



June 2022

MKCF has had a successful and impactful year and we're only halfway through!

Among our initiatives is a focus on teacher retention at Lanai High and Elementary School (LHES).

- We successfully hosted a summer luncheon for returning teachers and the six new teachers which included new principal Doug Boyer. Thanks goes to local merchants for goodie bags and the Four Seasons for the leis presented.
- To provide an efficient method for LHES teachers to apply for and receive funding for their smaller projects, we established a \$5,000 grant per semester that the principal and leadership committee are empowered to distribute.

As an organization, we are dedicated to improving life on Lanai by focusing on funding worthy education, healthcare, senior care, and arts projects.

To further our mission, we established two \$2,500 scholarships for exemplary LHES graduates, with special consideration given to those seeking degrees in education or medicine.

When the committee convened in May, we agreed that based on the caliber of the applicants, six scholarships were necessary! Each student received \$2500 to be renewed in 2023 with continued academic success.

**"Mahalo for your faith in me. At the end of this program, we all win. I achieve my long-term goal of being a clinical provider and our beloved Lanai community gets a home-grown Family Nurse Practitioner."**

**Olivia Pascual, RN, Master of Science in Advanced Practice, USC**



Scholarship recipients Ryllah-Rae Makana O Kalani Rodrigues, Maile A. Laporga, Jose Louis Criseanne M. Baltero, Olivia Pascual and Anela Kahihikolo were presented with checks on May 23, 2022.

This remarkable group comprises students who are attending or will attend colleges in Hawaii, Nevada, and California working on associate, bachelor, and master's degrees. Not present was awardee Amaya Batista. **"I cannot express my happiness enough. Knowing that there are people in this world that want me to succeed is an enormous motivator," said Jose Louis Criseanne. "This donation towards my education allows me to achieve my dreams and make them a reality."**

**Thanks go to every one of you MKCF donors whose generosity made it possible to fund these scholarships.**

**MORE exciting updates:**

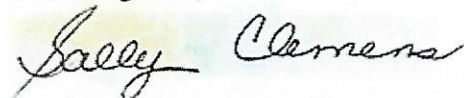
- **MKCF hopes to support LHES teacher Danyel Erickson's students' participation in 'Amateur Radio on the International Space Station' in 2023.** Her proposal is one of only 9 from the United States that is moving on to the second phase of consideration. When the project moves ahead, we'll be contacted. Students will learn about life on board the International Space Station and space communications technology. The program's goal is to promote exploration of STEM topics. And they get to talk to the astronauts!
- **Sensei Ag:** MKCF in partnership with Sensei Ag and LHES is working towards supporting an internship program at Sensei Ag for interested LHES students.
- **Senior supplemental meal program:** MKCF is working with various groups on Lanai to provide weekend meal bento boxes, desperately needed for 31 homebound kupunas/elderly who have no other way to access food when weekday programs are closed.

You can now find us on Facebook as MKCFLANAI and Instagram as m\_k\_c\_f ! Friend us, Follow us, help us get a conversation started!

We hope you'll join us. With your support we can fund projects that change the prospects of the people of Lanai, impacting their health and happiness on a real and daily basis.

Please contact us at [info@manelekoele.org](mailto:info@manelekoele.org) with questions about these projects and others underway.

Best Regards,



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