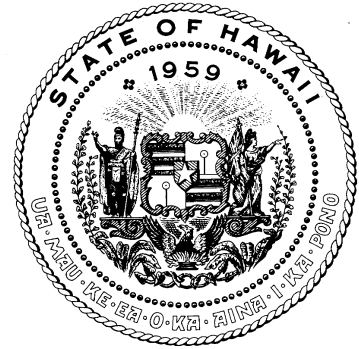


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**WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY
AT THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL**

Honolulu, Hawaii - Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program will once again be displaying the artwork of students from Windward Oʻahu at the Hawaii State Capitol. The artwork from students studying at Windward Community College can be viewed in the chamber level of the State Capitol throughout the month of January and will feature various mediums of artwork.

"With so many people coming to the Capitol for the start of the legislative session, it is only fitting that they be greeted by the artistic expressions and visions of Hawaii's future leaders," stated Tokuda. "WCC has a longstanding commitment to the arts and the work on display is a testament to the talents of both the teachers and students."

The STAR Program was established by Senator Jill Tokuda in 2007 for the purpose of showcasing the artistic expressions of students from Windward Oʻahu and providing them with a venue to share their art with the community.

Since the spring of 2007, the STAR Program has displayed the artwork of over 1,500 Windward students from public and private schools on the windward side. These schools include ʻAikahi Elementary, Ben Parker Elementary, Castle High, Enchanted Lake Elementary, Hakipuʻu Learning Center, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, Heʻeia Elementary, Kailua High, Kalāheo High, Kaʻelepulu Elementary, Ke Kula ʻo Samuel M. Kamakau, Kāneʻohe Elementary, Kapunahala Elementary, King Intermediate, Le Jardin Academy, Maunawili Elementary, Mokapu Elementary, Pūʻōhala Elementary, Olomana School, Trinity Christian School, Windward Community College and Windward Nazarene Academy.

In 2012, the STAR Program displayed approximately 250 art pieces that were created by over 225 student artists from the windward community.

The public is welcome to view the artwork at the Hawaii State Capitol, Chamber Level, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (excluding holidays) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 587-7215.