



Ho'opono gathering with 40 Native Peacemakers @ Waolama



Kūkaniloko uluniu (coconut grove) work with Indrajit + Niu Now

Kūlana o Kapolei

Makahiki, 2022 (Winter Season)

Kūlana o Kapolei has welcomed our Makahiki Season! Here are some highlights accomplished these past few months contextualized within our UH West O'ahu Pahuopu – our five Institutional Values: *Waiwai*, *Po'okela*, *Mālama 'Āina*, *Kaiāulu*, and *Hana Lawelawe*.

Waiwai

- What is true wealth? Kūlana o Kapolei experienced this idea through the excellence of others. This was especially evident in the hosting of 40 cultural peacemakers visiting from all parts of the globe. We hosted a Restorative Justice group: Life Comes From It for one week in November. It was a mythic sharing of deep ideas that inspired us all.

Po'okela

- Excellence is a real idea that nurtures and strengthens us. Goodness then grows and expands by its own accord. This was evident every time we gathered to focus on our Cultural Agroforestry movement focused on the niu (coconut). This Makahiki we met three times for large workdays at UH West O'ahu and at the uluniu (coconut grove) Kūkaniloko – our wahi pana in Wahiawa.

Mālama 'Āina

- Caring for our lands and waterways is a way of life. Kūlana o Kapolei hosted the UH Mānoa Philosophy Department to restore a native forest up in Palehua on November 19th to mark the Makahiki Season. 40 holes were dug and kukui, kou, and milo were planted! All graduate students were thrilled to work with picks and o'o for the first time. Everyone worked hard and a lovely pot-luck lunch afforded us all a great opportunity to listen to some *fantastic* thesis ideas!

Kaiāulu

- Community is not an abstract idea, it is a powerful and regenerative one when we understand what it means here in Hawai'i nei. A community is how we thrive. Extended family, connected siblings, concerned neighbors. A beloved community is the backbone of Hawaiian culture. Kūlana o Kapolei experienced our UH West Oahu community as we welcomed 300+ guests for our Grand Opening of the ACM – Academy of Creative Media on November 18th. What a day!

Hana Lawelawe

- Service is how we express our aloha in the world. It was felt in endless ways with the activation of Auntie Lynette Paglinawan's students as they stepped forward to gather the "Pani Foods" of Ho'oponopono to feed a Restorative Justice Collective called "Life Comes From It" and the "Ahimsa Collective." The week was dedicated to the discipline of ho'opono, and it inspired us all.

Kūlana o Kapolei – Makahiki 2022
Life Comes From It + The Ahimsa Collective
One week of cultural exchange with West O‘ahu students, faculty + community



McD Philpotts, Jesse Mikasobe + Dr. Lelemia Irvine at Awa Ceremony



Kumu Hula Aulii Mitchell with haumana Napali Souza - Hula Ki'i night



Aunty Lynette sharing 'ike kupuna with Judge Robert Yazzie (Navajo) and 40+ Restorative Justice practitioners in the Grove. This day was dedicated to the "Pani Foods" or closure foods we use after a ho'oponopono. Guests were served laulau, poi, uala, ulu, limu kala, ho'io salad, squid lu'au, chicken long rice, kulolo and wainiu (coconut water) It was a mythic day of ono food and loving, collective work shared among many. Aunty gathered haku ho'oponopono to facilitate the rituals and luncheon. It was a full day of "hands-on/minds-on" action with students flying in from Hilo and Kauai. Special and memorable experience for all...

Kūlana o Kapolei – Makahiki 2022
Resorative Justice work with West Oahu students, faculty, staff + community



Welcome ritual with Judge Yazzie + Cheryl Fairbanks, JD.



Rituals of gratitude with Restorative Justice Practitioners



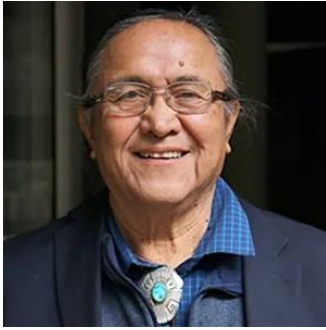
Hosting 40 Cultural Peacemakers changed all our lives. We tapped into Aunty Lynette's two classes to host them in multiple locations.



Finding limu kala @ Lanikūhonua for the Pani Foods event (Adam+Jesse)



We began @ Lanikūhonua with an awa ceremony + lauhalā weaving



Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie

Navajo Nation Supreme Court

<https://peacemaking.narf.org/2015/10/robert-yazzie/>

Peacemaking is a way of life. We were born with it. It's hard to explain what it is because it's everything.

Quotations from his talk in Aunty Lynette's class
Monday, October 31, 2022 9:00 am – 10:00 am

- Navajo Peacemaking always brings people together for a *purpose* - to restore the Good Way.
- The more you enjoy life, the world-view will verify that.
- Peacemaking is a way to come together willingly, for a purpose, to solve a problem.
- Peacemaking is a circle; it's for families to come together for a purpose.
- Mind-to-mind. What, why and how should we approach the matter at hand.
- Peacemaking is derived from ceremonial practice. The purpose is to restore relationships.
- Seeking a remedy is Peacemaking.
- Peacemakers are usually selected by the people. They are devoted to their people.
- As a facilitator you have a role, but you don't control the process.
- When people come together in a circle, both victim and offender are welcome.
- People must listen.
- You can disagree with each other – just be respectful.
- Our focus is not to blame the wrong-doer.
- The mind expresses the problem and we talk it out to feel the underlying problem.
- Commitment in Navajo means LIFE.
- There's no end to speaking of the meaning of life.
- Navajo look beyond monetary relief. More importantly is to understand the harm underneath.
- Yes, there's a plan, but there's a *commitment* to it.
- To forgive you have to give something in return.
- Books weren't needed. We learned from life. It's on-the-job training!
- We were taught to learn to think on your own! Make a plan!
- When you have a life, you have to use your mind. Allow your way of thinking. Action your plan.
- When your mind is active, there is energy. Use your mind. Fix your problem. Change the result.
- Life is full of challenge.
- When you learn to think, to plan, you will learn how to live.
- Live the Good Way.
- Peacemaking exists because of chaos. Fire. Growth. Change.
- When the work of nature brings ut into the world, we can use our minds.
- Peacekeeping is before the problem happens.
- Peacemaking is a way of life. We were born with it. It's hard to explain what it is because it's everything.
- You will not learn everything in this lifetime.
- Peacemaking in our future – there's a lot of possibilities. We don't analyze like lawyers. We do use the process of thought. We use our minds. There's a time for commitment.
- We're not going to use any procedures. We're gonna use peace-making.

Kūlana o Kapolei

*Niu Now Work during the Makahiki Season
UH West O'ahu + Kūkaniloko uluniu (coconut grove)*



OHA, UHWO and UHM collaboration at Kūkaniloko was thrilling!



UHWO SCFS + MA'O Farm students were key contributors, Nov 5



The Uluniu Project is located beside our UHWO Student Organic Garden. It is a coconut grove filled with 10 niu poko (dwarf coconut trees) and 10 ulu (breadfruit). The Aloha 'Āina Student Service Club facilitates monthly WORKDAYS at the uluniu (coconut grove). Here are students from Dr. Saili Doktor + Dr. Masahide Kato's classes. I'iwileo Pacarro, President of Aloha 'Āina Service Club stands in the front Left of this picture. Students will not forget that kind of work to weed and care for our uluniu! Hot, hot day! We then enjoyed a pot-luck lunch with everyone! October 22, 2022

Kūlana o Kapolei
Winter @ UH West O‘ahu
Makahiki 2022



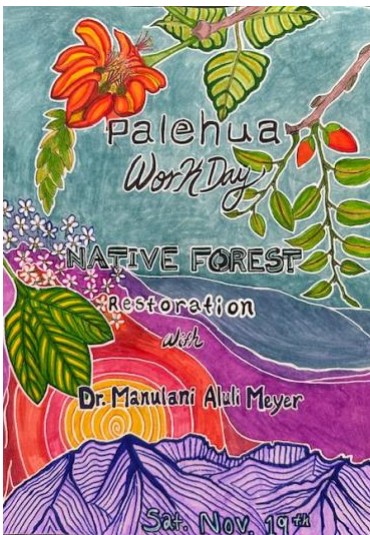
Alex Cantatore, Indrajit Gunasekara, Beckie Stochetti (HIFF)

kumu niu

14 minute documentary on our Uluniu Project (!)
By the National Association of State Foresters
Directed by Alex Cantatore

kumu niu won "Best Short Film" in the Human Planet Category in the Jackson Wild Summit Film Festival in Austria on September 27, 2022.

kumu niu won "Best Short Film" in the Environmental Short Films Category at the Hawai'i International Film Festival (HIFF) on Sunday, November 13, 2022



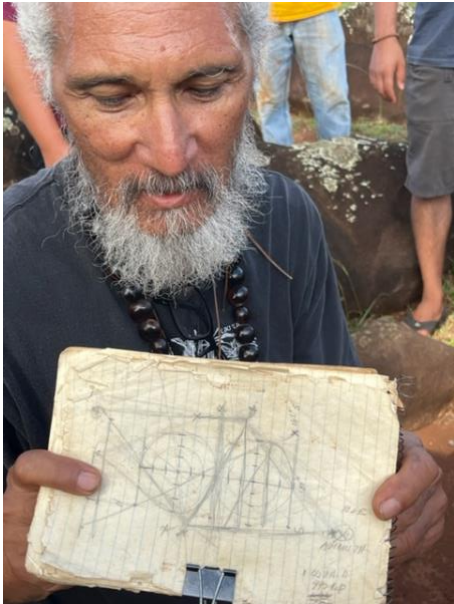
Saturday, November 19, 2022

7 Philosophy Graduate Students along with the UH Mānoa Department Chair, Dr. Tamara Albertini, travelled to Palehua to work on a Native Reforestation Project @ the Waolama Learning Center with Ngahiraka Mason.

40 holes were dug and kou, milo, and kukui were planted, waterd and sung to! It was a hard working day for this gang and they were up for the challenge! We then enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and shared Philosophy topics for their PhD and Masters. It was a rich and memorable day for all!



Kūlana o Kapolei
Winter @ UH West O'ahu
Makahiki 2022



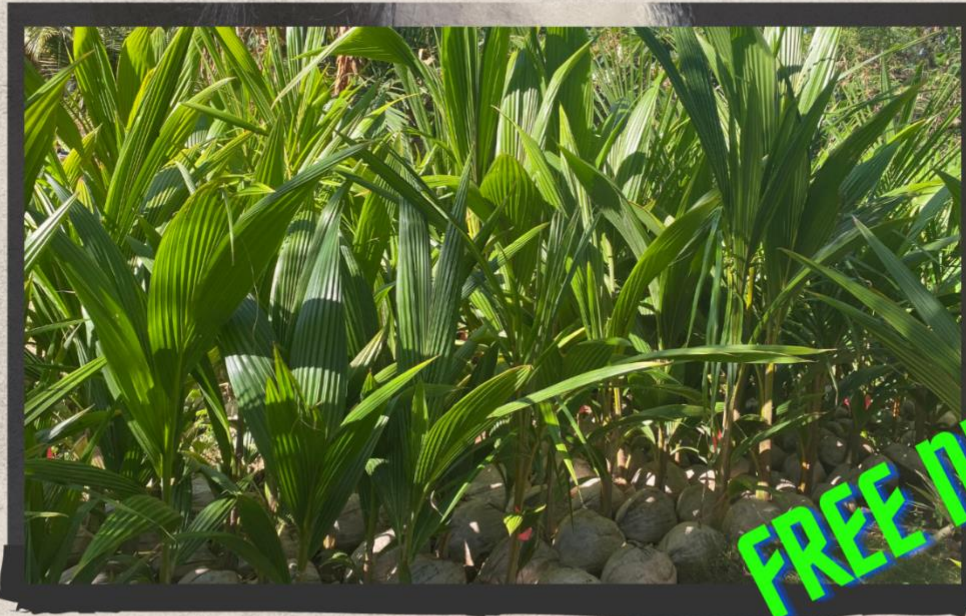
We visited Kūkaniloko and spent time with Tom Lenchanko, Hawaiian National dedicated to the life, mana + healing of Kūkaniloko.



Chancellor Benham with UHWO Faculty, Staff + ACM Alumni @ the Opening of the ACM Building – Friday, November 18, 2022

MAKAHIKI SEASON BEGINS!

aka: Peace, Gratitude + Excellence



PLEASE COME AND CHOOSE YOUR NIU (COCONUT) PALM
FROM OUR UH WEST OAHU NIU NURSERY!

SATURDAY, NOV.26

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Contact Aloha 'Āina Student Club for more details

ahaaina@hawaii.edu

Nā Mea Makahiki Niu Give-Away from our Niu Nursery
Practicing Peace, Gratitude and Excellence at the Uluniu o UH West O'ahu
Saturday, November 26, 2022



Niunates came early to start the gifting to our community. Uncle Franco started his uluniu (coconut grove) in joy!



SCFS - Bryceson Tugade stayed all day with I'iwileo Pacarro + Dr. Brittany Kamai who organized all niu data!



Lono-i-ka-makahiki!

May this Winter Season of peace, gratitude, and excellence continue to nourish us with the qualities of 'ike kupuna that keep us clear of our priorities and principles. May we practice the ideas of our elders and feel the moisture in our hearts to continue to stay of service to others. May we welcome Lā Ku'oko'a into our daily consciousness so we can elevate the practice of freedom to secure our future and make sure our food can be found everywhere. Lono-i-ka-makahiki!