC OFFERS NEW LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

The State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has identified approximately 4,000 hearing impaired citizens, some who are interested in education and training to become economically self-sufficient. In response, the Employment Training Center has developed a Life Skills course to transition these students to further training and/or employment. Many of these students have had sheltered lives and need to make the adjustment gradually. The Life Skills course covers math, language arts, and personal development skills such as note-taking, study skills, and e-mail. The program offers challenging assignments in a supportive, cooperative learning environment to foster a positive learning experience.

UHCCS TO HOST APRICA SYMPOSIUM THIS SUMMER

A three-year plan for symposia to address child care issues will begin this summer at the East-West Center. Co-sponsored by the UH Community Colleges, Aprica, and members of the pediatric medicine community in Hawaiʻi, the first Hawaiʻi Summer Institute on Childcare and Child Development will take place August 12-16 and feature speakers, group discussions and lectures focused on improving the healthy development of our children. The Institute’s goal is to work collaboratively in the areas of service, training and research to enable the University of Hawaiʻi system to become a mecca for early childhood research, education and service.

Culinary student Soontaree Gervais was the overall winner at the Third Annual Hilo Culinary Classic on April 27. Gervais (in cap) stands with (l to r) her faculty Allan Okuda and Pat Dacanay and Hawaiʻi CC Provost Sandra Sakaguchi. The Classic is a competitive food show with samplings created by Hawaiʻi Community College Hilo culinary arts students.

UHCC TUITION PROPOSAL APPROVED BY REGENTS

Beginning in 2001-02, UH Community College resident and nonresident students will pay for all credits for which they are registered. Beginning in 2003-04, resident tuition increases of $2 per credit will go into effect. Tuition will then increase by $2 per credit annually through 2005-06. The UHCCs recognize that this policy change may impact a small number of students who are needy but do not qualify for financial aid, tuition waivers, scholarships or HOPE tax credits. We are committed to address individual situations through the use of partial tuition waivers.
**ACT Centers open on two UHCC campuses**

The first ACT Centers℠ in Hawai‘i opened their doors on March 29 at Maui and Honolulu Community Colleges, joining a growing nationwide network of technology-driven workforce testing and training centers.

ACT Centers, the latest in high-tech, distance-delivered training, provide businesses and individuals with easy and affordable access to on-site and web-based services for workforce development.

ACT Centers offer courses that allow individuals to expand their skills for their present job or to learn something completely new. Individuals can work at their own time and at their own pace with individualized courses to meet their needs and schedules.

Training and testing is available in areas such as:

- Adult Literacy/Employability Skills
- Computer Basics
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Industrial Technology & Safety Skills
- Information Technology
- Management and Leadership
- Performance Improvement

Maui CC invited members of the business and college community, including Mayor Kimo Apana, to participate in the dedication ceremony of the new ACT Center in the Laulima Building on the Maui CC campus.

On O‘ahu, at Honolulu CC, the ACT Center opening was joined with the opening of the headquarters for the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training.
On April 4, at the American Association of Community Colleges Conference in Chicago, Kapi‘olani CC student Kamilla Ma‘ii was honored as the Centennial Scholar from the State of Hawai‘i. Only one chosen from each of the 50 states. Ma‘ii was also recognized as a member of the second team in the All USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Ma‘ii is a non-traditional student, having graduated from high school in Florida about 25 years ago. She explains, “I was a 4.0 student but was counseled to enter a trade school so I could support myself, as opposed to working toward my dream of attending college.”

A quarter century later, Ma‘ii is the mother of three, the Honolulu Service Unit Manager for the Girl Scout Council of Hawai‘i and a leader of a troupe of Girl Scout Cadets. She is also finally following through on her dream and graduating from Kapi‘olani CC this spring.

At Kapi‘olani CC, Ma‘ii found herself attending classes on the same campus as her oldest son. She maintained a 3.7 GPA while earning a reputation as “Aunty” in her role as mentor and tutor.

Upon return from the Phi Theta Kappa Conference and AACC Conference, Ma‘ii also learned she had been selected as a Presidential Scholar by the University of Hawai‘i. She plans to attend UH Mānoa in the fall to pursue a degree in special education.

“What I learned through Phi Theta Kappa is that a leader is someone who takes the initiative to serve and serves well,” Ma‘ii commented. She realizes that, in her role as mother and Girl Scout leader, she is a possible role model for many, and sees that as an important responsibility.

As a Centennial scholar, Kamilla Ma‘ii was given the honor of carrying the state flag in impressive ceremonies at the AACC convention which marked the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of community colleges. Each Centennial Scholar also received a $2,000 scholarship.

The Centennial Scholars program is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges in cooperation with Phi Theta Kappa. The program was underwritten by The Coca-Cola Company Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, with additional support from Protocol National, an information systems management company.
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That whole life pattern changed at Windward CC. Miyake went on to graduate with distinction from Windward and UH West O'ahu. He says he will always be grateful to his Windward CC teachers for helping him discover the value of education.

“Someone once said, ‘when you enjoy what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life.’ That’s how I feel about helping kids. I’ve been through everything they’re going through.

“I just want to tell them, ‘Believe in yourself and never give up.’”

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For former WCC student, its never too late to learn

by Libby Young, Windward CC

Leighton Miyake sits in the sunshine at Kane‘ohe District Park, talking about some of the kids he has worked with. “I see myself in them,” he says a little sheepishly. “I was a rebel, one angry person. I’m lucky I didn’t end up in jail.”

Instead, Miyake credits Windward CC with helping him find a different path.

“I’m living proof that it’s never too late to turn your life around,” he maintains. “When I first started at Windward, I was filled with anxiety. I had dropped out of high school and was coming back to school at age 39.”

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Students may be working on the development of virtual worlds, but they are gaining real-world experiences on the Honolulu CC campus. In a unique partnership begun last October, Atlantis Cyberspace which was formerly at the Mānoa Innovation Center, is using space at Honolulu CC for the development of its virtual reality technology. Two Honolulu CC students in the Computer Electronics and Networking Technologies (CENT) program (also a UH Mānoa student and a student from University College Cork, Ireland) are completing internships with Atlantis Cyberspace and learning all sorts of things about the development and implementation of the high-tech virtual reality industry. They all agree, it is an experience they could not get anywhere else in Hawai‘i.

Atlantis Cyberspace founder and President Laurent Scallie, views the relationship with Honolulu CC as a win-win-win situation. Honolulu CC’s old machine shop was empty and in a state of disrepair. As part of the rental agreement with Honolulu CC, Atlantis has provided considerable renovations to the building. The CENT students, who are always looking for valuable internship opportunities, are not only using their computer technology skills, they are also learning about software development, business operation and many other aspects of the VR industry. And, Atlantis Cyberspace now has the space to build its business—with some extra help from students who are almost always nearby. At a demonstration of the equipment for Sprint employees and University staff, CENT student Julius Omo noted, “When I’m not in class or at the library, I’m here working and learning.”

The CENT students have helped as much as possible as Atlantis Cyberspace prepared to ship its first eight-pod, turnkey entertainment center to a venture in Korea. Omo helped install hardware components in the system, but the experience has whetted his appetite for learning more about VR technology. “There’s so much to learn,” agreed Si Leong, another CENT student, who is helping to build a new server and assisting with security set-up for the system.

Scallie explained that Atlantis Cyberspace is bootstrapping it now, but their unique operating system and multi-user design has generated considerable interest worldwide. He envisions that his VR entertainment systems will be installed at some of the large gaming arcades, entertainment centers and amusement parks around the world. “Then we could have a team of people in Japan or Korea competing against a team in the U.S. live in cyberspace, and all of it would be coordinated remotely through our Hawai‘i base,” Scallie explains.

Scallie also recognizes the importance of sharing the technology Atlantis Cyberspace is developing with today’s students. “The students are getting first hand experiences with a start-up company. It creates a motivation for them to succeed because they can see the potential for their own future innovations.”

Honolulu CC CENT student Si Leong works on a new server at Atlantis Cyberspace while, in the background, employees and interns test the “Unreal Universe” virtual reality game.
Chancellor’s Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Chancellor’s Golf Tournament is just around the corner. Sign up today!

Place: Waiekele Golf Club
Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2001
Time: Shotgun start—all teams will tee-off at 12:00 p.m. Check-in from 11:00 a.m. (Come early and join us for lunch)
Entry: $330 per three-person team (Includes lunch, dinner, refreshments, prizes and two (2) mulligans per golfer!)
Awards: Awards program and dinner follow immediately at the Club House

A three-person team best ball format shall be used with USGA rules. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 2, 2001. The field will be limited to the first 60 teams. Should you have questions, please call Mike Unebasami at the Chancellor’s Office, 956-6280 or 956-7471.

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MAUI CC GEARING UP FOR NEW DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Maui Community College is now in the planning stage of a new project which focuses on training opportunities in disaster management in cooperation with the Maui High Performance Computing Center, the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) and George Washington University.

The project will work with other Hawaiian and Pacific Rim educational institutions to form an Educational Consortium for the delivery of Internet-based courses in disaster management. Ultimately, students wishing to enroll in an Associate’s degree program in Disaster Management will have the option to transfer to a four-year program in Disaster Management. Maui CC will also assist PDC with other training and information projects, including expansion and articulation of the SURGE volunteer training program. The project may also offer Maui CC interns the opportunity for a ride-along in a DC-8 aircraft that NASA has retrofitted for weather reconnaissance.

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East Meets West in Honolulu in July

The UH Community Colleges will host two international events this summer for community college provosts, presidents and administrators.

The Annual Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) Summer Institute and Training Academy will take place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, July 6-10, 2001. The CCID Conference is open to CCID members and it will focus on the direction and goals for CCID in the coming years. Chancellor Tsunoda is presently the Chair of this organization.

Then on July 9 and 10, the UHCCs again will host the 5th Biennial Seminar for Presidents of Junior and Community Colleges, co-sponsored by the Association of Private Junior Colleges in Japan and the Japanese Society of Public Junior Colleges to be held at the East-West Center.

This conference is held every other year and promotes the sharing of information, issues and solutions among administrators of Japanese and American community colleges and other institutions of higher education.

Both conferences will provide important opportunities to discuss the role of the community colleges in the global workforce and allow participants to network with colleagues from around the world.
The UH Community Colleges pride themselves on providing access and serving a diverse group of students. Reuben Chong, at age 40, is strong evidence that the open-door policy and affordable tuition offered at the UHCCs can bring hope, and help people develop their own pathway for success.

Chong was born and raised in Pearl City, but somewhere along the way, his life took a wrong turn. Abandoned by his adoptive parents at age 3, Chong says he spent most of his life alone. As a ward of the state, he was in and out of foster homes. At 16, he ran away from home and joined the Army. After about six years, he was honorably discharged from service, but had developed a drinking problem along the way.

Broke, ashamed, and without any family, he found his escape in drugs. A two-year stint in both the Halawa and Wai‘awa Correctional facilities on a theft conviction served as a reality check for Chong, who began putting his life back together.

In an interview for the Honolulu Advertiser (7/20/00), Chong was quoted as saying, “I believe God offers us moments of clarity, with a window of opportunity not far behind. This time he shouted so loud, I couldn’t ignore it.” Before leaving prison, he entered a substance abuse program, and passed up his parole opportunity in order to spend another eight months at the prison working as a peer counselor with the program.

After his release in November 1998, Chong enrolled at Leeward Community College. He worked as an English tutor during the school year and took a full load of classes every semester.

“Leeward CC opened up so many doors for me, doors of dreams,” Chong stated said. “I achieved things that I never thought were possible for someone like me.”

A devout Christian, Chong feels it is important to share his story and beliefs with others. When he visits the Wai‘awa prison facility to tutor inmates, he shares his experiences in the hope that it will give them confidence that they, too, can turn their lives around. “My hope is to give them hope,” he said.

This spring, Reuben Chong will graduate with a 3.94 GPA and has been selected as a University of Hawai‘i Presidential Scholar. According to Beth Kupper-Herr, a Leewrd CC professor, “Reuben has continued to race ahead, embracing challenges and opportunities of all kinds and continuing his record of outstanding scholarship and superlative service to campus and community. He’s been involved in student government, Phi Theta Kappa, peer mentoring, peer advising, tutoring in the Learning Resource Center, and more. He has organized full-day LCC campus visits for inmates of Wai‘awa Correctional Center who are nearing their release, and, as a result, several have enrolled at the college.

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The Employment Training Center now offers e-MOUS. e-MOUS signifies that ETC’s Microsoft Office User Specialist certification courses are now available online. Registration can be done by clicking on mous@hawaii.edu.

KAP CC PUTS NEW INTERNATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR ON THE WEB

Do you have an international event planned? Is your campus hosting an international visitor? Go to the Kapiolani CC Web site at http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/news/calendar/index.htm and click on the International Events Calendar. Track events, record events to share with colleagues and help make this new service a valuable tool for students and faculty alike.
Several years ago, the UH Community Colleges created a systemwide marketing committee to develop a marketing plan to support the colleges in their recruiting efforts and to enhance overall image and awareness of the UHCCs in the community.

Originally, the marketing plan was designed to improve the perceived value of a community college education by focusing on our many successful graduates. In the following year, ads focused on our partnerships with industry to increase awareness of the important role we play in workforce development. Now in its third year, the UHCCs are supplementing campus-based recruiting efforts with system wide, program-focused advertising that highlights our diversity and quality.

The UHCC marketing committee has combined program-focused television ads, with print advertising and face-to-face marketing opportunities. The ads work to get the message out to the public and create interest, but, according to Susan Lee, UHCC Coordinator for Community Affairs and Special Programs, the face-to-face contact has the most impact.

Lee explains “Each member of the UHCC faculty and staff impacts student recruitment and retention. We all play a vital role in creating the perceptions that people have about us. A question answered promptly, for instance, tells people we are responsive; a smile while walking across campus says we are friendly; a simple “How are you today?” or “Can I help you?” tells people we are eager to serve.

Lee also points out that the same holds true when faculty and staff are off campus, participating in any one of a multitude of community events.

The UHCCs, for instance, are participating in Workforce 2001, which takes place at the Neal Blaisdell Center on May 23. The event plans to attract up to 9,000 people interested in career opportunities. Lee and others hope to convince them to consider the UHCCs as a vital step in their career plans.

Lee points out that marketing has become more difficult due to the diversity of our student body and the increasing demands of technology.

“Our adult student market continues to grow. Studies show that adult learners want services of all kinds; they want convenient locations and timely scheduling for completion of their studies.

“Generation X students are, of course, already cyber-literate and expect the availability of the latest technologies in the classroom. They grew up in a world with mass media and Internet access, and like to make their own decisions. They are savvy, cost-conscious customers.

“The newest generation to enter our campuses, sometimes referred to as the Y generation, is the “Millennials.” Research indicates that these young people enjoy “multi-tasking” because they have grown up with the TV and stereo going, as they sit at their computer doing their homework and talking on the phone. They learn differently and want to know “why” a given task or assignment must be completed. They want to know the value of what they are learning and think that being technologically literate is of utmost importance.”

In addition to the challenges of marketing to different ages, there are the challenges of cultural diversity and varied educational backgrounds, limitations created by our island geography, and the constant changes in technology.

Lee adds, “To create effective marketing, we will continue to research and define our students needs, and then work with the campuses to fill those needs. However, one thing has not changed —and hopefully never will. As we talk with students and alumni, we continue to hear the stories of how caring faculty and staff provided support, motivation and inspiration. These are the best marketing tools any community college could have.” ✿
Cisco continues to build its partnership with UHCCs

Cisco Systems continues to be an outstanding education partner with the UHCCs. Kent Leong, Regional Account Manager for Cisco Systems, has been instrumental in the development of Hawai‘i’s Cisco Academies, which have gained national recognition for their success.

Hawai‘i’s Cisco Networking Academies began when the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges partnered with Cisco to offer training to high school teachers in Cisco technologies. From there, the high school teachers were able to take their training back to their high school students. During summer months and winter breaks, participating high school teachers attend training classes at Honolulu CC, Maui CC, or Hawai‘i CC. When they return to teach at their high school the following semester, they bring their new training with them. High school students get first-hand experience in designing and creating local area networks for their high schools and, in some cases, wide area networks joining different high schools and community colleges. This multi-level training program required a minimal investment by the high schools and colleges for the creation of the computer labs and networks.

Since its inception in August 1998, nearly 900 high school and college students and their teachers have received the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) training. Eighteen area high schools and colleges now offer CCNA training and the number continues to grow. Through the support of Cisco Systems, Honolulu CC has also become a CCNP training facility and has provided training for China, Taiwan, Singapore, and other Asia/Pacific countries.

Cisco Systems is also helping to put Hawai‘i on the high-tech computer technologies map. Most recently, Honolulu CC was selected as a Cisco Academy Training Center for Sponsored Curriculum (CATC-SC). This makes Hawai‘i one of only about 30 training locations throughout the United States. Four instructors from Honolulu CC will attend training in late May and early June. The first two sponsored curricula are with Sun Microsystems (Fundamentals of UNIX) and Adobe Systems (Fundamentals of Web Design). Once the instructors return, the college will offer training to instructors from Cisco Academies throughout the United States.

Additionally, Honolulu CC was recently chosen as a node on the Global Learning Network, a joint effort between Digital Island and Cisco Networking Academies that is presently being rolled out across the planet to deliver high-speed distributed access (via strategically placed caching servers) to users of Cisco Academy curriculum and sponsored curriculum.

Leeward CC Pottery Sale
Wed. May 2, 2001, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Eucalyptus Courtyard, LCC. For information, call 455-0011.

Kaua’i Community College Orchestra Spring Concert
Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. For information, call 245-6624.

Taste of the Stars
LCC culinary benefit dinner. Sat., May 5, 2001, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Leeward CC’s The Pearl.

Kaua’i Community College Band Spring Concert
Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m. For information, call 245-6624.

Chancellor’s Golf Tournament

Kaua’i High School Bands Spring Concert
Thurs., May 17, 7:30 p.m. For information, call 245-6624.

Kaua’i Chorale Spring Concert
Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m. For information, call 332-8890.

The Neighbor Island All Star Hawai‘i Guitar Festival
Sun., June 17, 7 p.m., featuring prominent jazz, classical and Hawaiian slack key guitarists. For information, call 245-6624.

Deepening the Discourse of Human Rights Seminar
June 17-22, Maui CC. For information, call 984-3331.
HIHR seeks social justice solutions at summer seminar

by Joshua Cooper, Maui Community College

Small acts can transform the world. This and other ideas about raising consciousness, connecting through compassion, and sharing strategies for seeking social justice will be shared this summer during the second annual Hawai‘i Institute for Human Rights (HIHR).

The idea for the HIHR was born out of the first international law and peace course taught at Maui Community College. Students decided to share the knowledge they gained with their community and the global civil society. Three-week courses at the University of Hawai‘i campuses on O‘ahu, Hawai‘i and Maui were developed, and participants studied principles of peace and institutions for human rights. (Photo of first class shown above.) As part of the HIHR, the UHCCs hosted some of the most esteemed human rights professors, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights legal specialists, leaders of the global indigenous movement, and United Nations human rights officers.

Another important component of the course was the sharing of knowledge with the community. Each participant presented original research at community forums and connected the research with real experiences in Hawai‘i. The papers were presented in community caucuses attracting between 10-45 citizens on every island.

The second Hawai‘i Institute for Human Rights summer seminar will take place this year. There will be lectures with legal experts, global group discussions and projects, hands-on human rights activities, and excursions of empowerment. Put knowledge into practice through international instruments and institutions, and vigils of nonviolence against injustices in the Hawaiians islands.

The second annual summer seminar, titled, “Deepening the Discourse of Human Rights: Developing Nonviolent Strategies for Direct Action and Diplomacy,” will be held June 4-22, 2001 O‘ahu, Hawai‘i and Maui. All students are welcome to participate. For more information visit the HIHR Web site at www.hihr.org or call 984-3331 on Maui.

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