Calling all Kūpuna! Come down to the Waikīkī Community Center or to McKinley High School for our second session of Kūpuna Power. The event celebrates Kūpuna and seeks to empower them with important information relating to everyday life as a senior. But, it’s not all serious business. This fun-filled event features songstress Melveen Leed taking the stage, and seniors will be asked to lace up their sneakers to take part in some healthy exercise, including Zumba.

This day is all about empowering Kūpuna with education, entertainment, and exercise through interactive, fun activities. Kūpuna will also have the opportunity to learn about Medicaid, Medicare, long-term insurance, identity theft, and other issues that are of concern to Kūpuna. Perfect for kūpuna and future kūpuna, so mark your calendar and be sure to come to either event for an impactful and educational morning.
Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As I near the end of my first term as your Senator, I want to express my deepest gratitude for allowing me to represent you in the Hawaiʻi State Legislature. Mahalo for your interest in moving Hawaiʻi forward by sharing your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with me. I am humbled by your continued support and remain dedicated to serving the needs of our community.

I am very pleased to share with you several exciting events -- a couple that have already taken place, and a couple that are coming up. I am also delighted to introduce you to a fellow constituent who spent a few days in our office in August just before she returned to ʻIolani School to start her sophomore year.

Again, mahalo for giving me the privilege to serve you, our community, and our lovely state. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact my office if we can be of any assistance.

Senator Galuteria Travels To Our Nation’s Capitol

In July, I was honored with an invitation to moderate a panel discussion at the inaugural symposium of the First Stewards: Coastal Peoples Address Climate Change, at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian. The new conversation on coastal climate change was spearheaded by four Washington state coastal tribes: the Hoh, the Makah, the Quileute, and the Quinault Nations. They have turned to other coastal tribes from the Pacific Islands, Alaska, the east coast, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico to share stories of adaptation and solutions due to coastal climate change.

Also while in Washington, D.C., I was able to meet with our U.S. Senators, Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Senator Daniel K. Inouye. It was a momentous time for Hawaiians; I was thrilled to be present for the signing of the Native Hawaiian Roll in our nation’s capitol. The signing is a great testimony to the courageous individuals who, decades ago, saw injustice and stepped forward. The inauguration of this roll marks the next step in the framework towards self-governance for the Hawaiian people.

New Homeless Coordinator

In early June, Governor Neil Abercrombie introduced Colin C. Kippen as his new Coordinator on Homelessness. Mr. Kippen, 62, served as the National Indian Education Association executive director in Washington, D.C., and was previously the executive director of the Native Hawaiian Education Council. He also served as a deputy administrator and a land and natural resources officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and has participated in various community organizations such as the Hawaiian Civic Clubs and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee.

Young Constituent Shares Experience as Intern for Senator Galuteria

Aloha! My name is Brittany Amano, and I am a sophomore at ʻIolani School. This past summer, I had the privilege to intern at Senator Brickwood Galuteria’s office for three days. I got to experience what it was like to work as a politician in the capitol building.

I first became interested in politics in the seventh grade. On a trip to Washington, D.C., I was inspired after talking with inspirational leaders such as former Secretary of State Condolleeza Rice, Senator Daniel Inouye, and Senator Daniel Akaka. It was on this trip that I realized that my passion for public speaking and taking on leadership roles can fit perfectly with this particular field.

Upon entering high school, I joined ʻIolani’s Global Issues Club and the Speech and Debate Team. These two extracurricular activities have increased my knowledge about and interest for politics and global affairs.

The experience I had at Senator Galuteria’s office has shown me what it is to be a politician, and how much excitement it brings. It has helped me to start preparing for my future in the world of politics and in just simply being an involved citizen in our community. My goals are to become a United States Page for Senator Daniel Inouye, and to study international affairs in college.
The Hawai‘i State Legislature’s Website Deemed No Ka ‘Oi

With its redesign and upgrade, the Hawai‘i State Legislature’s website has won top honors as the nation’s best legislative website. It earned the Online Democracy Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) at its 2012 Legislative Summit that was held in Chicago in early August.

Hawai‘i State Legislature’s website which can be found at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/ stood out to the panel of judges for the extensive amount of information available, and for features like a guide for first-time users, explanations about how to use various features, a citizen’s guide, and a legislative glossary that allows citizens of all ages to participate in the legislative process.

The judges also noted:

- Additional features that invite citizen involvement, such as a “Submit Online Testimony” link on the homepage and on bill summary pages, and a flexible “Find Your Legislator” feature;
- Easy, accessible links to calendars, caucus sites, and committee hearings; and
- A simple, clean, and consistent layout, with the most frequently used items in the center of the homepage, a consistent search function on the left, and navigation tools on the right.

NCSL’s Online Democracy Award is given each year to a legislature, a legislative chamber, or a caucus whose website stands out for making democracy user-friendly. Previous winners of this award include the Florida Senate, the Washington Legislature, and the Tennessee General Assembly. The Online Democracy Award is sponsored by two of NCSL’s staff organizations: the National Association of Legislative Information Technology (NALIT) and the Legislative Information and Communication Staff (LINCS).

Important Dates To Remember

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