

MAUI HUI MALAMA

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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We at Hui Malama believe that young people have the potential to transform and enrich our islands, and that when they feel themselves to be capable and ambitious and compassionate, the rest of us thrive. This was the principle upon which Hui Malama was founded, and we have been lucky to have had the support of so many of you in this crucial endeavor over the years.

Recently, however, we began to notice a worrying trend amongst Maui's youth. Many of them told us that they felt

worried and unprepared for the various tasks expected of them, whether at home or in school, applying to college or at their first jobs.

Having worked with young people for over four decades, this trend troubled us, and we set ourselves on a new course to better understand the challenges facing young people today. What became clear is that many of them wish to be praised and recognized, but are so afraid of failure that they don't try at all, or simply go through the motions in order to receive approval. And if approval doesn't come, they give up rather than risk losing face.

Difficult as it is to admit, the fault lies in large part with modern culture, which celebrates only "winners" and discards the rest. In our fast-paced society, there are almost no spaces for reflection, spaces in which our youth can respond to the challenges of growing up, or pick themselves up after failure. Existing systems, providing standardized services, are unequipped to respond to such complexities. That is where Hui Malama comes in.

When Maui's youth choose to work with us, we want them to think of themselves as the heroes of their journeys, and we do this by creating a safe environment in which they can struggle, be vulnerable, and grow. We help them design their own personalized pathways, and provide customized tools and coaching to suit their unique talents and goals. We are in this for the long game. We're not only interested in statistics or numerical successes, but in the intangible and lifelong well-being—physical, professional and emotional—of all our clients. Your sustained support shows that you're in it for the long game too.

Like Maui's youth, Hui Malama is on its own journey, partnering with programs across the state to make the most of your invaluable gifts to us—precious gifts of time, expertise, and money. We thank you for sticking with us through these years of learning and growth, as we do the difficult work of breaking cycles of poverty and dysfunction.

This is a season for giving thanks, for looking back over the years gone by and looking forward to the ones ahead. We hope the next few pages provide a glimpse into how your loyal support and donations have helped create a space where young people gain confidence in their own capacity to learn, take risks, survive setbacks, resist shortcuts, and explore all aspects of themselves, thereby emerging mature, resilient adults and making our beloved Maui a stronger, richer, more sustainable community. Thank you.

— Pualani Enos, J.D.



Our Mission

Maui Hui Malama's mission is to **inspire**, **nurture**, and **empower** Maui's youth to pursue careers that bolster our islands' economy, increase self-reliance and provide for future generations.

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MHM AND UHMC: A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

Over the years, Hui Malama has developed a strong partnership with UHMC, working to provide support for fall, spring and summer workshops in the fields of aquaponics, food innovations, nursing, CDL preparation, and maintenance/HVAC. In addition to academic and logistical assistance, MHM also offers résumé and financial literacy workshops. Nearly 80 MHM clients were served by these workshops in 2018.

NURSE AIDE TRAINING

Seventeen of our clients completed the summer nursing certificate offered by UHMC. Apart from attending rigorous daily classes at the college and receiving training in CPR, they also completed intensive clinical trials, where they worked with actual patients. As one of our clients put it, "The feeling I got when I walked out of the place able to say I helped someone was an amazing feeling."



AQUAPONICS

Aquaponics is a method of farming that combines aquaculture (raising fish) with hydroponics (growing plants in water) and is starting to offer opportunities on Maui and beyond. The workshop was led by Susan Miller, who took the classes on a field trip to Waihe'e and taught them how to look after plants in a greenhouse.



AQUAPONO & FOOD INNOVATIONS

The culinary workshops were led by Chefs Dean Louie, Jadda Miller, Cory Vicens and Curtiss Gajda, and focused on basic kitchen techniques and hygiene. Students learned how to follow recipes and use kitchen tools. Since then, several MHM clients have obtained entry-level positions at hotels and restaurants across the island.



CDL (Commercial Drivers' License)

Clients of ours who completed the CDL prep course were instructed in the basics of handling large vehicles, including safety measures, driving techniques, and maintenance. They also completed hours of simulator practice, and can now pursue further training to become CDL drivers.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE & HVAC

The Building Maintenance & HVAC course focused on working with and maintaining tools, basic appliance installation, AC regulations and repair, as well as CPR and emergency medical techniques. One of our clients obtained his HVAC, several passed one or more of the notoriously difficult tests, and all of them have since found jobs in related industries.



FINANCIAL LITERACY AT HUI MALAMA

Over the summer, MHM invited Isaac Peña-Parrilla from Valley Isle Community Federal Credit Union to conduct two financial literacy workshops for our clients. During the workshops, Isaac introduced clients to the concept of financial literacy, explained fixed vs. controllable expenses and the difference between wants and needs. He discussed credit card management and debt consolidation, and he concluded by showing clients how to create personal budgets. "Working with Pua and the kids was so rewarding," Isaac said. "These are bright kids from tough economic situations, but their parents often don't talk to them about financial planning. So it was wonderful to help them prepare their own budgets, and to see the expressions on their faces when they finally got it." When asked about future collaboration, Isaac said, "We intend to keep partnering with Hui Malama over the years and to provide a financial education to all their clients. We're here to serve."



HULA AND PADDLING

Hui Malama believes in the power of sport and dance, as well as the wisdom of our kumu and kupuna, to guide our clients toward becoming responsible and well-balanced adults. Many of our clients dance hula as part of Halau Na Hanona O Pi'ilani, under the instruction of Na Kumu Hula Kapono'ai Molitau and Sissy Lake. Clients helped raise funds for a halau trip to Tahiti and harvested and presented taro to Lahaina residents whose homes had been damaged in the fires. During the summer and fall of 2018, they learned many chants and songs, made their own ipu, learned to dye traditional attire, dress in malo, and make lei and adornments for instruments. The highlight of the year was the halau's 15th Anniversary Ho'ike held at the Baldwin Auditorium on May 21st, 2018. The ho'ike included performers of all ages and was attended by an audience of hundreds. In the words of Alle, one of our clients, "We gathered and danced as one, and I overcame my fears of making mistakes. I *did* make mistakes, and I just kept going. After the show I got props from other halau members, family, and friends. Even when it got hard, I wanted my kumus to be proud, and I didn't want to let my hula brothers or uncles down." In addition to hula, our clients also paddle with Lae'ula O Kai, another rich experience that teaches them many valuable lessons. Alle says, "Paddling keeps me focused, teaches me teamwork, and helps me communicate better. I also get to practice Hawaiian words—inside and out of the boat!"

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I have been with Hui Malama for one year now. If Hui Malama didn't exist, I wouldn't be planning for my future. With their help I'm preparing for my GED, and I feel much more stable. After my GED, I want to get a good job and help my mom."



MORE 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Jayzen, a 17-year-old, traveled to Oahu to participate in the Poetry Out Loud Hawaii State Finals!
- MHM clients were featured on the cover of UH Maui College's Summer 2018 EdVenture magazine!
- We just launched a brand-new Instagram page! Follow us @maui_hui_malama to stay updated on our latest activities!



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- Is there a youth issue you think needs attention? We'd love to hear from you!
- Do you know a youth who could use help transitioning from school to work? Let us know; we accept references from across Maui.
- Are you an employer looking for entry-level workers that are supported by the personalized coaching that we offer? Contact us!
- Email our Executive Director (pualani.enos@mauihui.org) or call us [244-5911](tel:244-5911) to schedule a site visit and see our services in real time.
- Hui Malama depends on financial donations large and small. If you like the work that we do and want to help the youth of Maui thrive, please consider

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