The windward ho‘olaule‘a returns for its 10th annual free community celebration on WCC’s Great Lawn Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The event features a variety of family-oriented activities, craft booths, food, a white elephant and used book sale, community and campus displays, and a college-sponsored silent auction.

Proceeds from last year’s booth fees and donations funded thirteen $900 scholarships for WCC students. As chair of the event, Herb Lee is confident that this year’s income will “equal or exceed past scholarship money for students.”

In the past, Ho‘olaule‘a has generated an attendance of over 15,000 people from all over the island, becoming “one of the biggest community events on the Windward side, with something for the whole family,” he said.

“The theme for our 10th anniversary, Holomua Me Kahi Pu‘uwai (Moving Forward with One Heart), is a good way to sum up the spirit of Ho‘olaule‘a,” said Lee. “We wanted to send a message of hope in these challenging times—that we’re one community and need to support each other.”

According to Lee, the theme also expresses WCC’s desire for Ho‘olaule‘a to be a celebration of the successes, uniqueness of the community and the achievements of the students. Ho‘olaule‘a is once again coordinated by the Kaneohe Business Group and WCC, a partnership that has benefited the Windward community for the past 10 years.

The college will be offering a glass-blowing demonstration and a new glass exhibit in Gallery ‘Iolani as well as a student ceramics sale and raku firing, an orchid sale, science, language and math activities.

The line-up for this year’s entertainment features Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winners Sean Na‘auao, Olomana, Teresa Bright, Holunape, Mailani, and Windward-area hula halau.

Craft booths will exhibit handmade jewelry and accessories, clothing, books and DVDs, greeting cards, scrap booking, lomilomi sessions, and artwork by various local artists.

Another new addition is a special partnership with the Five Rs 96744 project. It’s a campaign that promotes positive character building among K-12 students in the area, as well as emphasizes Earth-friendly living as a way of giving back to the community. Displays will cover everything from solar power and “green” vehicles, to hydroponics and organic products.

Top Island entertainment includes (clockwise from top) Holunape, Mailani, Jerry Santos and Friends, Hawai‘i Lea, Pila Nahanahe, and many more.
A Message from the Chancellor

It is a privilege for me to share this issue of Mālamalama o Koʻolau with news about all the people and exciting events going on at the college.

Windward Hoʻolauleʻa’s theme this year, ‘Moving forward with one heart,’ reflects the team spirit of all who are involved in this tradition. I am amazed that for 10 years the college has teamed up with Kaneohe Business Group to put on this event. We have a few surprises this year, like the “green” trade show. I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the day of music and festivities.

Paliku Theatre and Gallery Iolani have gained a reputation for excellent musical productions and art exhibitions. Once On This Island, our fall Paliku production has earned rave reviews, and Classified offers a fresh look at what is possible with glass. Enjoy them both when you come on our campus.

Progress is being made on the construction of our new Library Learning Commons. I hope you don’t mind the dust. We look forward to inviting the community to our open house in 2012. And with the Imaginarium’s full-dome technology, the college now has expanded its opportunities to explore and educate about all things astronomical.

Janine Oshiro Wins 2010 Kundiman Poetry Prize

WCC English instructor Janine Oshiro received this year’s Kundiman Poetry Prize for her book titled Pier, which will be published in September 2011. Kundiman is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation, cultivation and promotion of Asian American poetry. Oshiro holds degrees from Whitworth College (now Whitworth University), Portland State University, and the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop. She is a Kundiman fellow and the recipient of a poetry fellowship from Oregon’s Literary Arts.

Norm Graffam Nominated for Acquisition Award

As a Windward Community College graduate and B.F.A. and M.F.A. degree holder now teaching at WCC, Norm Graffam has proven year after year that he is also an award-winning artist. This year, his “Paliku Box Office” charcoal drawing is nominated for the prestigious Acquisition Award from the Hawai’i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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Notables

Sandie Carmichael Recognized for Service

Sandie Carmichael was congratulated by UH President M.R.C. Greenwood, Gov. Linda Lingle, and Board of Regents Chair Howard Karr during UH’s Awards Convocation Sept. 14. Carmichael was lauded for her customer service ethics, campus morale, boosting series of events, college and community service engagement, and a never-say-die commitment to the college’s legislative relations.

Ben Moffat awarded Board of Regents Medal for Excellence in Teaching

The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai’i awarded to Drama Professor Ben Moffat the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2010. Students who nominated him for the award said, “Ben is a good listener and when students have questions, he doesn’t just jump straight to the answer but allows them to voice their opinion or question in full, a very useful technique that allows for optimum class participation.” They added, “He has a great sense of humor that encourages harmony, unity and creativity in the classroom.”

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Age-old Story in New Musical

Once On This Island, a little-known musical directed by Ron Bright, has garnered positive reviews from both theatre critics and patrons. The show will be held over until October 10.

As for the cast, the role of TiMoune is played by Tori Anguay, who recently received a Po'okela award for her performance as Anita in last year’s WCC production of West Side Story. Miles Wesley plays the lead role of Daniel. Wesley played Simba in Disney’s L.A. production of The Lion King, and has a resume of stage productions on the mainland.

Anguay spoke highly of the show and the rest of the cast. “I love this show. The music is amazing, and it’s such a great story,” she said.

“The cast is so talented and strong: the blending of everyone’s voices and everyone really matches their characters,” added Anguay. Certainly, the strength of the cast’s singing is especially vital to the show as most of it is told through song.

There is very little acted-out dialogue; it’s mostly sung. “It’s unusual because the song and dance carry this show. When we auditioned it, we had to make sure that everybody in the show was an excellent singer and dancer. Therefore, this is one of the most talented casts we’ve ever had,” explained Holowach. Bright urged people to see the musical because he is confident that people will enjoy it. So much so, that he is willing to put himself on the line for the show. “I will guarantee that what you see, you’ll love,” he said.

Holowach added, “Just trust us and come; you’ll be happy you did.”

Ticket prices are adults, $28; seniors 62+ and military, $26; and students/children up to age 25, $18. For more information about tickets or the show, contact the Palikū Theatre Box Office at 235-7310 or go online at www.eTicketHawaii.com.

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Imaginaria Re-opens Oct. 22 with New Fulldome Technology

Windward Community College is upgrading its Hōkūlani Imaginariam planetarium to Definiti 4K from Sky-Skan. Experience the latest in fulldome technology with a show called Tales of the Maya Skies, beginning October 22 (see calendar listing). The key components for Definiti 4K are two projectors providing a seamless image on the dome, and DigitalSky software.

Two projectors are hidden behind the dome. Each one covers half of the dome with video, but the audience sees a single seamless image thanks to edge-blending technology from Sky-Skan. Audiences will likely never know where the projectors are or that there are two of them. All they see is a giant dome screen filled with high-resolution imagery.

The images are eight times sharper than HDTV! Windward chose the high-contrast option, which provides an incredible 30,000:1 native contrast, allowing for richer shadow and black areas of the night sky, and more colorful scenes.

At the heart of the theater is the latest version of DigitalSky software. Audiences can now fly off of Earth and tour the universe—all generated using the software’s giant data sets. The system can mix multimedia images, such as a recent telescope image from near-by Maunakea, or from the large database with tens of thousands of astronomy images.

The experience of a show at Hōkūlani Imaginariam is now even more stunning with the Definiti 4K upgrade.Flights around the solar system and beyond to the edge of the known universe will thrill audiences and educate them on the latest science. The system can play a range of ultra-high Definiti shows from producers around the world on the giant fulldome screen. The Definiti system and DigitalSky software brings the most advanced planetarium capabilities in the world to Windward Community College’s Hōkūlani Imaginariam. Go see it for yourself! ☞

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