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KCC Receives National Honor

Kaua'i CC recently received the 2013 Climate Leadership Award by Second Nature, a national nonprofit that works to create a healthy, just, and sustainable society by transforming higher education. The video highlighting our efforts can be viewed at kauai.hawaii.edu.

The awards are presented annually to signatory institutions of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) that demonstrate innovative and advanced leadership in education for sustainability and

climate mitigation and adaptation.

This year, the award program's fourth, drew the most competitive pool of nominations to date. The winners were among 20 finalists chosen by Second Nature's board and represent the diversity of higher education institutions across the US.

I would like to thank Eric Knutzen, Keisaku Yogi, and Melissa Tangalin for all of their hard work in putting the video together. Great work team!

Kaua'i CC Automotive Division Receives NATEF Master Accreditation

The Kaua'i CC Automotive division recently received the results of their evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF) for the automobile technician-training program and were awarded "Master" status, the highest level of achievement they recognize.

The program was evaluated in eight areas and each met the strict industry standard to receive this classification. Many educational institutions strive for this honor, but only a small percentage achieve this level of accreditation. KCC will be honored with a special plaque to acknowledge the accomplishment.

I am extremely proud of our team in the automotive department for all of their hard-work and effort to put KCC at this level in the industry. This recognition signals to students, employers and the community that graduates of the program are superbly prepared for jobs in the automotive industry.



DENNIS FUJIMOTO, Garden Island Newspaper photographer, receives a tour of the 2013 KCC summer art show.



MATTHEW FULMER, Art Instructor at KCC, prepares for day two of the art show.



ANGEL CAMARILLO, a KCC Art Student, gives a tour of works on display.

OCET CEUs

The Office of Continuing Education and Training (OCET) has piloted a Continuing Education Unit credits (CEUs) program with Mississippi State University (MSU), Extension Service, beginning with two classes offered by Kaua'i geologist, naturalist and educator, Dr. Charles Blay. Dr. Blay's course, The Science of Environmental Systems was offered on Kaua'i on June 22 - 29 & July 20 - 27. The course Geo-Science was offered on the Big Island of Hawaii on July 7 - 13 & August 3 - 10. These two programs are targeted for K-16 Science educators.

The national formula for CEUs is that one hour of classroom time is equal to 1/10 CEU or 10 hours of instruction equals 1 CEU. Dr. Blay's classes carry 3 CEUs.

In addition, OCET also is offering CEUs for the Landscapers Conference to be held on August 6 at KCC. Attendees can earn Dept. of Agriculture CET credits and/or Landscape Industry Certified CEU credits.

For information on the conference and future CEU classes please contact OCET at 245-8318.

COLLECTING CORAL DISEASE DATA



Dr. Greta Aeby from the Hawaiian Institute of Marine Biology at UH Manoa, KCC MOP student Elizabeth Kain, and PhD UH Manoa student Christina Runyon entering the water at Anini Beach.

KCC Marine Biology Instructor, Willow Jorgenson, is reading a GPS device to provide coordinates for the transect at Makua (tunnels) beach.



KCC student, Elizabeth Kain, is helping lay a transect underwater to quantify the percent coral cover and provide baseline data for monitoring the disease.



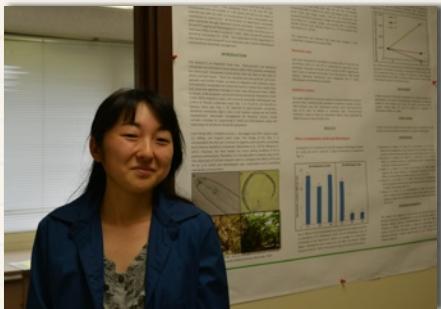
KAUAI'S CORAL DISEASE PROBLEM

KCC Biology Instructor, Willow Jorgenson, and KCC student, Elizabeth Kain, had the opportunity to travel to

the north shore with researchers to help gather data and monitor Kaua'i's coral disease problem.

This is an example of how KCC is working with the community to solve island issues.

INBRE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



KCC student Valerie Henmi was recently chosen to be a part of the INBRE 2013 Summer Undergraduate Research Internship program.

The research project she is working on involves researching nemotodes, or

roundworms, which positively and negatively impact the soil for banana trees. Valerie works on her family farm which is where she first gained her passion for this field of research.

As part of her internship, Valerie will receive a cash award of \$1,000. Additionally, the scholarship pays for \$1,000 worth of supplies that she can use to conduct her research.

Valerie will be working with her mentor, instructor Sharad Marhatta, during the duration of the research program which ends July 31st.

Valerie follows in the footsteps of Jin-Wah Lau who received the same scholarship in Fall of 2012 for research in the allelopathy effect of strawberry guava, *Psidium cattleianum*, on weeds through two separate experiments.



News and Notes from KCC

JOHNATHAN KALK GRADUATES FROM LEADERSHIP KAUAI

Our institutional research guru, Jonathan Kalk, recently graduated from the Leadership Kauai'i program. One aspect of the program is that participants work on a community service project together. This year, Jon's group created a searchable web directory of Leadership Kauai'i alumni. The directory will serve as a way for alumni to stay in touch with each other, to provide community members with a way to find partners or information on working in the community, and to provide an easier way for high school students to find community mentors. Congratulations Jon!



MAHEALANI YAMASHITA BECOMES DR. YAMASHITA

Congratulations to Mahealani Yamashita who received her Doctor of Education in Education Leadership from Argosy University. Dr. Yamashita did her dissertation on "Fidelity of Cultural-Based Education and the Retention of Teachers in Hawai'i."

Mahealani looks forward to contributing to academic and professional growth of KCC students as the Career and Transfer Specialist, a newly created position under the CT3 grant, and she is off to a great start!

TARO VARIETIES ON CAMPUS

Thanks to the hard work of Jin-Wah Lau (farm manager) and Instructor Sharad Marahatta, we now have 11 different varieties of upland taro growing at our campus farm. They include: Elelele Noioea, Haokea, Lauleo Palakea Eleele, Lehua Maoli, Mana Keokeo, Manini Uliuli, Moi, Piialii, Piko Uaua, Uahia Pele, Ulaula Kumu.

I encourage everyone to visit Jin-Wah at the farm to learn more about the different varieties.



FACULTY PROMOTIONS

KCC is extremely lucky to have exceptional faculty that are dedicated to not only their students but to the institution as a whole. A few of these faculty members have recently received either Tenure & Promotion or Promotion. Congratulations to the following:

- Tenure & Promotion to Rank C3: Alan Boyes & Terry Bruns
- Promotion to C4: Gigi Drent & Sandy Magnussen

Art Show at Kukui Grove

KCC students from Painting, Drawing, Graphic Design, Photograph and Video Production held an exhibition of works at Kukui Grove shopping center from June 3 - 8.

The exhibit was free and open to the public which gave students the chance to not only share their talents with the entire island but it also gave them the opportunity to sell their artwork.

I truly enjoyed the exhibit and was very impressed with the amount of talented students we have here at KCC. Congratulations to our Art instructors and all the students for a successful show!



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