ʻĀalii Scholars

The University of Hawaiʻi–West Oʻahu
The ‘A’ali’i Scholars Program provides High School students from Kanu O Ka ‘Āina and Ke Kula O ‘Ehunuikaimalino the opportunity to increase their college and career awareness at the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu. Students will experience college through both a Western and Native Hawaiian cultural lens. With the support of indigenous cultural values, practices, and principles, the program aims to increase college and career readiness using these unique life and educational values.

The program offers a distinct opportunity for students at 2 different educational programs:

- Fall program (October - December)
- Spring program (February - May)
- Summer program (June 29 - July 23)

Applications must be received by:

**Priority Deadline:**
Friday, April 23, 2021

**Final Deadline:**
Monday, May 31, 2021
College Success

Fall Program
October 28th - December 9th 2020 (Wednesday 1pm-3:30pm)

Students who participate in the Fall program will be eligible to receive **1 free college credit** that will support students with tools that empower their identity, explore different college/career paths and encourage resilience in higher education. The course included is:

- SD 199: Directed Reading (1 credit)

*This program will be offered virtually for the Fall 2020 semester.*

Spring Program
February-May 2021
(Every fourth Wednesdays of the month from 10:50am-11:50am)

Throughout the Spring semester, the program will focus on valuable opportunities to explore and converse in deep and rich conversations around the ideas of what a college student is. The 'A'ali'i Scholars Program will meet virtually to engage with student participants about the following topics:

- February 24th: Intro to Higher Education
- March 31st: Building a Beloved Community
- April 28th: #MoneyMoves
- May 26th: Major Explorations

Students will also have time to Wā Hikaloi with Kumu Kālā’e Parker. During this time, students will take the time to kilo (observe) the natural patterns found all around us. In addition to hikaloi (self-reflect) on how these patterns impact, ground and shape us on our personal journeys.

*This program will be offered virtually for the Spring 2021 semester.*

Summer Program
June 29th - July 23rd 2021

Students who participate in the Summer program will be eligible to receive **3 free college credits** that focus on Career and Major explorations. The course included is:

- SD 105B: Career and Major Exploration, Knowing Myself, Knowing My Options, Making a Decision (3 credits)
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9am-12pm
  - Fridays | 9am-3pm

The program will begin as an online course to provide students an opportunity to virtually visit different UH College campuses. If an in-person option is possible, classes will take place with appropriate physical distancing, facial coverings, sanitization protocols, and any other guidelines set forth by UH or UH West O’ahu regarding COVID-19. We will provide reasonable accommodations for students who are unable or not comfortable with attending face-to-face sessions.

While the program hopes to be offered as a Hybrid/online course, all student participants will be provided benefits at no cost such as: course textbooks, meals, transportation and related fees.

*Please note that due to COVID-19, programmatic changes may take place and may be offered completely online. Mahalo for your understanding.*

Applications must be received by the appropriate deadlines.
Eligibility & Application Process

○ Be an upcoming high school junior or senior student from Kanu O Ka ‘Āina or Ke Kula O ‘Ehunuikaimalino
○ Have a minimum cumulative 2.7 high school GPA (4.0 scale)
○ Submit a Dual Credit application at http://bit.ly/dualcreditsummer2021
○ Send a copy of the completed application with your signature and your parent’s signature to your high school college and career counselor.

Mission

Our career-driven program aims to increase Native Hawaiian scholars and is dedicated to providing all students from West Hawai‘i an opportunity to be a college student at the University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu. The program is committed to provide students with the opportunity to explore various career pathways while incorporating Native Hawaiian values. This program is a student-centered culturally based approach in preparing students for college and career opportunities. The ‘A’ali’i Scholars program is a partnership program between the University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu and Kamehameha Schools.

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