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Hawai'i Community College – Pālamanui Grand Opening

Hawai'i Community College – Pālamanui opened for classes in the Fall 2015 semester. Join them at their Open House and Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, February 27, from 9am – 2pm. It's free and open to the public.

There will be live performances by Robi Kahakalau, The Steppas, The Keawe Trio, and Te 'E'a o Te Turama.

Also at the celebration are cooking demonstrations by the Culinary Arts Program (samples and light refreshments included), campus tours, exhibits, student performances, and much more.

Located mauka of the Kona International Airport, off Ka'imini Drive. For more information visit www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/palamanuiopenhouse, or call (808) 969-8816.

Calling All Interpreters and Translators

The State of Hawai'i – Office of Language Access (OLA) is now accepting applications for the online Roster of Language Interpreters and Translators. Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/olarosterapp>. If you have any questions call 808-586-8730, or email ola@doh.hawaii.gov.

The Roster is a publically available online platform that will help connect agencies serving the limited English proficient (LEP) public with interpreters and translators.

OLA encourages applications from people with demonstrated proficiency in both English and non-English languages.

Support the Students on ACT Day: March 1, 2016

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 11th graders throughout our state will be taking the ACT (American College Texting) exam. The ACT is designed to assess what high school students have learned in school, and helps schools measure student progress and college readiness. ACT scores can be used for college admission or scholarship applications and are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

Eighth graders statewide will be taking the ACT Aspire. ACT Aspire not only serves as a practice for ACT, but also shows growth and progress toward college and career readiness standards, and common core standards starting at Grade 3

Support our students on ACT Day by promoting ACT Advocacy and Awareness. Let everyone in our community know that ACT is coming on March 1, and that our students deserve our encouragement and support.

For students to hear, "Good luck on the ACT," in person or on social media means a great deal and will help impress positive encouragement on our students and their support groups.

Audit Report of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Issued

The State of Hawai'i Office of the Auditor has released the audit report of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015. The Office of the Auditor employed the services of independent, certified public accountants to conduct financial audits for certain state departments and divisions.

To view the full report visit <http://www.auditor.hawaii.gov>. If you have any questions call 808-587-0800.

Governor Ige Joins Bipartisan Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future

On February 16, 2016, Governor Ige joined a bipartisan group of 17 Governors to announce the *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future*. This accord is a joint commitment to take action to promote clean energy, clean transportation choices, and a modern electrical grid.

"Hawai'i is the most oil-dependent state in the nation," Governor Ige said. "We are committed to reaching 100 percent renewable energy use in the electricity sector by the year 2045. This accord allows us to share information about our clean energy transformation with other states and to collaborate with them on issues that are important to all of us, like strengthening energy security, reducing carbon emissions, and promoting smart growth."

To read the full text of the *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future* visit <http://www.governorsnewenergyfuture.org/the-accord>

To read statements from each Governor participating in the Accord visit <http://www.governorsnewenergyfuture.org/governors>

Governor Ige Travels to New York and Washington D.C.

Governor Ige has traveled to New York in an effort to secure favorable bond ratings that will allow the state to borrow funds at low interest rates. The state is pursuing funding for new capital improvement projects. It is also looking at refinancing opportunities of existing bonds, which are expected to save the state between \$25 to \$30 million.

On February 19, 2016, the Governor traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Winter Meeting of the National Governors Association. The Governor attended session on a wide range of topics at the conference, including economic development, housing, homelessness, Homeland Security and public safety, innovations in conservation and resource management, and education and the workforce.

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