

# Pacific and Asian Affairs Council in 2011

Building Bridges. Inspiring Young Leaders. Developing Global Citizens.

## FORUMS

*Engaging the community on Asia-Pacific issues*

PAAC's forums featured renowned diplomats, government and business leaders, journalists and scholars. PAAC cosponsored 16 forums, educating over 1,300 community members on critical international issues.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IVLP)

*Facilitating professional exchanges & goodwill*

In partnership with the U.S. State Department, PAAC hosted 15 programs and connected 88 leaders with their professional counterparts in Hawai'i. Leaders representing 32 countries had an opportunity to bridge political and cultural divides and cultivate lasting relationships.

## COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM

*Promoting global awareness & the arts*

PAAC cosponsored 14 forums, 8 International Festival performances, and a college-level WorldQuest competition to promote international understanding and cultural diversity amongst college students at HPU, UHM, UHH, KCC, LCC, and WCC.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Preparing Hawaii's next generation of leaders*

PAAC served 1,700 public and private students and 180 teachers through its conferences, clubs, after-school classes, scholarships, teacher trainings, and Chevron Academic WorldQuest competition. Since 1954, PAAC has provided international education to more than 79,500 students statewide.

Highlights:

\* OneWorld Now-Hawaii Pilot: 25 students took Arabic language and leadership classes, with opportunities to present at the Get Global Conference in Seattle and participate in a summer Arabic language camp at UH-Manoa. This program is funded by the Qatar Foundation International.

\* Chevron's Academic WorldQuest competition was the largest since it began 11 years ago!

\* 45 PAAC students & teachers attended Secretary Hillary Clinton's address on America's Engagement in the Asia Pacific.

\* Curriculum focused on Food Security, World Hunger, Islamic Civilization and Art, North Korea, International Trade, and APEC.

## TRAVEL PROGRAM

*Freeman Foundation Scholarships*

15 students, representing 14 high schools statewide, received full scholarships to travel to Vietnam for two weeks. Students built lasting relationships and gained a new appreciation and respect for Vietnam. Students made many personal discoveries, grew in confidence, and are seeking opportunities to continue their international education.

*Turkish Cultural Foundation Scholarships*

Three public school teachers spent two weeks on a summer study tour of Turkey. As a result of this program, our teachers will enhance their classroom curriculum with Turkish culture and history.

*Qatar Foundation International Scholarships*

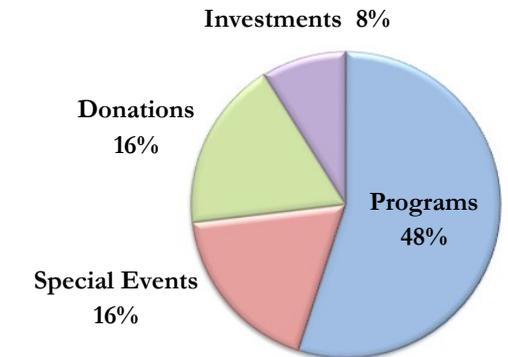
Two students and three educators traveled to Qatar for a 10 day study tour which included school visits, home-stays, and many culturally enriching activities.

*Frank Boas & Jean E. Rolles Scholarships*

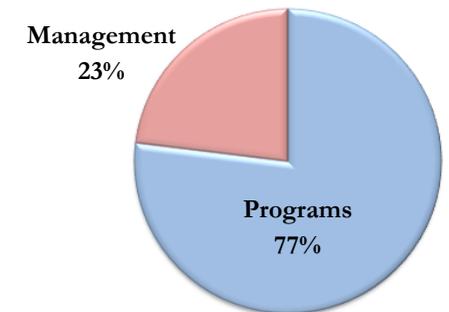
2 students received PAAC's Board Member's scholarships to travel to Costa Rica.

## FINANCIALS

*Revenue: \$625,470*



*Expenses: \$575,083*



“(This conference) was a great eye opener that allowed me to feel what it’s like to negotiate with other people who may have different views on particular issues, yet also have common goals that we can work on to achieve success for everyone.”



**-Model APEC participant**



“WorldQuest helped me become more familiar with Islamic culture. Stereotypes about Muslims and made everyday... After being assigned to study Islam... I found, to my surprise, that

Muslims have many of the same beliefs that I learn in church... This simple understanding of one another can go a long way. We are reminded that no matter where we are from or how we live our life, we are all human.”

**-Chevron Academic WorldQuest participant**



“My perception of the US was always through other people’s views. After this trip I now have my own perception. The US and its people are... getting by day-to-day with their work, just like us here in the Pacific.”

**-IVLP Participant**



“Upon reaching Qatar’s airport, I felt something stirring within myself. This trip was going to change my life and I was ready for it... I tried new things... and realized that I had the means to become the person I always wanted to be.”

**-QFI Qatar Study Tour Participant**

The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) is a 501(c)3 independent nonprofit organization that serves as the World Affairs Council of Hawaii. Our mission is to promote greater awareness and understanding of international affairs, working to strengthen Hawaii’s role in the Asia- Pacific region.



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“I have learned a lot of life lessons that I will keep with me forever: Just because something is different doesn’t make it wrong. If you have trouble communicating, keep trying- it gets better! Traveling is hard work but it more than worth it in the end... This trip opened my eyes to the potential I have.”



“I would have never realized how much the world has to offer if it weren’t for this trip. It may be ‘good bye’ to Vietnam, but it is now ‘hello’ to a new future.”



“Now when I think of Vietnam, I think of more than just pho. I think of a growing economy, full of industrious people... I think of the people as hard working, and always looking to the future... They have their own culture, language, traditions, holidays, and lifestyle. They are really one of a kind.”



**-Vietnam Summer Study Tour Participants**



“This has encouraged me to go to more farmer’s markets and pay attention to where my food comes from. I plan to share this information with family and friends and it has given me some ideas for what to go into college.”

**-Food Security Fall Conference Participant**

