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EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCR 67, HD1 (2007)

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This report consists of two distinct parts – one, a response from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus; two, a response from the University of Hawai'i System and the P-20 Initiative.

I. College Awareness Programs—University of Hawai'i at Manoa

# Background

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa needs to enroll the best students from Hawai'i high schools in order to meet the needs of the state. As the research and teaching institution for the state we need access to the best minds in the state. We realize that these great students are spread across the state but too many do not have access to a college preparatory curriculum nor to the necessary information to successfully enroll at the University. We know that of 100 entering 9th graders only 11 will eventually graduate with a 4-year degree. We have many successful programs and activities within our campuses to help those students in greatest need. These efforts can be found in all areas of the university.

### Types of Programs

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa has a comprehensive set of programs and projects that serve high school and middle school students, teachers, administrators, and parents. These programs range from those that serve an entire cohort across the state to a group within a target school.

Our college awareness programs include:

- 1. Programs that provide academic support, parent involvement and mentoring to a target population funded by outside agencies.
- 2. Curriculum development training for teachers in specific academic areas.
- 3. Activities to establish networks of educators in areas of interest including careers, academic interests, target groups of students, and recruitment to specific areas of study.
- 4. Activities in a specific content area of interest that promote university study.
- 5. After school programs working with middle and high school to provide mentoring and tutoring services to selected high schools.
- 6. Teacher development programs using UH faculty or graduate students to improve the curriculum content knowledge of high school teachers.
- 7. Activities that provide information on improving student's lives including their physical/mental health, improved nutrition, etc.
- 8. Academic support programs during the summer, after school, or in session.

This website provides all of the information on each program. <a href="http://manoa.hawaii.edu/outreach/k-12/programs/students/">http://manoa.hawaii.edu/outreach/k-12/programs/students/</a>

## Elements of Success for College Awareness Programs

We have learned a great amount as we have operated and analyzed our college awareness programs. Both our experiences and a review of the literature regarding successful college awareness initiatives suggest that the elements for success for these programs include the following:

- 1. Motivational activities that provide the student an opportunity to witness the benefits of enrolling in challenging college preparatory courses. These activities include visits to university classrooms and research labs, speakers from careers that require university degrees, and opportunities for students to engage their peers from other schools. Examples of these types of activities are found within the UH Gear Up projects.
- 2. Information and services for going to college that provide the student and their parents the opportunity to begin planning for college as early as possible. Parents need information for financing college costs and which courses to take in high school to qualify for college admissions. Students need services to assist in developing successful application for college admission. Examples of these types of information and services can be found at <a href="https://www.gacollege411.org">www.gacollege411.org</a>.
- 3. Academic support services that provide the student an opportunity to be successful in demanding courses. These services include tutoring by peers or college students either in person or online. Other services include summer instructional academies on college campuses. For example, we could design summer algebra academies to make sure that students master algebra by the end of the ninth grade in order to maintain their participation in the math and science sequences. Louisiana provides an online algebra course to any student who needs to pass algebra.
- 4. Parent participation that provides parents of participating students with the opportunity to collect information on college going, assist with college planning, participate in motivational activities, assist with academic support services, and evaluate the overall effort.
- 5. Teacher development programs that provide the teachers in the participating schools an opportunity to receive instruction through university programs using online methods, f2f methods, videoconferencing, or with direct exchanges with university faculty. UH Manoa already provides these services through the School of Education.
- 6. Faculty involvement that provides university faculty with the opportunity to participate in college preparatory program by offering instruction in their content areas, offering advice on program direction, evaluating program effectiveness, and conducting research on program elements. The Center for Educational Partnerships on the UC Irvine campus serves as a good example. <a href="http://focus.web.uci.edu/">http://focus.web.uci.edu/</a>

One example of a successful program that features the approaches described above is UH Manoa GEAR UP.

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM) GEAR UP Program works with students at Farrington High School. The program is designed to support early college awareness and preparation, by providing students with access to rigorous academic courses, financial aid information, and individual scholarship accounts.

### **GOALS**

- 1. Prepare students to access opportunities for post-secondary education.
- 2. Ensure that parents value higher education, access resources, and support their children in pursuit of post-secondary education.
- 3. Assure that teachers and staff are prepared and committed to mitigate the negative effects of poverty on students and their access to higher education.
- 4. Establish a system to acknowledge academic achievement and to award financial assistance to GEAR UP graduates.

### The Current Need

We need to analyze our efforts, recognize their successes and determine if there are additional efforts needed in order to meet the needs of state's middle school and high school populations. We need to examine the degree to which additional coordination, cooperation, and collaboration would benefit the participants of our programs. We also need to determine which programs or elements of programs need to be expanded or duplicated in order to better serve high school and middle school students.

Before we proceed to the next stage the campus needs to accomplish the following.

- 1. Update the compendium of programs at UH Manoa that provide services to middle school or high school students and teachers in order to increase the college-going rates of program participants.
- 2. Solicit input and consult with interested parties on what the campus can do to assist these programs to accomplish their objectives.
- 3. Solicit input from key school-base stake-holders (principals and counselors) to assess the need for these services/programs in area middle and high schools.
- 4. Solicit input and consult with interested parties on coordination and cooperation with UH system-sponsored programs that provide services to middle-school and high school students and teachers.
- 5. Sponsor meetings, retreats and dialogues among service providers to establish communication links leading to increased coordination and cooperation.
- 6. Develop a set of recommendations on creating additional college awareness programs that could be in the next Legislative budget request.
- 7. Establish additional and renewal partnerships with businesses and community organizations to increase their support for college awareness programs.
- 8. Establish a plan with goals and objectives to ensure collaboration, cooperation, and coordination between UH Manoa college awareness programs.

Finally, UH Manoa should consider the establishment of a University Mentors program whereby UH students would serve as tutors and advisors for high schools students in order to assist those students excel in their courses and receive timely information on college planning.

II. The University of Hawai'i ten campuses and the Hawai'i P-20 Initiative work together promoting early college awareness programs to help Hawai'i's youth to prepare for and apply for post-secondary educational opportunities. These programs, which exist across the state of Hawai'i, aim to increase the participation of Hawai'i's underrepresented populations in colleges and universities.

In 2007, University of Hawai'i System made a significant commitment to increase college access for all of Hawaii's residents. UH joined 18 other university systems in pledging to provide "Access to Success" by closing the gaps by at least half in both college-going and degree completion that separate low-income and minority students from others by 2015. In conjunction with Access to Success partners coordinated by the National Association of System Heads (NASH), UH will work to identify roadblocks that suppress retention and graduation and re-examine and re-focus the ways financial aid resources are being utilized to assist target groups.

### Current Efforts for Early College Awareness

Attached is a flyer that lists programs through the UH Community Colleges that targets students who are in high school and are interested in attending college in their near future.

The Hawai'i P-20 Initiative initiated a community network, the Hawai'i College Access Network (HICAN), which brings together programs that share the mission of improving access to higher education by unrepresented youth. The purpose of this network is threefold:

- to communicate and share information among programs to make service delivery more efficient:
- to inform practice to increase program effectiveness; and
- to advocate for resources and policy changes that will increase opportunities and support for students.

Participating programs affiliated with the UH include:

College Opportunities Program (COP), University of Hawai'i at Manoa - is an entry-level summer and first-year academic college program designed to prepare selected Hawai'i residents for a successful freshman year at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM).

Educational Talent Search Program - is designed to assist economically disadvantaged and potential first generation college students with entry into postsecondary education.

Foundation for Excellence Schools—The Century Program helps underserved youth to improve their grades, attendance, and citizenship, and take steps toward college. UH campuses participate in partnership with identified FES schools.

GEAR UP Hawai'i - is a partnership of the University of Hawai'i system, the State of Hawai'i Department of Education, and community partners. GEAR UP Hawai'i aims to increase the number of low-income students who make it successfully through the "educational pipeline," to higher education.

Hawaii Association for College Admission Counseling (HACAC) - is the professional association of high school counselors and college admission counselors in Hawai'i, one of 23 chartered, state and regional affiliates of NACAC. The national organization and the state and regional

affiliates are linked by joint programs (like the Hawaii College and Career Fair) and governance operations.

Hawai'i Community College – GEAR UP Outreach -Services Include: Summer Bridge Program for Class of 2007; Student Outreach to high schools, including Hawaii CC campus visits; COMPASS preparation and testing; Peer Mentoring at high schools by Hawai'i CC students; Financial aid awareness & information workshops; College Day and Open House events; Running Start enrollment for high school students, and Building Better Bridges Program

Honolulu Community College – GEAR UP Outreach - Services include: Career Exploration Expo; Financial aid awareness initiatives; College awareness outreach and campus visits; Financial aid and scholarship counseling; Student-to-student peer mentoring program; English, Math, Study Skills and College prep workshops; Running Start classes; High school to HCC & Pearl Harbor apprenticeship recruitment event, and COMPASS prep and testing

Kapiolani Community College – GEAR UP Outreach -Services include:COMPASS prep and testing; Campus visits; Recognition for graduating Seniors; College prep events with motivational speakers, and Student Advisory Board at high schools to assist with GEAR UP activities

Kauai Community College – GEAR UP Outreach -Services include: Parent Nights; COMPASS testing; College Readiness Summer Academy, and Kauai Literature Festival

Kua'ana Native Hawaiian Student Development Services at UH Manoa - reflects the belief that higher education is a major factor in ensuring a better future for Hawaiians as individuals and as a people. Kua'ana focuses on encouraging and facilitating the entry of Hawaiian students into UH Manoa and supports them in fulfilling their academic expectations through the development of new programs and the use of existing resources.

Leeward Community College – GEAR UP Outreach -Services include: Attitude Becomes Commitment-recruitment and technical assistance for early registration; Campus tours; College and Career Fair; College kick-off dinner; Discover LCC day; Financial aid outreach; First Year's Club-peer support for Freshmen; Peer Counseling; Running Start classes; Youth Leadership Conference for college prep; Parent Hui- peer support; Counseling, and OAR-Orientation/Advising/Registration.

Maui Community College – GEAR UP Outreach - Services include: COMPASS prep and testing; Campus visits; Financial aid awareness workshops, and Counseling

Na Pua No'eau - Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Students at the UH system - raises the achievement and career aspirations of students in grades kindergarten through UH freshman. Na Pua No'eau provides services through its offices on all islands at UH-Hilo, UH-Manoa, Maui CC, KauaiCC, Molokai Education Center, Lanai.

Native Hawaiian Career & Technical Education Program - Kauai Community College - provides credit courses, work experience and internships related to a student's major, counseling, financial aid information, and referral to appropriate outside resources for students with vocational educational majors and others.

Native Hawaiian Student Center—Kipuka—University of Hawaii at Hilo – increases Native Hawaiian access to higher education through the provision of comprehensive support programs

and services to promote academic excellence, spiritual well-being, and the enhancement of cultural and leadership development.

Native Hawaiian Title III Program—Honolulu Community College - focuses on increasing access to higher education for native Hawaiian students

Office of Multicultural Student Services—University of Hawai'i at Manoa - conducts outreach activities encouraging under-represented groups and underserved communities to seek higher education, and promotes the development of information and resources related to Hawai'i's multi-ethnic groups.

Pacific Financial Aid Association (PacFAA) - is a trade association representing the practicing Financial Aid professionals in Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. PacFAA sponsors College Goal Sundays statewide in the Spring to assist families in completing their FAFSA financial aid forms, as well as conducts Financial Aid Nights at local high schools statewide to provide families and students with information about the financial aid process.

Palolo Pipeline Project – helps residents of Palolo Valley obtain a better education through cooperation and utilization of energy and resources of all partners involved.

Running Start - is a statewide program that provides an opportunity for academically qualified juniors and seniors to enroll in college classes through the University of Hawai'i system as part of their high school coursework, earning credit toward college degrees and high school diplomas.

School and College Services—UH Manoa - provides information about college enrollment and UH campus tours to high school and community college students interested in pursuing higher education at UH Manoa.

Service Learning and Hawai'i Pacific Islands Campus Compact - connects faculty and students with community organizations in partnerships which provide students with learning and service opportunities in real world settings and enable community organizations to fulfill their missions and meet their goals with the aid of these student volunteers.

Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity Program (SEED)—UH Manoa - administers scholarships and programs for entering and continuing UH students who are from groups underrepresented and underserved.

TRIO—Student Support Services Program - provides counseling, tutoring, mentoring, and grant aid to disadvantaged students.

Upward Bound - is a free college preparatory program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Leeward Community College, and Windward Community College designed to increase college going rates among Hawaii's low income high school students who are among the first generation in their families to graduate with a college degree.

### Recommendations to Improve Early College Awareness

In September 2007, the Federal government passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which included Section 801, the College Access Challenge Grants, which provides for

matching grants to states to improve access to college. The grant administrators encourage states to coordinate efforts by organizations that promote early college awareness. Unfortunately, the grant only provides for 6 percent of the grant to be used for administrative purposes.

We recommend that more coordination take place amongst early college awareness programs so that efforts are not duplicated and more youth are exposed to these programs. We recommend the establishment of a new position for a central coordinator who can unify the organizations as well as coordinate implementation of the Federal College Access Challenge Grant.

We also recommend the creation of a state scholarship for needy Hawai'i students to attend any institution of higher education in the State of Hawai'i, targeting students in their middle school or early high school years. This scholarship would complement the existing Federal Pell grant for the neediest students; the Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant for Pell-eligible students who complete a rigorous high school curriculum; the State of Hawai'i B Plus Scholarship for Hawai'i public school graduates attending UH who complete a rigorous high school curriculum and have a 3.0 grade point average, and institutional aid provided by UH and other colleges and universities. The new state scholarship would provide a significant incentive for young students, who may think they cannot afford college, to prepare for college and to enroll in college. The new Federal College Access Challenge Grant would aid and supplement our state's efforts by encouraging Hawai'i's youth to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), by providing critical information to students and their families about grants and scholarships, and by providing training to academic and financial aid counselors from middle school through college.

Prepare, plan and kickstart your college education with these helpful programs!

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Program Description	Eligibility Requirement							
Associate in Arts in Teaching (AAT) Informational Sessions - Learn about the degree requirements, transfer options, and financial aid opportunities, as well as meet some of the AAT faculty and students at these informational sessions held twice a year, usually in October and March. For more information, see your high school counselor or visit LCC's Supportive Teacher Education Program website at <a href="https://www.lcc.hawaii.edu/teach">www.lcc.hawaii.edu/teach</a> or contact Erin Thompson Loo, AAT Program Counselor, at (808) 455-0392.	Grade Levels 11-12							
Attitudes Becomes Commitment (ABC) Program - Students who submit their UH System Application to their high school counselor before the ABC Program deadline will be able to register for the courses they want before they fill up; these students will be able to pick their first semester classes before all other incoming freshman, transferring and returning students! If you are interested in this program, please contact your high school counselor or Larry Andres at (808) 455-0236 for more information.	Grade Level 12							
<b>Bridge to Hope</b> - This program provides educational assistance to low-income students who are parents and vocational single parent students who are receiving TANF/welfare benefits.	FRL Recipient*							
Campus Tours - This free service offers high school students a short orientation about the community college and a walking tour of the campus. When available, visits may be customized to include specialized tours of different facilities as well as short vocational talks. At this time, campus tours are arranged for high school classes only. To arrange a campus tour, have your teacher call Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0233 or Hawai'i Community College - West Hawai'i at (808) 322-4856.	Grade Levels 9-12	•						
Campus Visit "A Day of College" - Campus visits offer high school students a "Day of College" experience that may include a short orientation of Kaua'i Community College, simulated college classes, and interactive games to learn their way around campus. At this time, visits are arranged for high school classes only. To arrange a campus visit, have your teacher contact Rhonda Liu at (808) 245-8261 or email rhondal@hawaii.edu. Reservations are recommended at least one month in advance. Up to 60 students can be accommodated. If you are from Kapa'a or Waimea High Schools, bus transportation assistance may be available.	Grade Levels 9-12				•			
Career, College & Job Fair - This free event is open to the public and held every April at Leeward Community College. Students and community members are invited to come and talk to more than 100 employers and educational representatives at the fair. Attendees also have the opportunity to do career assessments and explore different career options through the Career Kokua program. Those looking for a job should bring a resume and come dressed to impress. Some employers perform job interviews on the spot! If you are a student at Pearl City, Campbell, Kapolei, Waianae or Nanakuli High Schools, stay alert! Leeward Partnership for School to Work usually provides buses to and from the fair for you! See your high school counselor for more information or call Leeward CC's Job Prep Services Office at (808) 455-0240.	Grade Levels 9-12							
<b>College Kick-Off</b> - If you are a GEAR UP Scholar, or a student from a GEAR UP School, or receiving free or reduced lunch AND are a part of Leeward Community College's ABC Program, you and your family will have the opportunity to celebrate your transition to college at the College Kick-Off. This free, evening event, usually held in April or May, is a time for you and your family to celebrate and prepare for your transition to college. Through a student panel, various games and activities, and exposure to college personnel, you and other first year college students can take your first step towards higher education together. For more information, please contact Larry Andres at (808) 455-0236 or Nicole Keim-Fortuno at (808) 454-4772.	Grade Level 12, and FRL Recipient* or a GEAR UP Scholar, or attending a GEAR UP School.							
<b>College Readiness Summer Academy</b> - At this two-week summer academy at Kaua'i Community College, students get an introduction to college courses and learn about career pathways. As part of their studies, students will produce a tangible product that will be donated to their respective high schools. Space is limited. For more information about the 2008 College Readiness Summer Academy, please contact Rhonda Liu at (808) 245-8261 or email rhondal@hawaii.edu	Grade Levels 9-12							
Connecting to College - Leeward Community College offers a variety of opportunities for high school students to connect with College programs in food service, performing arts, and the sciences. Every February, teachers and students from high school food service programs work side by side with Leeward CC faculty and students to prepare a sumptuous brunch for more than 1300 people with proceeds going back to the participating high schools in the form of scholarships to the Leeward CC Culinary program. Students interested in the performing arts have opportunities to see performances at special rates, attend workshops with current students and even participate in performances. Each year, Leeward CC hosts both the annual Leeward and Central Districts Science Fairs and the Hawai'i State Science Olympiad. Ask your teacher to contact these programs for more information:Performing Arts, Paul Cravath, 455-0549; Science, Roger Kwok, 455-0261 or Mike Lane 455-0502; and Culinary Arts, Tommylynn Benavante 455-0298.	Grade Levels 9-12							
<b>Discover Leeward CC Day</b> - Once a year (usually in October), Leeward Community College opens its doors to high school students so they can learn about the College's various educational programs, take a tour of the campus, observe a college class in session, and interact with current LCC students, counselors, faculty and staff. Participating students are bussed to and from this half-day event. If you are interested, please see your high school career and college counselor to sign up! This year's event will be happening on October 24.	Grade Levels 9-12							
<b>Early Admit Program</b> - If you are a high school junior or senior interested in earning college credits, you can take classes at a community college. This program, unlike the Running Start Program, allows qualified high school students to take any college course that is available. Courses taken through this program, however, will only earn college credits; they cannot necessarily be applied to high school graduation requirements. If you are interested in enrolling via the Early Admit Program, please see your high school counselor or call the community college of your choice.	Grade Level 12	•			•		•	•
Financial Aid Technical Assistance - If you are a student at a GEAR UP High School, are a GEAR UP Scholar or a student who receives free or reduced lunch, and need some help applying for college financial aid, we can help you! Financial Aid Offices at various community colleges provides assistance in understanding financial aid, finding different sources of aid, and actually completing the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). If you would like this kind of help, a Financial Aid Outreach Specialist will come to your school to meet with you and your parents! For more information, contact Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0606 or Hawai'i Community College - West Hawai'i at (808) 322-4856.	Grade Level 12, and a FRL Recipient* or a GEAR UP Scholar or attending a GEAR UP School.	•						
<b>Financial Aid Workshops</b> - Want to learn more about how financial aid works and learn different ways to pay for college? If you are a student at a GEAR UP High School, we can help you! Financial Aid Offices provide workshops to help students and their parents understand financial aid, finding different sources of aid, and actually completing the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). If you would like someone from the Financial Aid staff to visit your high school to speak to you and your class about getting money for school, tell your teacher to contact Aileeen Lum-Akana at Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0606, or Hawai'i Community College - West Hawai'i at (808) 322-4856.	Grade Levels 9-12							
<b>First Year Experience</b> - Honolulu Community College First Year Experience focuses on providing first-year students the support and resources needed to successfully navigate their transition into college. FYE offers learning communities, tutorial, peer academic assistant (PA'A) mentors, financial aid advising, career counseling, academic advising, social and cultural enrichment activities.	Incoming Honolulu CC students							
Freshman Summer Day Camp - If you are a GEAR UP Scholar, or a student from a GEAR UP School, or a student who receives free or reduced lunch AND are a part of Leeward Community College's ABC Program, you can participate in Leeward Community College's free Freshman Summer Day Camp! This three-day event helps students who are entering into LCC meet other incoming students, become familiar with the campus, become familiar with college processes and, just plain have fun! Students who attend the Freshman Summer Day Camp will also receive assistance in planning their first semester schedule and then will actually register for their Fall classes. For more information about this camp, contact Larry Andres at (808) 455-0236 or Nicole Keim-Fortuno at (808) 454-4772.	Incoming Leeward CC freshmen, and a Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) Recipient or a GEAR UP Scholar or attending a GEAR UP School.							
<b>Liko A'e</b> - The Liko A'e scholarship program supports Native Hawaiian students' entry into and completion of higher education programs and sustains the cycle of improvement among Native Hawaiians through education. The program is administered by Maui Community College with outreach centers at Hawai'i and Kaua'i Community Colleges. More information can be found at www.likoae.org or call Hawai'i Community College - West Hawai'i at (808) 322-4856, Maui Community College at (808) 984-3366, and Kaua'i Community College at (808) 245-8348.	Grade Level 12 students of Native Hawaiian ethnicity.	•						
<b>Mu'o A'e</b> - This program focuses on strengthening the persistence and graduation of Native Hawaiian students at Maui Community College. Based on a cohort approach, students in this program will develop and organize an educational and cultural awareness event to encourage and inspire Native Hawaiian sophomores and juniors to dream big, imagine the possibilities, and realize their potential through a college education. For more information call Maui Community College at (808) 984-3405.	Grades Levels 10-11; students of Native Hawaiian ethnicity.							
<b>Na Pua No´eau</b> - This program focuses on culturally appropriate methods to inspire and educate Native Hawaiian students for college and career success. It has everything from two-week residential summer programs to half-day programs throughout the year. Some programs are restricted to certain age levels or require an application. Contact the center closest to you for information or visit http://www2.hawaii.edu/npn/npnhome.htm or call Hawai'i Community College - West Hawai'i at 322-4856, Maui Community College at (808) 984-3364 or Kaua'i Community College at (808) 241-3238.	Grade Levels K-12; students of Native Hawaiian ethnicity.	•			•			
<b>Running Start</b> - If you will be a junior of senior in the Fall semester, you have the opportunity to get a head start on your future by enrolling in the Running Start Program. Running Start allows you to take college courses and earn both high school and college credit. Scholarships for eligible low-income students are available and will cover tuition and required textbooks. See your high school counselor to enroll and apply for the scholarship. For eligibility requirements and more information about Running Start, visit www.hawaii.edu/runningstart.	Grade Levels 11-12; students with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA).	•			•			
<b>Student-2-Student Program</b> - Why should I go to college? How do I get there? And what if I can't afford it? Talk to current University of Hawai'i Community College (UHCC) students to find out the answers to the questions above. UHCC's student presenters provide 9th to12th graders a fun and interactive way to learn about college! Through games and activities, students learn from actual college students about what college can do for them, the realities of college life, the steps they need to take to get there, and the basics about financial aid. To arrange a visit by UHCC's S2S presenters, have your teacher contact Cindy Martin at Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0483 or Rhonda Liu at Kaua'i Community College at (808) 245-8261.	Grade Levels 9-12				•			
<b>Talent Search</b> - This free program provides academic counseling and guidance, college and career planning workshops, and financial aid help in participating schools. For more information, please call Hawai'i Community College-West Hawai'i at (808) 322-4860 or Windward Community College at (808) 235-7477 or (808) 235-7482.	Grade Levels 6-12, and either "First in Family to Attend College," or a FRL Recipient.*	•						
<b>Taste of College</b> - A "taste of college" is held in the fall and spring for all parents of high school students to give parents and students the opportunity to learn more about getting an early start on college; meet faculty and counselors; get information on college costs and financial aid; and get help applying to college. Register by calling Rhonda Liu at (808) 245-8261 or email rhondal@hawaii.edu.	Grade Levels 11-12							
<b>Upward Bound</b> - This free program offers a summer residential program, study abroad options on the west coast, and college counseling and tutoring during the school year. Once in the program, students receive services until they graduate from high school. There are two program options, the Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Math & Science programs. For more information about the Upward Bound Classic, please call Maui Community College at (808) 984-3299, Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0655, or Windward Community College at (808) 235-7466.	Grade Levels 10-11, and either "First in Family to Attend College," or a FRL Recipient.*							
<b>Upward Bound Math &amp; Science</b> - This free program offers a summer residential program, study abroad options on the west coast, and college counseling and tutoring during the school year. Once in the program, students receive services until they graduate from high school. There are two program options, the Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Math & Science programs. For more information about the Upward Bound Math & Science, please call Leeward Community College at (808) 455-0655.	Grade Levels 10-11, and either "First in Family to Attend College," or a FRL Recipient.							

\*(FRL) Free or Reduced Lunch Recipient