Global Vision Summit: Our Energy Future

On March 7, 2009, 160 high school students from seventeen schools met at Chaminade University to explore “Our Energy Future.” The day began with remarks from keynote speaker Dr. Kang Wu, energy expert and East-West Center fellow, and career exploration sessions by professionals in the energy field. After these meetings, students participated in a simulation about a wind farm on Maui. Students took on the role of six different stakeholders, evaluated opposing viewpoints, and negotiated a solution. In doing so, they wrestled with the benefits and realities of transitioning to renewable energy sources, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for multiple perspectives. Title sponsor for the conference was the Center for International Business, Education, and Research (CIBER). Other sponsors included Chaminade University; the Dowling Company, Inc.; Freeman Foundation; Friends of Hawaii Charities; Hawaii State Department of Education; and DBEDT.

I learned how to negotiate and form alliances effectively, and I enjoyed communicating with students from various schools.

It was interesting to see the different possibilities available to me through the career exploration.

A Global Affair: Major General Wolff Honored

"Herb Wolff has devoted his life in service to country. Indeed he has served America twice-over: Once in the uniform of the United States Army and once again, in community service to the great State of Hawaii… We all pay tribute to a man of many accomplishments: a courageous soldier, a proud veteran, a civic-minded citizen, a community leader, a patriot." - General Eric Shinseki

At PAAC’s 55th anniversary dinner and annual meeting, Major General Herbert E. Wolff was presented with the Paul A. Bachman Memorial Award for his distinguished contributions to the improvement of relations between the United States and its neighbors in Asia and the Pacific. He was also recognized for his significant support of many community organizations throughout Hawaii. He received the Doyen from the Consular Corps of Hawaii and a Commendation from the Mayor of Honolulu. General Wolff was a member of PAAC’s Senior Advisory Council and served as President of the Board from 1991-1995. He also Chaired and served as a member of PAAC’s Golf Committee for over 27 years. Since 1998, he supported the U.S. State Department’s International Visitors Leadership Program by hosting many international visitors. Sadly on April 14, 2009, General Wolff passed away. He will be remembered by many throughout Hawaii for his loyalty to his country and commitment to his community. The Hawaii Army Museum has dedicated Phase II of their Changing Gallery Exhibit to General Wolff.

A Global Affair 2009 sponsors included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honda; Dr. Lawrence Tseu; Major General Herbert E. Wolff; Mr. Frank Boas; First Hawaiian Bank; Hawaii Army Museum Society; Hawaii National Bank; The Limtiaco Company; PACMAR, Inc.; Oceanic Time Warner Cable; Ms. Jean E. Rolles; Ambassador Charles E. Salmon, Jr.; and General Fred Weyand. ➤ Read more about the Annual Dinner on page 4
Making a Difference in the World

“I believe we should always take care of the community. What we do for others comes from the heart ... It is important that we take initiative in protecting our community and service projects are a good way to start!”
- Student from Waiakea High School After-School Class

During the spring semester, PAAC’s after-school class curriculum included units on Global Issues and Sustainable Solutions; Child Labor in a Global Context; and the Refugee Experience. An important component of each class is the Global Action Project (GAP), community service or development project related to a unit of study. Some classes collaborate in joint projects. In May, students from Aiea, Campbell, Radford, and Roosevelt volunteered at Paapa O He’eia, the ancient Hawaiian fishpond at Kaneohe Bay. They learned about He’eia’s preservation and restoration efforts. The Kapa’a High class created a kit about recycling and presented it to elementary students. Other service learning projects include Kaimuki High students participating at the Lantern Floating Festival on Memorial Day; Waialua High students creating and supporting sustainable native gardens at their school; and Nanakuli High students volunteering at the homeless shelter in the community.

International Visitor Leadership Program

In January, a group of Japanese Ministry of Defense officials arrived in Honolulu to learn about U.S. Defense Policy and Formulation. Participant Koji Yoshino stated that the U.S. Pacific Command caught his attention because “it is a unified combinator command that does not exist in Japan.” Mr. Yoshino also noted that learning about the culture of the state was an unexpected but valuable experience. In March, a group of Korean journalists, and a visitor from Japan, Dr. Junya Nishino of Keio University arrived with program themes of foreign policy in Northeast Asia, in particular U.S., Korea and Japan cooperation. The groups were brought together for a collaborative roundtable discussion with professionals from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. While professional exchange is an important priority of the program, a significant component is also the person-to-person diplomacy that occurs through these meetings. A Korean journalist, Mr. Young Soo Kim, stated that while the reputation of the U.S. is not always positive abroad; “a lot of the people I met these three weeks were very intelligent and kind. I can feel that they really anticipate the peace of the world.”

MAHALO

To those organizations and individuals who have taken the time to meet with our visitors, we send our sincerest gratitude. You are helping to create mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries, one handshake at a time.

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If you are interested in meeting with our visitors as a professional resource or wish to provide hospitality, please call 944-7780.
International Festivals

Kapiolani and Leeward Community College held their annual international festivals this Spring. PAAC sponsored several performances for KCC’s festival themed, Heritage; and two speakers for LCC’s festival themed Global Sustainability: Koh Ming Weh of the Kula o Mala Community School and Jane Roberts, nobel peace prize nominee of 34 Million Friends of the UN Population Fund.

Left: Garret Kam performs Kana Topeng Gagah-masked dance.
Below: Au’s Shaolin Arts Society performs Chinese Lion dance.

3rd Annual UHCC WorldQuest

Windward Community College takes first place at the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council’s 3rd Community College Academic WorldQuest Competition. (L-R) Mr. Barry Nakamura from LCC; Dr. Paul Looco from LCC; WCC student Phillip Michaels; WCC student Joshua Garcia; Ms. Cynthia Smith from HCC; WCC student Jason McMullen; Dr. Toshi Iwagawa from WCC; WCC student Keli Alapai; Mr. Steve Uyehara from Sunrise on KGMB9 who served as the competition emcee; and Ms. Suvin Phillips from KCC.

Over 40 teams representing Honolulu (HCC), Leeward (LCC), Windward (WCC), and Kapiolani (KCC) Community Colleges participated in the 3rd Annual UHCC WorldQuest competition in categories ranging from World Religions, and World Geography to Current Events and People in the News. This competition, sponsored by the Hawaii State Legislature, was hosted by Leeward Community College. Each member of the top five teams received cash and prizes donated by the Actor’s Group; Big City Diner; Bishop Museum; Contemporary Museum; Dave & Busters; Diamond Head Theatre; Ed Casey Memorial Fund; Hawaii Theatre; Hollywood Theatres; Honolulu Zoo Society; Kumu Kahua Theatre; Manoa Valley Theatre; McGraw-Hill Companies; Oda Ohana Chiropractic; Polynesian Cultural Center; TD Food Group; and Zippy’s.

Speaker Forums

PAAC hosted a number of speaker forums in April, attended by over 200 community members. The Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States, Erlan Idrissov gave a comprehensive overview of the country stating that “We are building new institutions and strengthening our middle class. We are taking a cautious approach and would like to see democracy evolve in a natural way... We want to be partners with the rest of the world.”

Lt. General Benjamin Mixon updated community members about the U.S. Army Pacific and answered audience questions about Iraq, Afghanistan, pirates in Africa, and North Korea.

Professor Paul Yip of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute spoke about how China has been affected by the global economic crisis; challenges and changes through its modern history; and its economic and political developments for the future.

PAAC also organized the first International Education Day at the Hawaii State Capitol and was amongst the thirty-five organizations, universities, and schools displaying global education programs.
Membership Mahalo 2009 Annual Dinner

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