Global Vision Summit: Microfinance

PAAC Students Make a Difference, $25 at a Time

Cesar Gonzales is 48 years old and lives with his mother and two children, ages 12 and 9. Cesar has four cows, and produces and sells milk. For the last 17 years, he has started work every day at 4 a.m. milking the cows and then traveling throughout the city selling milk door-to-door. Thanks in part to PAAC students, he has received a loan to purchase a milking cow, as demand for his milk is high due to its excellent quality and his good service.

Cesar is just one of over fifteen entrepreneurs who received $825 in loans from PAAC on February 20, 2010, as 124 students from thirteen high schools gathered at Hawai‘i Tokai International College for PAAC’s annual Global Vision Summit. Our topic, Microfinance, was new for most students, yet by the end of the day, they all participated in making small loans to entrepreneurs all around the world.

Keynote speaker, author and former Jeopardy! champion, Bob Harris, explained the importance of microfinance for entrepreneurs who lack access to financial services. He discussed how small loans can make a huge difference in the quality of life for entrepreneurs and their families.

On February 4, 2010, PAAC presented the East-West Center (EWC) with the Paul S. Bachman Memorial Award for its distinguished contributions to the improvement of relations between the United States and its neighbors in Asia and the Pacific.

The East-West Center was established in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region and the United States. Over its fifty years, the Center has built a worldwide network of more than 57,000 alumni and more than 750 partner organizations.

The dinner also featured a keynote by EWC president, Dr. Charles Morrison. The Center has been instrumental in the selection of Hawai‘i for the 2011 APEC Meeting. Dr. Morrison discussed the significance of this meeting for Hawai‘i, and how increased trade and investments will continue to strengthen relations between the U.S. and neighbors in the Asia-Pacific region.
Over twenty teachers participated in the workshop, *Turkey: Bridge Between East & West* on March 6th. The workshop was designed to give teachers an overview of Turkish history, culture, and art; and provide resources to incorporate Turkey into classroom curriculum. Speakers included Dr. Tamara Albertini, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the UHM (see left), and Dr. Thomas Klobe, Director Emeritus of the Art Department at UHM. Engin Turklap of the Turkish-American Association in Hawai‘i provided a home-cooked Turkish lunch, and gave an informal presentation about the Turkish community in Hawai‘i. Four teachers will be selected to participate in a study tour to Turkey in June 2010. The workshop and trip is sponsored by the Turkey Cultural Foundation in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of America.

**World Youth Congress in Istanbul:** Formed in 1999 in Hawai‘i, the World Youth Congress is a youth-led initiative that engages young people from around the world in discussions about key priorities for the new millennium. Two PAAC students and High School Program Director, Natasha Chappel, will attend the meeting from July 31 – August 13. The conference will consist of workshops, local action projects, and discussions among 1,000 youth from all over the world.
4th Annual UH Community College Competition

Twenty-one teams from Honolulu Community College, Hawai‘i Community College, Leeward Community College (LCC), and Windward Community College (WCC) competed in six rounds of categories at the 4th Annual UHCC WorldQuest Competition: APEC, Current Events, Food Production & Consumption, People in the News, World Geography, and World Religion. A team from Hawai‘i Community College emerged as the first place winner, followed by a team from WCC; another WCC team took third, and a team from LCC took fourth. Event sponsors included Atherton Foundation, The Actors Group, Big City Diner, Dave & Buster, Diamond Head Theatre, Honolulu Zoo Society, Mission House Museum, Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, T.D. Food Group Inc., Windward Community College, and Zippy’s Hawai‘i. Special thanks to emcee Dr. Carlos Juarez of HPU, judges, volunteers, and all participants for making the event a success!

International Festivals

To enhance community college curriculum and introduce students to international affairs, LCC held its 17th annual international festival featuring speakers and cultural performances such as African dance (bottom left photo), Brazilian capoeira, Okinawan music and dance, and traditional Balkan and Middle eastern music. Presentations included Indigenous People’s Rights and Building Cross Cultural Bridges in Bolivia.

Kapiolani Community College’s (KCC) 22nd International Festival included Celtic dancers (bottom right photo) music of the Peruvian Andes (below, center photo), Japanese renshi poetry, and Latin fusion dance. Presentations included: Career Opportunities at the State Dept. featuring Leslie Tsou, EWC Diplomat-in-Residence; Spanish Galleons by Carol Beresiwsky, KCC Spanish Professor; and screening of and panel on The Linguists, a film about the spread of major global languages and how they contribute to language extinction.
Membership

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Kate Zhou

Teacher
Brady Louis

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Kyle & Muriel

Eric & Victoria

Olson

Associate
Juan Schultz

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 Patrick Branco

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Simone Cahill

Berlin

Walter Chang

Mona Elmore

Ronald Hays

Momt Utako

Hudson

Sumie

Kososhima

Daniel Kwok

Diane Perushat

Martha Pilliard

Robert Rogers

Philip Sammer

Joanie Taira

Lloyd Vasey

Betty Visek

Family

Donald & Agnes

Char

David Doyle

Sue Yim Griffin

Charles &

Beverly

Keever

Greg & Karen

Knudsen*

Contributing
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Burghardt

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Richard Cox

Myron Fuller*

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Fumiko

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Left: Dr. Charles Morrison
speaking on APEC.
Right: Warren Luke
presenting Bachman
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