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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an exciting month of summer events and travel, culminating of course with the start of a new school year! As students transition back into school, it takes us back to those nostalgic days of our youth with so much promise and opportunity before us. Those memories inspired me to include our 2019 Education Week program in the new time capsule that replaced the one we exhumed in May as a testament to the achievements we recognized in our education system. The successes of our students and teachers speaks to the welfare of our community and the hope for our future--which I hope will inspire those who see the time capsule in May 2069 when it is opened in another 50 years.

I look forward to celebrating the continued successes of our students and educators throughout another wonderful school year!

CENTRAL OAHU PET WALK



On August 3rd, we sponsored the Central O'ahu Pet Walk with Senator Dela Cruz, an organization I am a volunteer board member of and one of my favorite community events! My dog, Makaha, was a rescue from this organization and I love how they support responsible pet ownership in our state. Mahalo to all the community members who brought their pets to play, be entertained, and enjoy some ono grinds. And a big mahalo to all the volunteers who make this event possible!

AFTER SCHOOL ALL-STARS FUNDRAISER

It is always a joy to attend events in support of our keiki, and I was thrilled to join Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto and DOE principals at the After School All Stars fundraiser. Funds raised at this event support the wonderful After school All Stars non-profit which provides comprehensive after-school programs to keep children safe and help them succeed in their personal and educational endeavors.



HAWAI'I PACIFIC HEALTH MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Congratulations to the inaugural graduating class of Hawai'i Pacific Health's Medical Assistant Program! These brilliant students recently passed the national exam and attained their National Medical Assistant Certification. Through dedicated studies, internships and work with industry educators, 17 students from Waipahu, Pearl City, and Campbell High Schools became the first class to pass their national exams, 14 of which were offered and accepted immediate employment with HPH as medical assistants. Best wishes to all graduates and mahalo nui to Hawai'i Pacific Health for this incredible opportunity!

REINSTALLING TIME CAPSULE AT THE CAPITOL

This year we celebrated the 50 year anniversary of the State Capitol building. To commemorate the occasion we removed the time capsule that had been placed in one of the pillars of the building and put the items on display for the public. In honor of the 50th anniversary a new time capsule was created to replace it, and I was thrilled to include this year's brochure from our annual Education Week to capture the incredible academic achievements of students, teachers and administrators in 2019. I hope that when this capsule is exhumed in 2069 that Education Week is still a thriving celebration that shines a light on the brilliant young minds and talented educators here in Hawai'i!



Photos L-R: Senator Kidani with Audrey Hidani, Deputy of DAGS and Paula Akana, the recently appointed Executive Director of Iolani Palace during the celebrations; Senator in front of the newly installed time capsule alongside State Archivist Adam Jansen, Roth Puahala, Brendan Burns, Senator Brian Taniguchi and grandson Roycen Strom, Governor Ige, Mrs. Ige, Emme Tomimbang and Representative Kyle Yamashita; office manager Danicia Honda helping to seal the time capsule before its installment in a pillar at the Hawai'i State Capitol

HCR225 TASKFORCE MEETING: INTERNET PRIVACY

I was asked to serve as the Senate Co-chair by the Senate President on the HCR225 Taskforce to evaluate issues around internet privacy. As internet usage increases and evolves it is important that we continue to make sure that we are keeping our rights to privacy secure from any unwanted intrusions.

I look forward to working with my House counterpart, Representative Chris Lee on coming up with legislative ways we can improve our laws to keep your information secure.



EMERGENCY SAFETY

The Mililani Disaster Preparedness Team was established in 2018 by Mililani resident and retired Brigadier General Braden Sakai with a vision of preparing the Mililani Community in the event of a natural or manmade disaster through disaster response plans. The goal of MDPT's plan is to educate the community and equip them with the tools to work together in the event of a disaster to sustain themselves until help arrives. As the plan continues to be developed, residents are urged to be part of the solution by taking the following preparedness steps to begin laying a strong foundation for your family and community's emergency plan. Head to the MDPT website for more information or contact Braden Sakai for presentations to prepare your family in case of an emergency:



1. Build a home Disaster Kit for your family that includes 14 days of food and water
2. Take necessary steps to reinforce entryways, windows and strengthen your home
3. Start making a map of your neighborhood so you are aware of evacuation options

Every second Saturday of the month from 8am-9am at Rec Center 2, MililaniDPT holds Outreach sessions open to Mililani residents featuring guest speakers and demonstrations to provide valuable information on a variety of Disaster Preparedness topics. For additional resources and recommendations on how you can prepare, head to MDPT's website at www.mililanidpt.com.

WAIPAHU HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN THINKING

Waipahu High School and Oceanit hosted on a great exercise before the start of school. They gathered students, teachers, and other community partners together to discuss their vision of education. Engaging their student body in an exercise like this is a great example of how to build an environment where students and teachers feel empowered to take charge of their learning. I had such a great time answering questions and talking with students and teachers and remembering my days as a Farrington High School student.

UKULELE FESTIVAL GALA FUNDRAISER

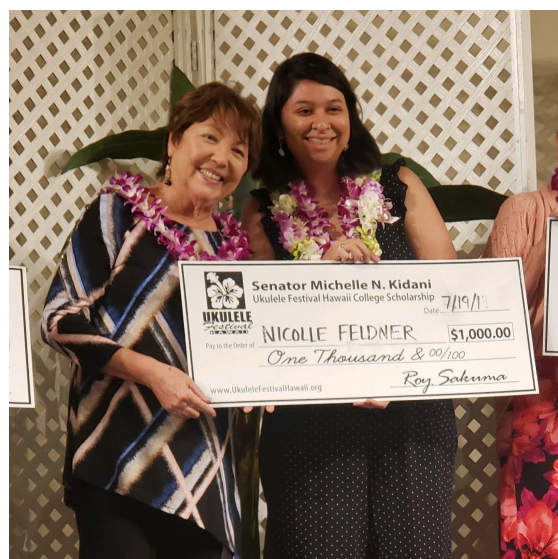


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I was proud to be in attendance at the fundraiser gala for the 49th annual Ukulele Festival which celebrated the incredible talents of ukulele virtuosos Jake Shimabukuro (who received the Legacy Award from his teacher Roy Sakuma) and the late great musician James Igram who passed away earlier this year. This gala raises money for the free annual festival at Kapi'olani Park and also awards high school scholarships to students from O'ahu and Maui. It was my pleasure to offer a \$10,000 scholarship to Mililani native and Hanalani graduate Nicolle Feldner who is soon heading to Corban University! Congratulations and best wishes on your upcoming school year, Nicolle!

KAWAIOLOA WIND STEMWORKS RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAINING

My friend Nonie Toledo, her son Mike and I had the opportunity to attend the Wailua Complex renewable energy training as well as enjoy a visit to the Kawaiiloa Wind Farm in Haleiwa on August 16th. It was exciting to learn about the recent advancements in renewable energy and how we may be able to adapt new practices into our education system. Now more than ever it is important for us to be responsible with our resources and to find safe, efficient energy sources that are not harmful to the environment and can inspire the next generation in areas of STEM research and education. After this visit it is safe to say the future is in great hands and we are excited for what is to come!



HI NOW NEWS SEGMENT

THE WAIPAHU COMPLEX SCHOOLS & WEED AND SEED PRESENTS

Waipahu Family Fair

Date: September 21, 2019
 Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Location: Waipahu Intermediate School, Cafeteria

Join us to learn from 30 + Organizations and schools on site who will share their services for kids, youth, adults and seniors!

- FREE:
- ENTERTAINMENT
 - DOOR PRIZES
 - PARKING
 - ...AND MORE!

For any questions, please email Lorrie Kanno at LorrieK@weedandseedhi.org

A sneak peek behind the scenes for the filming of my spot in the upcoming Education Week promos. I was thrilled to talk with Jobeth Devera about the Grow Our Own Teacher Program that I helped establish with the University of Hawai'i College of Education.

I firmly believe that we have all the skills, talent, and dedication we need to fill our teacher shortage right here at home which is why I pushed for this program. Be sure to tune into Hawai'i News Now during the National Education Week airing September 2nd-6th to learn about our innovations in education and this amazing program.

