Windward Community College
Paipai o Koʻolau
Encouraging and Supporting Education for Our Koʻolau Communities

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Paipai o Koʻolau at WCC

A college education is vital for competing in today’s global economy. For many on Oʻahu’s Windward side, higher education and its benefits are beyond financial reach. Paipai o Koʻolau is working to change that. With a grant from the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, 200 promising individuals will be chosen to attend Windward Community College and receive the financial and academic support they need to graduate.

Project Overview
Paipai o Koʻolau is a project to increase college enrollment and graduation for the Koʻolaupoko and Koʻolauloa communities. Paipai o Koʻolau will provide scholarships and academic support to 50 students each year over the next four years, nurturing them from admission to graduation.

Eligibility
Paipai o Koʻolau provides support to students who are residents of Windward Oʻahu and have demonstrated financial need and/or other barriers to entering college.

Priority is given to students who:

- are Native Hawaiian or who come from an economically disadvantaged situation
- are not currently attending college
- have other needs that may affect their ability to attend college (e.g. single parent, sole family supporter, lack of academic preparation, etc.)
- will not be able to attend college without the support of Paipai o Koʻolau

Community Partners Help Change Lives
Community Partners directly impact the success of this project through their ability to reach those in the community who can most benefit from Paipai o Koʻolau.

Our Community Partners identify individuals who can benefit from college and write referrals on their behalf. Partners receive orientation training on the goals and eligibility requirements of Paipai o Koʻolau. Community Partner referrals attest to the eligibility of the applicant. Community Partners are encouraged to keep in touch with, and support their student’s progress while they are enrolled in college.

How can I get involved?

- Help us get the word out! Let potential students or community partners know about Paipai o Koʻolau
- Refer someone you know who could benefit
- Become a Community Partner! Your organization can serve as an official affiliate that helps identify and refer community members

For more information, call Paipai o Koʻolau Coordinator Sarah Inouye at 808-235-7326.