

Updates from Hōkūpaʻa

Aloha kākou,

You'll notice a little something different with our newsletter this month. We've reformatted our content to deliver the information that matters most to our readers, in a way that we hope will inspire, invigorate and inform our Hōkūpaʻa community. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues as we grow together.

Today, the importance of the community school model, and meaningful support for our kids' social-emotional health, is stark. We're seeing continued challenges in this unusual back-to-school season that shed harsh light on the long-standing systemic education issues we've been living with, much like so many other issues put into focus by the trials of the pandemic.

For our kids to be successful - grounded, well-educated, equipped to pursue their goals - every one of us has kuleana; not only in our roles as parents, grandparents or caregivers, but as members of a community that has a responsibility to surround and uplift the youth who are our future. This is the principle that grounds our work at Hōkūpaʻa, and the environment we work to foster as an organization. Mahalo for being a part of this journey.

Mahalo piha,
Kamela Souza
Hōkūpaʻa Project Coordinator

If you're new or looking for a refresher on Hōkūpaʻa, check out our [About Page](#). Previous newsletters are in the [Archive Page](#).

Bright Spots:

Stories of Impact



Teacher Feature: Ric Mendoza of Honoka'a High & Intermediate

What do high school crushes have in common with business strategies? Quite a bit, as it turns out, in Ric Mendoza's classroom at Honoka'a High and Intermediate School. He recently asked students how they might apply business concepts to gain their crush's interest. Other unconventional approaches include a de-emphasis on homework to set students up for healthy work-life balances in their future careers, and drawing on his own business experience to help students see futures for themselves as entrepreneurs and leaders. Mendoza's program -- the Dragon Den internship -- is created in partnership with Kō Education Center and provides professional skills education, on-the-job experience with real clients, and monetary incentives. Next up, Mendoza is launching a chapter of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) at the school to impact more students and inspire them to business pathways.

[Read the article](#)

Featured Event



Kealakehe High Family College Workshop

Hōkūpa'a and [Be College Ready](#) will host a workshop to help Kealakehe High students and families learn about college preparation, selection, application, and affordability.

This workshop is open to everybody, and is geared toward people who are not too familiar with the college pathway. We will highlight the many opportunities and resources that make college accessible and affordable. There will be a Q&A session after

the workshop where attendees can ask any college-related questions.

This is a great opportunity for people who may be applying for the FAFSA or taking entrance exams soon. And we have plenty of great advice for families of younger students, as well! Learning about options earlier gives more time to plan for what to do after high school, especially if you're unsure if college is a good option for your family.

[Contact us](#) if your organization is interested in partnering with Hōkūpa'a to host a college workshop in the future!

A vibrant orange and yellow poster for a 'Family College Workshop'. At the top, it says 'FREE ONLINE WEBINAR'. The main title is 'Family College Workshop' in large white letters, with 'With Dr. Rebecca Durer of Be College Ready' underneath. The date and time are 'Oct. 6th, 2021 | 6-6:45 pm'. Below this, a paragraph explains the workshop's purpose: 'Not sure if college is a possibility for your family? Not sure where to start on the process? We'll share practical information to demystify college applications and paying for college so that you can help your 'opio succeed. Students are welcome, too!'. A list of topics includes 'College preparation', 'Researching and choosing a college', 'Admissions', and 'Scholarships and financial aid'. It also mentions an optional Q&A session from 6:45-7:00pm. At the bottom, there are two ways to join: a red button with a URL 'https://tinyurl.com/2crbc3nx' and a QR code labeled 'Scan to join:'. The poster also features an illustration of a graduation cap and a building dome, and a grid of red dots in the top right corner.

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Learn how to help your high school student with:

- College preparation
- Researching and choosing a college
- Admissions
- Scholarships and financial aid

...Plus an optional Q&A session for all your college questions! (6:45-7:00pm)

Presented by Hōkūpa'a,
Be College Ready,
and Kealakehe High School

Click to join:
<https://tinyurl.com/2crbc3nx> OR

Scan to join:

[Click to join](#) on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:00pm

Your Voice



“Our kids deserve a network of support from us all, one that creates opportunities, opens doors, inspires, and teaches - beyond the walls of the classroom. Take small steps that help us set a new paradigm now, for what we owe our kids tomorrow.”

-- Hōkūpa‘a Navigation Council

Reach out!

- Get in touch using [our contact page](#).
- Let us know if you have resources, events, or other opportunities that you’d like us to share in the next newsletter or within our networks.

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