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Global Vision Summit: Microfinance *PAAC Students Make a Difference, \$25 at a Time*



Bob Harris with students from Campbell High School.

"I learned that even though we are far away, we can help someone in need. Thank you for showing me that a person like me can make a huge difference in the world."

"I learned how easy it is to contribute to microfinance, but yet how little it requires."

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

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Top: Students shared their micro-lending experience. Above: Students from Damien High School.

A Global Affair: East-West Center Honored



(L-R) Nate Smith, President of PAAC Board; Puongpun Sananikone, Chairman of EWC Board; Dr. Charles Morris, President of EWC; Governor Linda Lingle; and Warren Luke, Chairman of PAAC Board.

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. >Continue on page 4

Global Action Projects



Students in PAAC's Campbell After-School Class and Club wrapped gifts and made crafts to raise funds to buy books for preschools in Vietnam.



Campbell students also helped to make lanterns for Na Lei Aloha Foundation's Lantern Floating Festival.



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traditional loans. He has personally made over 1,200 microloans through the online platform Kiva.org. He stressed the interconnectivity of the world today; and asked students to approach microfinance as a tool to help others around the world. Students also attended several sessions with local professionals who have first-hand experience working with microfinance. Presenters shared their personal stories and career paths, broadening students' outlook on their options for the future.

Mahalo to title sponsor, Center for International Business, Education, and Research (CIBER) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM) Shidler College of Business. Other event sponsors include the Hawai'i Department of Education, Freeman Foundation, Friends of Hawai'i Charities, Hawai'i Tokai International College, McInerney Foundation, Na Lei Aloha Foundation, and the Radford Learning Center.

Turkey: Bridge Between East & West



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.

IVLP

Mr. Hiroyuki Kikko, Chief News Editor for News Real Time and Mr. Yichiro Shioiri, Reporter of Nishinippon Shimbun, met with a number of local organizations about security and foreign policy matters in the Asia-Pacific region. For a well-rounded understanding of military base issues in Hawai'i, the group visited Kaneohe Marine Corps. Base, the Military Affairs Department of the Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce, and the American Friends Service Committee.

Ms. Makiko Kohatsu participated in the IVLP program as a volunteer visitor from Okinawa. Having a diverse range of professional objectives, Ms. Kohatsu's four program days were spent meeting with members of the military, think tank organizations, Hawai'i Pacific Uni-



(L-R) John Lundin; Li Lundin; Makiko Kohatsu; Bernie Bernales; Teresita Bernales; and Susan Burghardt.

versity (HPU) students, and members of the Okinawan community. PAAC members John and Li Lundin hosted Ms. Kohatsu as a guest in their home throughout her stay, and was extended an invitation during her appointment at Pacific Forum CSIS to return to Hawai'i in April to participate in their conference on women leaders.

Mr. Akira Tonosaki and Mr. Yosuke Toyota of Japan arrived in Hawai'i to study *US Environmental Protection and Climate Change Measures*. They started their program at Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve learning about the fragility of Hawai'i's ecosystems and the unique public-private partnerships that went into protecting and restoring the Bay. The visitors also learned about unique endeavors to support sustainability and clean energy through the Ulupono Initiative and the Department of Hawaiian Homeland's Kaupuni development project, and

UH Community College Program



(L-R) Yosuke Toyota; Akira Tonosaki; and Elizabeth Maynard at Hanauma Bay.

were introduced to Hawaii's aggressive clean energy goals and the processes behind them by speaking with members of Hawaiian Electric Company and the Hawai'i State Energy Office. At the invitation of Mr. Ted Peck, Administrator of the State Energy Office, the visitors are considering returning to Hawai'i for the Hawai'i Clean Energy Summit in August.

The program theme for a group of six visitors from East Asia and the Pacific program was *Global Interdependence*. The group's topics included foreign policy and disaster preparedness from a global cooperation standpoint. In addition, they met with members of the Office of Hawaiian affairs to learn about indigenous peoples rights and issues, a topic of particular interest to two visitors from Australia.

IVLP Mahalo

To those organizations and individuals who met with our visitors, thank you for helping to create mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries, one handshake at a time.

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Pacific Forum CSIS
Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (NOAA)
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Gene Ward
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U.S. Pacific Command

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!



Top (L-R) Emcee Dr. Carlos Juarez; Judge Toshi Ikagawa (WCC); Judge Keith Knuuti(LCC); Judge Patricia Alvarez (KCC); and First place winner Drago Kralovic of Hawai'i Community College.

Above: Students quickly answering questions.



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 Beresivsky, 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.





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

Interns

We would like to thank Spring interns: Zach Feinberg, Lisa Kochinski, Stacy Nojima, Anna Oloaga, and Jing Xu for their assistance in many of our programs. If interested in interning, please call 944-7780.

Annual Dinner

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