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Aloha Kāua,

Hulo! Hulo! Hulo! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as a recipient of the NHEA Educator of the Year award given annually to three deserving people. This years recipients are You, Kalena Silva, and Moses Crabbe. The event will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 10:00 am at Windward Community College. The theme of this years conference is He Lālā no Ku'u Kumu. In line with this theme we are honoring Kumu / Haumana with hula genealogical ties to Aunty Maiki.

In 1992, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) presented the Ke Kukui Mālamalama Awards. The awards honored individuals who demonstrated exemplary work in academic and cultural education within the Hawaiian Community. Awardees were dedicated to furthering the education of Native Hawaiians, must have inspired students of Hawaiian ancestry to excellence and have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues, and have taken an active role in the community. Dr. Manu Meyer, Dr. David Sing, Dr. Ku Kahakalau, Dr. Lilikala Kaumeelehiwa, and Kupuna Gora were past Ke Kukui Mālamalama recipients.

In 1999, OHA approached NHEA to take over the Ke Kukui Mālamalama Awards. The NHEA board agreed and renamed the award the NHEA Educator of the Year Award. The selection criteria remained the same. Since 2002, a blue ribbon panel has chosen the award recipients. Gladys Brandt, Pua Kanahahele, Nainoa Thompson, Pua Wilhelm, Kamuela Chun, Pine Kanahahele (posthumously), Elama Kanahahele (posthumously), Kupuna Kawao Durante, Martha Evans, Jan Lindsey (posthumously), Ilei Beniamina, John Lake, and Julie Williams have received this prestigious award.

We hope you will be able to join us for the event on Friday, March 23. There are three parts to the Educator of the Year. First at 10 am, participate on a Panel discussion at the convention and talk about Hawaiian learning and things that you have learned that may be effective in today's classroom, Mehana Hind will serve as the moderator. Second at 11 am, receive your award from the Native Hawaiian Education Association, and Lastly at Noon, attend a luncheon in your honor. Please feel free to invite up to 10 guests to all or any part of the Educator of the Year event. Someone from NHEA will be in touch with you and ask whom you have invited so that we may accommodate your guests appropriately.

Hilo honorees let me know what time you will want to arrive and depart and we can book your reservations. We will also get you a Rent A Car unless you prefer to have someone pick you up.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 956-5283 or via email at LHOKOANA@hawaii.edu. Congratulations again and see you on the 23rd.

No ka Pono o ka Lāhui Hawai'i,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lui K. Hokoana". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Lui K. Hokoana, Director

Tentative Conference Schedule

Friday, March 23 / Day One		Saturday, March 24 / Day Two	
8:30 am	Registration	8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Welcome / NHEA Business	9:00 am	Keynote: Katherine Matayoshi
10:00 am	EOY Panel Presentation w/ Kalena Silva, Vicky Holt- Takamine, and Moses Crabbe	10:00 am	Break
11:00 am	EOY Ceremony	10:15 am	Workshop 4 / Huaka'i 1
Noon	EOY Luncheon	11:15 am	Workshop 5 / Huaka'i (Cont.)
1:00 pm	Workshop 1	12:15 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Workshop 2	1:30 pm	Talk Story w/ Robert Cazimero
3:00 pm	Workshop 3	3:00 pm	Pau
4:00 pm	Pau Day One		

Directions to Windward Community College

From Honolulu take the H1 Freeway to Likelike Highway. Go mauka (north) toward Kaneohe. Once you're through the tunnel, take the first exit, which is for Kahekili Highway. At the third stoplight, turn left (mauka) onto Kea'ahala Road, which will take you to the WCC campus.

From Pearl City and points West take the HI Freeway toward Honolulu. Take the HI-78 East/HI-78 West/I-H3 East exit towards Aiea/Honolulu/Kaneohe (exit #13A) and continue on I-H3 East ramp towards Kaneohe. After you're through the tunnels, take the first exit for Likelike Hwy. Move to the right-hand lane and follow it as it merges onto Kahekili Hwy. At the third stoplight, turn left (mauka) onto Kea'ahala Road, which will take you to the WCC campus.

From Kailua take Kailua Road/Kalaniana'ole Highway toward Honolulu. Make a right turn onto Kamehameha Hwy. At the intersection with Likelike, turn mauka (left). Turn right on to Kahekili Hwy. At the second stoplight, turn left (mauka) onto Kea'ahala Road, which will take you to the WCC campus.

From Ka'a'awa and points north take Kamehameha Hwy. to Kahalu'u. At the intersection with Kamehameha Hwy, continue forward on Kahekili Hwy. Turn right (mauka) onto Kea'ahala Road, which will take you to the WCC campus.

From the Airport take the H1 Freeway East to Likelike Hwy. Go mauka (north) toward Kaneohe. Once you're through the tunnel, take the first exit, which is for Kahekili Highway. At the third stoplight, turn left (mauka) onto Kea'ahala Road, which will take you to the WCC campus.