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About the Project

Purpose
To upgrade the skills and promote the career development of in-service, part-time teachers (PTTs), and educational assistants (EAs) 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 BELL, 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 BELL 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 BELL 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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Carol Arnold

Degree Sought: MEdT
Academic Emphasis: Secondary Education
Language(s): English
Mentor:
Academic Advisor: Hunter McEwan

Career Objective: To assist students with language barriers to speak English and learn the life skills that are necessary to live in our society.

Education:
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Graduate Student, present

University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Liberal Studies, 1995

Work Experience:
2003-present
PTT ESLL, Waipahu Community School for Adults

2003-present
PTT ESLL, Washington Middle School

2000-2002
PTT ESLL, McKinley Community School for Adults

1998-2000
PTT ESLL, Kaimuki Community School for Adults

Personal Background: I have lived in Hawaii for 25 years. I became interested in ESL because I wanted to be apart of helping the diverse people of Hawaii learn to speak English. This is a very rewarding experience for me.

Interests/Hobbies: Scuba diving, reading, hiking, and sewing.
Kelly Bokin

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Secondary Education
Language(s): Marshallese and English
Mentor: Kay Caldwell
Academic Advisor: Stewart Wiggers and Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To become an ESL teacher.

Education: Leeward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: 2001-Present
PTT ESLL, Waipahu High School

Personal Background: I am from the Marshall Islands and I have six brothers and five sisters. I enjoy working with young people and am interested in learning and experiencing different cultures and lifestyles.

Interests/Hobbies: Fishing, playing tennis, and billiards.
Andrew Chung

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Fukienese, Mandarin, and English
Mentor: Betsy Itoga
Academic Advisor: Helen Hasegawa

Career Objective: To become an elementary school teacher and to empower students by raising their level of standards and expectations.

Education:
University of Hawaii at Manoa
BEd, Elementary Education, present

Williams College
BA, Economics, 1985

Work Experience:
2000-Present
PTT Title I, Ala Wai Elementary

2000-2001
Instructor, Project AWESOME

1985-1987
English Instructor, Gakken Publishing

Personal Background: I was born in Taipei, Taiwan, and at the age of three, my family immigrated to the United States. I grew up in upstate New York attending Albany High School and later, Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts where I majored in Economics. I lived in Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong following my graduation from college. In 1992, I moved to Hawaii where I became the general manager for Versace for 7 years. I am now in the process of switching careers from business to education.

Interests/Hobbies: Playing golf, reading comics, spending time with my wife and son, and learning about history and exotic cultures.
Sourivanh De Jesus

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Laotian, Thai, and English
Mentor: Kay Caldwell
Academic Advisor: Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To guide bilingual students into regular classes and to motivate youth towards positive educational goals.

Education: Leeward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience:
2001-present
PTT ESLL, Ewa Beach Elementary School

1997-1999
PTT ESLL, Waianae Elementary School

1996-1997
PTT ESLL, Windward District School

Personal Background: I came to America in 1981, and am the eldest daughter with four younger brothers. Education is very important to me, which is why I am the first in my family to pursue a degree in higher education. As a first-generation American, I understand the frustration that comes with learning to speak, read, and write a new language. Through my experiences, I have been inspired to make a difference in the lives of individuals as an ESL P.T.T.

Interests/Hobbies: Spending time with my family and friends, sightseeing, photography, hiking, swimming, gardening, cooking, and eating spicy foods.
A. Makana Elkington

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English and Hawaiian
Mentor: Eleanor Tokunaga
Academic Advisor: Patricia Chong

Career Objective: To become an elementary teacher, preferably working with ESL students.

Education:
Windward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Windward Community College
AA, Agriculture, 1996

Work Experience:
2002-present
PTT ESLL, Puohala Elementary School

1998-2002
EA ESLL, King Intermediate School

Personal Background: I was born on the Windward side of Oahu and am married with two children.

Interests/Hobbies: Being outdoors, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, gardening, and crafts.
Lee-Ann Farias

Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Elementary Education**
Language(s): **English**
Mentor: **Eleanor Tokunaga**
Academic Advisor: **Patricia Chong and Melvin Spencer**

Career Objective: To educate regular and ESL students.

Education: Windward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: 1996-present
PTT ESLL, Benjamin Parker Elementary School
1990-1995
PTT, Kalihi Elementary School

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Hawaii. I plan to teach in the State of Hawaii.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, traveling, and collecting shells.
Faith Flazer

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English and Hawaiian
Mentor: Florence Matsuda
Academic Advisor: Helen Hasegawa

Career Objective: To become a Hawaiian Immersion teacher.

Education: Kapiolani Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: Present
EA, Kaewai Elementary School

Personal Background: I have lived in Hawaii all my life and am passionate and devoted to learning the Hawaiian language.

Interests/Hobbies: Spending time with my children and dancing hula.
Elton Gemeno-Hing

Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Elementary and Special Education**
Language(s): **English**
Mentor: 
Academic Advisor: **Niki Libarios**

Career Objective: To become an inspirational educator and role model for both ESL and mainstream students.

Education:
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
  - BEd, Elementary and Special Education, present
- Leeward Community College
  - AA, Liberal Arts, 1999

Work Experience:
- 2000-Present
  - PTT ESLL, Kaiser High School

- 1995-Present
  - Volunteer, SRILING GAWA

- 2000-2001
  - Recreational aide, Hoʻomana

Personal Background:
I was born and raised in Wailua, a predominantly Filipino community on the island of Oahu, where many of my relatives and friends are bilingual speakers. I am the first in my family to attend college.

Interests/Hobbies:
- Drama, storytelling, public speaking, music, dance, surfing, body boarding, skateboarding, Photoshop, and luxury cars.
Career Objective: To become a certified teacher and teach in the Hawaii school system.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Graduate Student, present

University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Psychology, 1992

Work Experience: 2000-Present
PTT ESL, Kamiloiki Elementary School

1999-2000
Teacher SPED, Department of Health

1994-1996
Teacher SPED, Heeia Elementary School

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Hawaii and hope to teach one day in the Hawaii school system.

Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, surfing the Internet, volleyball, basketball, football, and spending time with my husband and dog.
Spencer Harris
Degree Sought: MEdT
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English and Japanese
Mentor:
Academic Advisor: Hunter McEwan

Career Objective: To become an elementary school teacher.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Sociology, present

Work Experience: 1999-Present
PTT Japanese Language, Ala Wai Elementary School

Personal Background: I moved to Hawaii in 1995 from Minnesota and began volunteering at Ala Wai Elementary School. I was later hired as a Part-Time Teacher at Ala Wai teaching Japanese language. Currently, I am also Co-Advisor of the Junior Police Officer program.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, writing, watching movies, playing card games, and cooking.
Elzbieta Hodara
Degree Sought: MEdT
Academic Emphasis: Secondary Education
Language(s): Polish and English
Mentor: Kara Ann Mark
Academic Advisor: Helen Hasegawa

Career Objective: To work with high school and college level international students.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
MEdT, present

Arizona State University
BA, Special Education, 1998

Work Experience: Present
Teacher SPED, Pohukaina School

2000-2001
Teacher, Kaimuki High School

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Poland and moved to the United States at age fifteen. I graduated from Clifton High School in New York. I have a wealth of experience working with disabled individuals and with second language speakers. I am also a licensed massage therapist and yoga instructor.

Interests/Hobbies: Yoga, dance, learning new languages, healing arts, and reading.
Ana Hungalu

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Tongan, Samoan, and English
Mentor: 
Academic Advisor: Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To become a certified ESL and regular elementary teacher in the Hawaii school system. I also wish to be in a position where I can use my experience to guide, assist, and inspire students from the Pacific Islands while they are in Hawaii pursuing their academic goals.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Student, 2003

Leeward Community College
AA, Liberal Arts, 1992

Work Experience: 2002-present
A+ Program Leader, Kaewai Elementary School

1997-2002
EA ESLL, Kaewai Elementary School

1992
PTT ESLL, Waipahu Elementary and Intermediate

1991-1992
PTT, Best Tutors Program, Nanakuli High School

Personal Background: My parents possessed no formal education; however, they firmly believed that education would open many doors of rewarding and meaningful opportunities. Moreover, they believed that education plays a significant role in promoting a lifestyle that is morally just and socially acceptable, which cultivates a great sense of dignity. Therefore, in 1975, when I was two years old, my parents decided to leave our comfortable lifestyle in Falevai, Tonga and migrate to Hawaii in search of educational opportunities for my three older siblings and me. Many years have passed and many achievements have been made within our family. As for myself, I am pursuing a higher degree out of determination to reach my academic goals and fulfill the dream that was the initial reason for moving here to Hawaii.

Interests/Hobbies: Learning about other cultures, hosting a church radio program, hosting and co-producing a Tongan TV program, remaining actively involved with the Tongan American Association as recording secretary, interpreting the Tongan language for Bilingual Access Line, serving on church committees, reading for both myself and for little children, sewing, and writing.
Zaida Igawa

Degree Sought: **PBCSE**
Academic Emphasis: **ESL**
Language(s): **Tagalog, Visayan, and English**
Mentor: 
Academic Advisor: **Melvin Spencer**

Career Objective: To obtain a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education and possibly earn a Master’s Degree sometime in the future. With my education, I hope to become an effective educator and mentor to both ESL and mainstream students.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
PBCSE, present

University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Communications, 1998

Work Experience: 2001-present
PTT, Kalihi Elementary School

1997
Summer School Teacher, University of Hawaii at Manoa

1996-1997
Child Care Leader, Manoa Valley Church

Personal Background: I was born in the Philippines and I came to Hawaii with my family at the age of six. I spent most of my childhood years on the island of Kauai until I graduated from Kauai High School. In 1998, I graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor’s in Communications. Following my graduation, I pursued other personal and career goals: I got married, experienced life on the mainland, and started a family. I have come to realize that I am now ready to pursue my long-term goal of becoming a teacher.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, internet surfing, volleyball, basketball, hanging out with friends and my family.
Rosalind Kia

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Special Education
Language(s): English and American Sign Language
Mentor: Kristie Malterre and Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To teach Hawaii’s deaf and hard of hearing youths.

Education: Kapiolani Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: 1998-present
EA, Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon graduating from Kaimuki High School, I began my search for a career. In 1998, I began learning sign language, and from that moment on, I knew exactly what I wanted to do with the rest of my life—teach deaf children.

Interests/Hobbies: Volleyball, American Sign Language, and reading.
Gloria Lani

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Marshallese and English
Mentor: Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To excel in second language studies and work with international students.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Student, present

University of Hawaii—West Oahu
Unclassified Student, present

Leeward Community College
AA, General Education, 2002

Work Experience: 2001-present
PTT ESLL, Waipahu Elementary

2000-2001
Bilingual/Bicultural School-Home Assistant, Leeward District

1994-present
PTT ESLL, Leeward District

Personal Background: I was born and raised in Majuro, Marshall Islands. My family immigrated to Hawaii in the early 1980s, primarily for educational purposes. At that time, I was a high school freshman, and I later graduated from McKinley High School in 1985. While pursuing my educational goals, I also immersed myself in career goals by working with the ESLL programs in the Leeward District.

Interests/Hobbies: Playing volleyball and traveling.
Yuehua Liu

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Cantonese, Mandarin, and English
Mentor: Sallie Lee
Academic Advisor: Kristie Malterre and Helen Hasegawa

Career Objective: To pursue a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education.

Education:
Kapiolani Community College
AA, General Education, present

Zhongsan Teacher Training School
AS, 1992

Work Experience:
2001-present
EA ESLL, Lanakila Elementary School

1992-1997
Teacher, Longtouwan Elementary School (China)

Personal Background:
I was born and raised in Canton, China and moved to Hawaii in 1997. I enjoy working with children and hope to one day follow in the footsteps of my father and younger brother and become an elementary school teacher. I am married and have a daughter.

Interests/Hobbies: Watching television, listening to music, and surfing the Internet.
Loretta Manumaleuna
Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): Samoan and English
Mentor: Jane Onishi
Academic Advisor: Maggie Templeton

Career Objective: To be ESL certified and help bilingual students.

Education: Honolulu Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: 1990-present
PTT, Kalihi-waena Elementary

Personal Background: I was born and raised in American Samoa and come from a family of four. I was educated in American Samoa only up until high school because there were no colleges at the time. So I got a job instead, got married, and had five children.

Interests/Hobbies: Sewing, arts and crafts, cooking, and gardening.
Les Meyers
Degree Sought: PBCSE
Academic Emphasis: ESL
Language(s): Korean and English
Mentor: Melvin Spencer

Career Objective: To become a certified teacher.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Graduate Student, present
Chon-Buk University
BS, Language and Literature, 1984

Work Experience: 2001-present
PTT ESLL, Manoa Elementary
1999-2000
English Teacher, Han Pit Top Academy School (Korea)

Personal Background: I was born in South Korea where I taught English for 10 years. I really enjoy teaching, and many of my family members are also teachers. I came to Hawaii in 2000, and I plan to one day open my own private school in Korea.

Interests/Hobbies: Reading and hiking.
Lydia Miyasaki
Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English
Mentor: Melvin Spencer

Career Objective: To teach children and work towards a Master’s in Education.

Education:
University of Hawaii at Manoa
BEd, Elementary Education, present

Windward Community College
AA, Liberal Arts, 2001

Honolulu Community College

Work Experience:
1994-present
PTT ESLL, Heeia Elementary School

Personal Background: I am blessed to have so many wonderful people in my life. My dream of becoming a teacher is just down the road. I am a life-long learner and will help children in Hawaii to become life-long learners too.

Interests/Hobbies: Sewing, food, and our island cultures.
Diane Mizuno
Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Secondary Education
Language(s): Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and English
Mentor: Armelita Lawrence
Academic Advisor: Ed Wiggers and Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To teach ESL students in Hawaii and assist them and their families with language barriers.

Education: Leeward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Kapiolani Community College
AS, Accounting, 1985

Work Experience: 1999-Present
PTT ESLL, Moanalua High School

Personal Background: I was born in Cholon, South Vietnam. I came to Hawaii at age sixteen as a boat refugee and graduated from Kalaheo High School in 1982. I have been married for sixteen years and have a teen-aged daughter and son.

Interests/Hobbies: Traveling, sewing, gardening, music, crafts, and raising birds.
Suzanne Niitani
Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Elementary and Special Education**
Language(s): **Cantonese and English**
Mentor: Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To assist students and families (especially those with language barriers) with their educational goals.

**Education:**
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
  - BEd, Elementary and Special Education, present
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
  - BA, Hawaiian Studies, 1995

**Work Experience:**
- 1999-present
  - PTT ESLL, Kauluwela Elementary
- 1997-1999
  - PTT, Hawaiian Studies, Lunalilo Elementary
- 1995-1999
  - PTT Hawaiian Studies, Ala Wai Elementary

**Personal Background:** I was born and raised in Honolulu. I am a product of the ESLL program being that Chinese is my first language. Both of my parents speak very little English, so I had to do a lot on my own or with the help of my older brother. I want to be able to assist those in the situation that I once was in. My parents were very supportive, but it was difficult because they didn’t understand the English language.

**Interests/Hobbies:** Traveling, reading, shopping, exercising, and relaxing.
Christine Putzulu

Degree Sought: BEd
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English
Mentor: Jayna Smith
Academic Advisor: Candace Hochstein and Niki Libarios

Career Objective: To obtain my teaching certificate.

Education: Leeward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience: 1994-present
PTT ESLL, Helemano Elementary

Personal Background: I was born in Tokyo, Japan. My father was in the U.S. Air Force, so my family and I traveled and lived in various states and in the far east. I’m married and have five children.

Interests/Hobbies: Music and crafts: rubber stamping and cross-stitch.
Kathleen Shinagawa
Degree Sought: MET
Academic Emphasis: Elementary Education
Language(s): English and Japanese
Mentor: Lorraine Ching
Academic Advisor:

Career Objective: To teach ESL at the elementary level to students who fall at the low-end of the academic scale and/or have disabilities.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Graduate Student, present

University of Minnesota
MA, Classical Japanese Literature, 1991

Miami University
BA, Religion, 1989

Work Experience: 2001-Present
PTT ESLL, Lunalilo Elementary School

1992-1993
Teacher, World Religions, Minnesota State University, Akita, Japan

1991
Teaching Assistant, East Asian Studies, University of Minnesota

Personal Background: As a parent of two bilingual children, I understand the challenges and rewards of maintaining two languages. I have been fortunate to work with non-English speaking children and their parents as these students struggle to succeed in an English-based school. I have seen their frustrations, fears and joy as they struggle with the language. Working with them has enriched my life and given me a desire to teach ESLL. I want to help these students value themselves as intelligent individuals who have great potential because that is who they are.

Interests/Hobbies: Traveling, sewing, and reading.
Janice Takayama

Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Secondary Education**
Language(s): **English, Marshallese, and Japanese**
Mentor: **Lillian Muramatsu**
Academic Advisor: **Patricia Chong and Niki Libarios**

**Career Objective:** To motivate youth and adults of all cultural backgrounds in positive educational goals.

**Education:**
Windward Community College
AA, General Education, present

**Work Experience:**
2001-present
PTT ESL, Leeward District

2001-present
School Home Assistant, Leeward District

1994-2001
PTT ESL, Waipahu High School
SAP Team Teacher For Truancy, Waipahu High School
Court Translator, State of Hawaii

1992-present
DOE translator for Special Service testing teams, Honolulu District

1992-1994
Compensatory Education PTT for Marshallese students, Leeward District

1981-1991
Marshall Islands Missionary Work

**Personal Background:** I was born in Hawaii and began to travel around the world from a very young age. During my travels, I enjoyed experiencing many languages and cultures and desire to share this joy with others.

**Interests/Hobbies:**
Reading, baking, gardening, traveling, meeting people and learning new things.
Jason Takayama
Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Secondary Education**
Language(s): **English and Marshallese**
Mentor: **Lillian Muramatsu**
Academic Advisor: **Patricia Chong and Helen Hasegawa**

Career Objective: To become a teacher or counselor.

Education:
Windward Community College
AA, General Education, present

Work Experience:
1997-present
PTT ESLL, Waipahu Intermediate School

1994-1997
PTT ESLL, Leeward District

1981-1991
Marshall Islands Missionary Work

Personal Background:
I was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii. Upon graduating from high school, attending college was not included in my plans. I am grateful for the privilege and opportunity to go back to school.

Interests/Hobbies: Sports and building things out of wood.
Carol Tano

Degree Sought: PBCSE
Academic Emphasis: ESL
Language(s): English and Japanese
Mentor: Denise Nakaoka

Career Objective: To help ESL children in the elementary and secondary school setting.

Education:
University of Hawaii at Manoa
PBCSE, present

University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Economics, 1980

Work Experience:
1999-present
PTT ESLL, Pearl City Highlands Elementary

1990-1991
PTT ESLL, Waiau Elementary

1990-1991
PTT ESLL, Pearl City High School

1988-1989
PTT, Kaleiopuu Elementary

Personal Background: I was born and raised on the island of Kauai and attended college on Oahu. I later married an Air Force Medical Officer and together we raised 5 children while living in Okinawa, Japan and South Korea. I enjoy meeting people of different cultures and learning from them. Traveling has strengthened my desire to assist ESL students not only in language acquisition but also in acculturating them to their new environment.

Interests/Hobbies: Sewing, playing piano, teaching children how to play piano, singing in the church choir, window-shopping, ethnic cooking, fishing, and drawing.
Lualima Tufaga
Degree Sought: **BEd**
Academic Emphasis: **Secondary Education**
Language(s): **Samoan and English**
Mentor:
Academic Advisor: **Melvin Spencer**

Career Objective: To help children with special needs and English as a second language.

Education: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Unclassified Student, present

Windward Community College
AA, General Education, 2002

Work Experience: 2002-present
Substitute EA, Kahuku Intermediate and High School

1994-2002
EA Special Education, Kahuku Intermediate and High School

Personal Background: I was born in American Samoa and moved to Hawaii in 1976. I currently live in Laie but plan to return to American Samoa to teach students with special needs. I also hope to open an Alternative Learning Center there.

Interests/Hobbies: Working-out, coaching soccer, traveling, and meeting new people.
Edgarinio Ugale

Degree Sought: **PBCSE**
Academic Emphasis: **ESL**
Language(s): **Ilokano and English**

Mentor: 
Academic Advisor: **Melvin Spencer**

Career Objective: To obtain my PBCSE and continue helping ESLL students.

Education: 
University of Hawaii at Manoa
PBCSE, present

University of Hawaii at Manoa
BA, Communications, 1995

Leeward Community College
AS, Management, 1992

Work Experience: 1996-present
PTT, Waipahu Intermediate School

Personal Background: Born and raised in the Philippines, I came to Hawaii at the age of ten. I attended Nanakuli High School through the SLEP program. My plan is to acquire my teaching certification and continue helping ESLL students.

Interests/Hobbies: Weightlifting, reading, designing web pages, and playing sports.
Jessie Wu

Degree Sought: **PBCSE**
Academic Emphasis: **Secondary Education**
Language(s): **Mandarin and English**
Mentor:
Academic Advisor: **Niki Libarios**

Career Objective: To become a certified ESL instructor and help ESL learners to fulfill their educational goals.

Education:
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
  Unclassified Graduate Student, present
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
  BA, Liberal Studies, 2001
- Kapiolani Community College
  AA, Liberal Arts, 1997

Work Experience:
- 2002-Present
  PTT Title I, Fern Elementary School
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