

8th Annual Hawaii Service Learning Conference

Schedule

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 Oli, Welcome
- 8:40 Keynote Speaker: Utu Langi
- 9:30 First Breakout Sessions
- 10:30 Second Breakout Sessions
- 11:35 Meet Community Partners (Cafeteria)
- 12:00 Lunch
Student Poster Presentations
- 12:45 Youth Philanthropy Board Panel (Auditorium)
- 1:45 Closing Remarks, Awards, Mahalo
- 2:00 Pau

Keynote Speaker - Utu Langi

How much of a difference can one person make? Utu Langi has a story to tell that will make you think about what you can do. He is the brainchild of H-5 (Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope). As the founder and director of the H-5 Project, he has developed a faith-based group that helps about 3,000 homeless people every week from Wai'anae to Waimanalo. You will learn about the buses that are being made into homeless "homes" and how you can make a difference.

Breakout Sessions

9:30

Hosting a Community Empowerment Fair

Presenter: Andrew Michaels, Health Careers Teacher and Erika Soliven, Tonie Ewen, Anthony Banda, students

Three Waipahu High School students and their teacher won a grant to host a community empowerment fair in Waipahu. There were four themes to the fair: health, economics, education, and legal aid. Over thirty nonprofit organizations attended to provide free information and services to Waipahu residents. Students researched problem issues in the community, organized the event, and reflected upon its success. Learn how to put on an empowerment fair at your school

LEAF: Leaving Earth A Future

Presenters: Kristen Ige and Whitney Sia, students and co-founders of LEAF, and Jennifer Hong, teacher mentor

LEAF is a student-driven non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage and promote sustainable practices within the business and nonprofit communities, beginning with the restaurant sector. Join us for an update on LEAF's journey, which began in the summer of 2008. Student co-founders will share information on LEAF's development and growth since the last Hawaii Service Learning Conference, and lessons learned along the way. Learn about how you can be a LEAF supporter too! Community partner is Our Town 808

Taking Action for Our Earth: The JEM Club – 5th and 6th graders linked around the world

Student Presenters: Micah Bertelmann, Haku Blaisdell, Casey Fernandez, Brooke Kawamura, Capri Nakaima, Kyla Nitahara, and Kyle Wong, student with Sheryl Kahue and Judy Cramer, teachers

Hear how the JEM program at Kamehameha was a catalyst for an elementary school environmental club. Student will share how they are developing an awareness of local and global environmental issues and taking action to become stewards of their culture, environment and global community. Participants will leave with ideas for starting their own environmental club.

Physical Education, Dance and Community Service – A Winning Combination for All Ages

Presenters: Tracy Taylor, Social and Popular Dance teacher and 20-25 middle school students, 5 high school students and one college student

Twenty-five students at Kapolei Middle School take you on a journey on how community service positively impacted their social, emotional, physical and academic growth. There's a short video of students working with preschool students on gross motor and social skills development. They also work with senior citizens on gross motor and social skills retention. The session ends with students teaching active skills that can be implemented in the classroom.

Service Learning Projects with Rigor & Relevance

Presenters: Keri Coloma, Laurie Sogawa, Michelle Wilson, Amy Kim, GloryAnn Kama, Lynn Yoshioka and Diane Kagawa, teachers

Every student participates in Service Learning, ensuring caring, responsible, contributing citizens in our society. This standard based Service Learning Program at Mililani Middle School is inspiring students and teachers are enthusiastic about the results. Come to learn more about what they have done and how they have done it.

The Sensory Stimulus Garden at Le'ahi Hospital : A unique example of a campus-community partnership

Presenters: Allan Kaleikilo, Maile Lam, Kurt Tsubota, Melisa Orozco, Kapi`olani Community College students

An idea that became an herb garden planted during a family Easter event. Then, through the students and faculty at Kapi`olani Community College, and community partner leadership the Le'ahi sensory garden came to life, serving as a classroom, recreation area, and food source.

The garden serves as a classroom for students of biology, botany, gerontology, art, human development, and sociology. This project is a collaborative effort between Kapi`olani Community College and its neighbor, Le'ahi Hospital.

10:30

Creating the Hero Within

Presenters: Lani Bowman, 6th grade service-learning teacher and Kohala Middle School students

By examining qualities of their heroes, students realize that they and others close to them are “Everyday Heroes”. Youth learn that true leaders serve him/herself and others. Walls created by peer pressure and the problems of self-centeredness are lessened through a variety of games, techniques and icebreakers. (Lively interactive session.)

Students Building for Kupuna of Hana

Presenter: Rick Rutiz, teacher

Mr. Ruitz, Executive Director of the award-winning Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike (Hana School Building Program) at Hana High School will share how his students are learning construction skills hands-on in the community while helping Hana's kupuna with their building needs."

DoBands Hawaii: Creating a Wave of Goodness, One Deed at a Time

Presenters: Nichole Adolpho, co-founder of DoBands Hawaii, Elena Hoffenberg, Lauren Dowd, Laura Jude, Tyler Bailey, students and Cathy Kawano-Ching, faculty coordinator

High school students from Punahou School have adapted an idea from Stanford University's Global Innovation Tournament of using simple wristbands to create a wave of good that can sweep through the community. It has always been said that every little thing counts and can make a difference in the world. The student co-founders of DoBands Hawaii will share lessons learned along the way in developing DoBands Hawaii. Community partners are Kanu Hawaii and Kealakehe High School

Every Great Journey Begins with a Single Step

Presenters: Clavelina Caalim, Teresa Duran, Carolyn Ozaki, teachers

Interested in taking your community service to the next level? Come and see how these teachers at Mililani Middle School took a "single step" (their classroom) to create a Service Learning experience and empowered the entire school. Join us and learn how it can be done, one step at a time...

Sharing from an Elder – Puanani Burgess

Linda Uehara, facilitator with Puanani Burgess

Aunty Puanani Burgess is a community building facilitator, trainer and consultant. She was recently named one of the Living Treasures of Hawaii for her contributions to Hawaii's distinctive cultural and artistic heritage. Honor and learn from her stories, insights and life of service. Join a circle of listening and sharing.

This is Public Health Hawai'i

Presenter: Yuka Jokura, University of Hawai'i Office of Public Health Studies

Learn about how you are impacted by Public Health – it impacts everyone's daily life. We often take for granted the clean water we drink, the advances in disease control, and policies protecting our safety and well-being. These are just a few examples of how it is hard to *see* public health. You can learn how to spread awareness using social media tools, photography and stickers.

Exhibits/Panels

11:35am – 12:30pm

Advancing Partnerships with Community Agencies

Service Learning provides meaningful ways for teachers, students, schools and community agencies to interact in thoughtful and selected actions to meet common needs. Often, knowing who and where to go is a challenge. This year's conference will spotlight a variety of community groups and agencies covering many areas of the state. The agencies will include those who work on meeting human needs, public outreach, environment and the elderly.

Location: Cafeteria

12:00 – 12:40

Poster Sharing of Be the Change Grant Recipients and other student groups.

Participants in the Be the Change Grants will share what they have done this year. Schools making presentations include: August Ahrens Elementary, James Campbell High, Honowaii Elementary, Hakipu`u Learning Center, Kahalu`u Elementary, Kamaile Academy, Olomana School, Punahou School, University Laboratory, and Waipahu High School. Other schools are invited to display their poster presentations.

Location: Cafeteria

12:45 Panel Discussion

Youth Inventing Solution for our Community - Youth Philanthropy Board

Presenters: Elena Hoffenberg, Bianca Nagata, Jessica Nakayama, Marissa Okazaki, students and Karen Chun, Ellen Schroeder, teachers and Carole Iacovelli, with Youth Service Hawaii)

Students and teachers on the Youth Philanthropy Board will tell about the "Be The Change" grant program, which helps fund service learning projects organized by students and teachers. They will explain the review process and introduce the grant awardees for this year. Board members will tell how you can apply for the "Be the Change" Grants next semester. The Youth Philanthropy Board is supported by the Starbucks Foundation.

Location: Auditorium