

NAVIGATING SUCCESS 7th Annual
Pacific Youth Empowerment for Success Conference (PacYES)
College, Career & Community Readiness in the Changing World Climate
November 3, 2018
Location: University of Hawai'i at Hilo

8:00 am – Participants Arrival & Check-In Location: Campus Center Plaza
Registration & check-in for participants & parents, Facilitators: Registration Team & Hospitality Team

9:00 am – 10:10 am Opening Session

All conference participants will assemble in the Campus Center Plaza to listen to opening remarks and the keynote address.

Welcome: We are Oceania (song) Buster Fritz (AJ Major)

EMCEE: Felicia Tintin Andrew; (Nursing Major)

STUDENT SPEAKER: Victoria Taomia (UHHSA President) (10-15 min)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: (30-35 min)

Introduction: Jermy Uowolo; (Micronesians United- Big Island & Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance)

Max Yarawamai and Mikela Yarawamai, MD.

Max was born on Ulithi Atoll in Yap, Micronesia, graduated from Hawaii Preparatory Academy, owns a successful landscaping business, co-founded a non-profit called Oceania Community Health, and is a navigator on the Hōkūle`a Voyaging Canoe. He raised his family on Hawai'i Island and his daughter Mikela Yarawamai is a medical doctor at the Pali Momi Medical Center. She graduated from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at UH Manoa.

10:10 am – 11:00 am Session I: College Readiness

Workshop 1: Financial Aid for College

Learn different ways to pay for college (FAFSA, grants, scholarships, etc), important forms and deadlines, scholarship strategies and more.

Presenter: Financial Aid Office

Location: Student Services Center (SSC) 201

Workshop 2: Dream Big & Take Action

A panel of Pacific Islander college students from UH Hilo will share their college journeys and offer tips on how to choose, apply, and fund a college education based on their personal experiences.

Facilitator: Andrew Ngiratewid Polloi, M.A., LMHC (Clinical Team Leader/Student Health and Wellness Programs)

Panelists: Taeliza Perez (Sociology); Dwayne Anefal (Anthropology); Jasmine Hicking (Biology)

Location: Campus Center (CC) 306

Workshop 3: Pursuing Greatness

Pursuing Greatness workshop explores ways you can unlock your potential as a student, or simply as a human being. Lacking motivation in school? Come experience effective interactive activities that will leave you with a newfound sense of motivation. Pasefika Passion Pipeline invites you to a workshop focused on: initiating success through one's own actions, exploring what makes up an individual, and general college information.

Facilitator: Tina Tauasosi-Posuilai, Ph.D. (Community Partnership & Research Specialist, UH Manoa Multicultural Student Services)

Panelists: Katherine Alikei (3P Student Outreach Worker) ; Tracy Lawechresh (3P Student Outreach Worker); Samalaulu C. Lam Yuen (3P Graduate Assistant)

Location: CC 301

Workshop 4: Opportunities at Hawai'i Community College & the University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Students will learn about the opportunities and resources available at Hawai'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, how they can best prepare for college while in high school, transfer possibilities, and the process required to apply.

Presenters: Lisa Ann Amaral (Assistant Director of Admission/UH Hilo); Grace Funai (Counselor, HawCC) and Student Representative: Amanda Yalap

Location: CC 307

11:10 am – 12:00 pm Career & Community Readiness

Workshop 1: Internship Opportunities

UH Hilo Pacific Island students participating in Kupu and PIPES Program who have completed internships will share their experiences, and what they gained from the internship experience in agencies and in projects related to their majors.

Facilitator: Linnea Heu; (Education Program Specialist, Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science/PIPES)

Panelists: Pauleen Fredrick (Pohnpei), Yubee Isaac (Palau), Josie Tupu (Samoa), Jason Henson (Marshall Islands).

Location: SSC 201

Workshop 2: PREL, Know your place, Know yourself - preparing for careers and community partnerships.

Participants in this interactive workshop will explore their own cultures and home islands to design and create a foundation for the sustainability of themselves in service of resilient island communities.

Facilitator: Ming Wei Koh, Ph.D. (PREL Senior Specialist)

Panelists: PREL Staff: Canita Rilometo (Pohnpei Specialist); Evelyn Joseph (RMI Senior Specialist); Diana & Steioshy Manuel (Chuuk Support Staff)

Location: CC 307

Workshop 3: Climate Change Discussion: Understanding Climate Change in the Context of Community Readiness, College Readiness, and Career Readiness for High School students.

Facilitators: Cheyenne Hiapo Perry, Jermy Uowolo (Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance);

Panelists: Kamala Anthony (Honokea Loko l'a); Cherie Kauahi, Charlie Tommy

Location: CC 306

Workshop 4: Mana Wahine: Women's Perspectives on Leadership Opportunities

Come and hear the stories of how four Pacific women have been able to overcome challenges in the professional world to reach their goals and aspirations. These mana wahine (women of strength) have developed and expanded their skills and expertise through their respective journeys. Their insights provide a path to discover and celebrate your own abilities as you move forward in pursuit of your own college, career, and community goals.

Facilitator: Tulpe Day (Immigration Information Specialist-County of Hawaii)

Panelists: Marata Tamaira (LSAMP Project Manager); Kathy Kawelu (Anthropology Chair and Associate Professor); Tarisi Vunidilo (Assistant Professor of Anthropology); Emma Mori; (Child and Family Services)

Location: CC301

12:10 pm- 1:10 Lunch and Resource Fair (set up at 11:30 am @ **Campus Center Plaza**)

Student Clubs:

Chuukese Student Association (CSA), Kosrae Hilo Organization (KHO), Ngelekel Belau Club, Marshallese lakwe Club (MIC), Pohnpei Kasalehlia Club, Waab Student Organization (WSO), International Student Association (ISA)

Community Resources:

Blue Zones Project, Micronesians United-Big Island, Pacific Resources for Education & Learning (PREL), County Immigration Information Office, Kupu, Judiciary (Office of Equality and Access to the Courts)

Campus Resources:

Minority Access & Achievement Program (MAAP), Student Support Service Program (SSSP), UHH Student Health and Wellness Program, HawCC Admissions, UH Hilo Admissions, PIPES, Pacific Islands Studies Certificate Program, Islands of Opportunity Alliance for Minority Participation

1:10 Group Photo

All participants, volunteers, performers, speakers will gather for a group photo on the stairs between the Campus Center Plaza and the Library.

1:15 pm- 2:00 pm- Closing Session

Conference participants will gather in Campus Center Plaza for evaluations and the closing remarks. Participants will place their Stars on Canoe stating their goals in life. Turn in evaluations and receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize!!!

Presenter: Mitch Roth (Prosecutor, County of Hawai'i)

Location: Campus Center Plaza

Performance: Fijian Dance-Tarisi Vunidilo (Assistant Professor of Anthropology)

Clean Up & Pau