



The Wai'ale'ale Project Fact Sheet

Program Overview

The Wai'ale'ale Project at Kauai Community College is a program that encourages non-college-bound high school students and adults to attend, and successfully complete, their first year of college. The program reduces barriers to entering and succeeding in college by providing comprehensive support to students up to the attainment of an Associate's Degree, including:

- Guaranteed financial assistance for tuition, books and fees.
- Ongoing Academic support.
- Other informational services to help student achievement.

History

The Wai'ale'ale Project was established in 2010 by a generous private donor who was passionate about encouraging individuals who had no plans to attend college to pursue their education, knowing that statistics have shown that, in comparison with those who have never been to college, people who have attended one year of college:

- Make 30% more money.
- Are 29% less likely to be unemployed.
- Live 7 years longer.

Who is Eligible

Any Kauai or Ni'ihau resident who has never been to college or has never considered college an option, especially because of finances, is eligible for The Wai'ale'ale Project.

How to Apply

To help establish an individual's eligibility for the program, it is highly recommended that students are referred by somebody who can attest to their eligibility via a completed referral form. Examples of people who may refer students to the program are counselors, advisors, teachers, employers, trainers, etc. Referral forms can be found at www.WaialealeProject.org.

Successes

Since 2010:

- Served 786 students, ages 18-66.
- The Wai'ale'ale Project students return for their second year at a rate that is 6% higher than other students.
- 271 students have received bachelor, associate degrees and/or certifications.
- 388 degrees/certificates have been awarded.
- 13 students have received bachelor degrees.
- 31 students are currently pursuing baccalaureate degrees.
- 2 students are currently pursuing a masters degree.

Support Us

We need your help to continue this program for future students. To contribute to this groundbreaking program that has positively changed the lives of more than 500 individuals since 2010, please visit www.uhfoundation.org/give-now. Choose "Search for a College/Program and Fund" and select Kauai Community College. Under "Select Fund" choose "Wai'ale'ale Adopt-A-Student Campaign".

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