

PAF: Improving the Lives of Pacific Islanders

Here at the Pacific American Foundation (PAF), we focus on projects that develop Native Hawaiian educational curriculum and encourage youth development through leadership training and mentoring. We also have development programs directed at preserving Native Hawaiian culture. In addition to *Aloha 'Āina*, PAF is conducting the following programs:



National Pacific American Leadership Institute

NAPALI integrates cultural leadership values of Pacific Americans with universal leadership values in a dynamic program that is creating leaders for the future.



Project Mālama Wai Wai

Students receive training in financial concepts and participate in an Asia field study with the goal of creating future leaders to manage

Hawaiian assets.

Imi Na'auao (Seeking Knowledge)

This OHA-funded program focuses on preservation and revitalization of two ancient Hawaiian fishponds—Keawanui on Moloka'i and Waikalua Loko on O'ahu.



Ke Kumu Alaka'i (Teaching Leaders)

Youths in grades 6 through 9 on four islands participate in programs designed to train Native Hawaiian leaders of the future.

Harvard Summer Internship Program

Graduate students from Harvard participate each year in summer internships, which promote their understanding of Hawaiian culture and help PAF conduct research and prepare in-depth informative reports about Pacific Islanders.



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Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future: Project Aloha 'Āina

Shaping the future while preserving a heritage, *Project Aloha 'Āina* was designed to provide Hawai'i's youth with culturally relevant curricula to inspire them to embrace *aloha 'āina* as a way of life. This educational program fosters foundational learning experiences that reflect Native Hawaiian



culture and core values. A major goal of the project is to inspire Hawai'i's youth to excel in essential science, math and language arts standards and to care for resources within their *ahupua'a*.

Vision

That everyone in Hawai'i lives by the values of *aloha 'āina* and that communities work together to achieve their vision of a healthy environment in harmony with the land and the sea.

During the first year of this three-year project, the Pacific American Foundation (PAF) focused on developing materials for schools in the Kāne'ohe *ahupua'a*.



Today, the project is working cooperatively with community organizations to design and implement curriculum materials for Hāna, Maui, Waipā, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, and additional sites on O'ahu.



Grade Level Units

Units focus on different aspects of the *ahupua'a* at each grade level.

Grade 3 - Mālama Our Wetlands

Grade 4 - Loko I'a and Lo'i Kalo

Grade 5 - Investigating I'a Kahawai (Streamlife)

Grade 6 - Ho'ōla: Healing Our Ahupua'a

Grade 7 - Kohola: Investigating Kane'ohe Bay

Grade 8 - Learning About Landforms

Grade 9 - Ke Noi'i Nei: Streams and Water Issues

Grades 10 to 12 - Forest, Farms, and Fishponds (3 units)

Features of Aloha 'Āina Units

Cultural Foundation

Each grade level unit is built on a foundation of Hawaiian cultural beliefs and values.



Project-based Learning

Students engage in science and math investigations to discover their connections to their local environment and ways that they can *kōkua* to help care for their community.

Locally Relevant Readings

Student readings and background information for teachers include *mo'olelo*, maps, and local history related to the *ahupua'a* being studied. Beautiful artwork by Hawaiian artist, Brook Parker and stunning color photographs by local photographers enhance the readings.

Standards-based Activities

Hands-on investigations are all designed to help students meet DOE standards (HCPSIII) and *Nā Honua Mauli Ola* (Hawai'i Guidelines for Culturally Healthy and Responsive Learning Environments).

Assessment

The project staff are working cooperatively with the DOE to provide teachers and students with access to on-line assessment designed to help students demonstrate proficiency in science standards.



Assessments are scored and returned to teachers to use in pre- and post-assessment of student learning.



Career and Life Skills

Learning activities focusing on career and life skills for high school students address the DOE General Learner Outcomes and prepare students for working cooperatively and thinking critically. Summer internships are also available for a limited number of O'ahu students.

Join Us!

Teachers interested in field-testing units or receiving announcements about upcoming workshops should contact the Pacific American Foundation at (808) 533-2836.