

Kūkala Nūhou

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NEW Distance Education Classroom

Title III grant Keleka'a Ho'ona'auao, in collaboration with the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu, is funding the design and construction of a new Distance Education (DE) classroom on the 2nd floor of the Learning Resource Center.

- 2022 - Benjamin Woo Architects are scheduled to complete the architectural design.
- 2022-2023 - Construction of the room will be underway.

The outcome will be a state-of-the-art DE hub dedicated to increasing and supporting residents of Kaua'i, especially Native Hawaiian students, as they attain online degrees from UH Institutions.



Kikuchi Collection

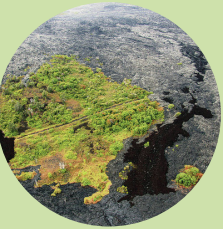
Dr. William Kenji 'Pila' Kikuchi was one of the world's leading experts on Hawaiian Fishponds, especially Alakoko Fishpond on Kaua'i. He also was one of the first to study Makauwahi Cave in Māhā'ulepū, the largest limestone cave and richest fossil site found in Hawai'i. The volume of items given to the College by the Kikuchi family is quite extensive and includes an inventory listing of over 550 books and personal field journals with 8,000+ items still to be examined.

Our Title III Kūkulu A'e grant is establishing a Pila Kikuchi Center on campus to preserve, archive, and digitize archaeological research material to be made available to the community, state, and world for education, reference, and research. We hope you'll come see it when it is open to the public!

Kaua'i CC Kīpuka Center

What is a *kīpuka*? A *kīpuka* is an area of land that is surrounded by lava flows, creating an "island" within a sea of lava. The forests within the *kīpuka* serve as a refuge for native plants and animals.

Our Title III Kūkulu A'e grant will create a student-focused *kīpuka* that mimics the rich resources of a natural *kīpuka*. The center will offer students diverse supports that assist them with finding comfort, community, and academic success. For example, the *Kīpuka* center will include tutoring, peer mentoring, academic advising, and more!



US Geological Survey

Hā-Breath Highlight: Sense of Responsibility



Ma ka hana ke 'ike, ma ka 'imi ka loa'a

In working one learns, through initiative one acquires

“ I willingly carry my responsibility for self, family, community and the larger society. A sense of Responsibility is demonstrated by a commitment and concern for others. I am mindful of the values, needs and welfare of others. ”

Wāhine Power

March is Women's History Month! We celebrate the many influential wāhine whose legacies have contributed to Lāhui. Do you know of these leaders below?

Jamaica Heolimeikalani Osario

Born and raised in Pālolo Valley, O'ahu, Jamaica is an artist, activist, author, and 3 time national poetry champion. She earned her PhD in English (Hawaiian Literature) from UH Mānoa. Her book, *Remembering Our Intimacies: Mo'olelo, Aloha Āina, and Ea*, detangles aloha āina from the effects of colonialism and occupation, dives into Indigenous queer theory and feminism, and seeks to recuperate Native Hawaiian concepts and ethics.

Mehana Blach Vaughn

Mehana grew up in the rural Halele'a district on the island of Kaua'i. She developed 'āina based education programs on Kaua'i, as well as trained teachers in culturally grounded education. Mehana is currently an associate professor at UH Mānoa in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Her research and outreach focus is on nurturing community care and governance of land and waters in Hawai'i.

Aletha Kawelukawahineholiolimaloa Goodwin

Aletha is a lifetime resident of Waimea whose ancestry is traced back to Kaumuali'i, sixth generation. The preservation of Hawaiian culture & artifacts has been a passionate lifelong interest of hers. She is currently the President of Friends of King Kaumuali'i and manages the West Kaua'i Visitors Center. Past roles include: State of Hawaii librarian, a renown Hawaii Cultural Consultant, and a lecturer at Kaua'i CC.

Isabella Aiona Abbott

Isabella of Hāna, Maui, became the first Native Hawaiian woman to earn a doctoral degree in the field of science (PhD Botany, UC Berkeley). She has been credited with discovering over 200 different algal species. Many were named after her including a genus of the red algae family, *Abbottella* or little Abbott.

