

## Native Hawaiian and Pasifika Community Partners as of March 2014

### Native Hawaiian Community Partner Description

#### Kumuola Foundation & Farm

*The foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the Hawaiian Culture. Their mission is to continue to express the traditions and passions of Hawai'i by supporting Hawaiian Artisans, Practitioners and their needs.*

#### Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services (KKV) \*

*KKV was formed by the Kalihi Valley community as a non-profit corporation in 1972, in response to the absence of accessible and appropriate health care services for the valley's low-income, Asian and Pacific Island immigrant population. KKV employs 170 staff who are fluent in 20 Asian and Pacific Island languages and dialects, and work out of nine locations throughout the valley—including two of the largest public housing communities in the State of Hawai'i, a 12,000 square foot health center, a 4,000 square foot Elder Center (the former site of the main clinic) and 100 acres of leased State Park land at the back of Kalihi Valley. KKV serves over 10,000 community members each year. KKV works to foster health in the broadest sense—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. A healthier Kalihi Valley, envisioned by the community leaders who founded KKV 40 years ago, is an inclusive community in which neighbors help to heal neighbors, and people see themselves as part of a larger whole, connected to each other, to their culture, and to their shared land. Their mission is to work toward healing, reconciliation and the alleviation of suffering in Kalihi Valley, by serving communities, families and individuals through strong relationships that honor culture and foster health and harmony.*

#### Manoa Heritage Center\*

*The Mānoa Heritage Center is a non-profit organization founded in 1996, whose mission is to promote the thoughtful stewardship of the natural and cultural heritage of Hawai'i. The historic site consists of Kūka'ō'ō Heiau, a Native Hawaiian garden and the historic home Kūali'i. The heiau and historic home are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, only Kūka'ō'ō Heiau and the Native Hawaiian garden are open to visitors. The Center is committed to preserving and interpreting the heiau, the Native Hawaiian garden, the historic home and the natural and cultural history of Mānoa Valley for future generations. The Center's Board of Directors represents a broad cross section of professionals, and the center's mission, vision and long range plans have been developed with the help of the community over several years. The Mānoa Heritage center also has an advisory board of distinguished members of the Native Hawaiian community who establish protocol and guidelines for Kūka'ō'ō Heiau.*

### New Native Hawaiian & Pasifika Community Partner Descriptions

#### Prince Kuhio Civic Club\*

*Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole formed the first Hawaiian civic club in 1918 to stimulate civic efforts and education within the Hawaiian community and promote Hawaiian culture. Preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian values, culture and education are at the core of the mission and vision of the Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club.*

*Nations of Micronesia Is a coalition of both service providers who work closely with Micronesian populations as well as community leaders and activists. It is an effective source of news and resources for Micronesian communities*

## New Native Hawaiian & Pasifika Community Partner Descriptions (continued)

### Micronesian Health Advisory Council (MHAC)

*Organizes sports tournaments for the broader Micronesian communities and also offers health education to the teams that sign up. There is an effort to organize as a non-profit, but it's not been accomplished as of yet. MHAC also sponsors interpreter training and has a competitive scholarship for tuition to enroll in interpretation and translation courses at UHM.*

### Le Fetuau: Samoan Language Center\*

*The center is a community-based service program designed to provide young Samoan children with an opportunity to learn their heritage language and culture utilizing interactive, hands-on, and culturally relevant strategies. Strong partnerships have been established with the University of Hawai'i Samoan Language and Culture Program, churches and local businesses. These partnerships are closely involved with the community in the planning, implementation, and on-going assessment. The school is operated by community members, parents, and volunteers. Its mission is "la fa'alaua'iteleina le faitau ma le tusitusi i le gagana Samoa mo fanau." Increase literacy in the Samoan language for our youth and understand the Samoan culture to build a Samoan identity. Its vision is "la fa'amalosia a tatou fanau ia aveia ma tagata nu'u ta'uaogaina ia fa'amautuina se mitamitaga ma le malamalama'aga i le fa'asamoa." To empower our youth to be productive and contributing citizens with a strong self-image and knowledge of their Samoan heritage.*

*\*= information taken from the following websites [www.kkv.net](http://www.kkv.net), [www.lefetuau.com](http://www.lefetuau.com), [www.pkhcc.com](http://www.pkhcc.com), <http://www.manoaheritagecenter.org>*

The above community partners make an impact on Kapi'olani Community College (students, faculty and departments) and its surrounding communities:

1. By connecting up the KCC communities to Hawaiian and Pacific cultural community partners that are relevant. Relevance with the community partner(s) can be made by connecting KCC course content and the personal cultures/life experiences of the participants involved. This relevance encourages success and makes the experience more significant and successful for all involved.
2. By providing the opportunity to show an element of respect to traditions and cultural protocol of the various cultures being shared. This element is mandatory to all aspects of working with indigenous cultures as a whole and is appropriate with all aspects of community engagement.
3. By ensuring that all work involved is rigorous and is directly aligned with KCC benchmarks, exercised with high expectations and built on a foundation of family, community and cultures which in turn will provide the most impact to the entire KCC community.