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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Ho'oku'i V: Kūlia i ka Nu'u is a U.S. Department of Education, Native Hawaiian Education Program, grant-funded project (#S362A210071) that supports ALL underserved students (Native Hawaiian, at-risk, Native Hawaiian gifted and talented, students with disabilities ) transitioning from high school to postsecondary (college) education and certification programs. The project goal is to create a sustainable program emphasizing place-based and culture-based learning, and service to the community. Utilizing the Ho'oku'i intervention model of supports, we seek to create college-bound communities.

**Visit our website!:**



<https://cds.coe.hawaii.edu/hookui5kulia/>

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## Project Ho'oku'i V: Kūlia i ka Nu'u

*"To bring things together, reach for the summit!"*



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*Island of Hawaii' Hoo'kui' participants during the Hawaii' Community College Māmo'e ceremony.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Hookui Model and how does it benefit students?**

The Ho'oku'i Model is an array of supports tailored to the individual student. Supports include mentoring on cultural matters, tutoring in academics - including the use of computer-based accelerated instruction, and financial assistance (tuition, books) if needed. Students are assessed and placed into one of 3-tiered groups.

### **Who can participate?**

9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students from invited schools can participate. First priority is given to Native Hawaiian and at-risk students.

### **Are there other opportunities for students?**

Yes! We also offer competitive internships based upon student career interests, and a limited number of competitive post-high school graduation scholarships at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for books and full-time instate tuition during the first year of college immediately upon high school graduation.

### **What is the 3-tiered group system for student participants?**

Project Ho'oku'i uses a 3-tiered group system for student participants. Group 1 students are those students who are ready to take an early college course; Group 2 students are nearly ready and may need further mentoring and tutoring to reach Group 1; and Group 3 students need a substantial amount of support in reading and mathematics to improve their placement exam scores to be eligible for an early college class, or to improve their overall high school grades and academic ability. The support for each tier group is different. The goal is to move the students up to Group 1, so they can successfully take college courses.

### **How can I join as a student participant?**

Talk to your teacher or high school counselor and ask for the materials to join. You can also go to the project website and contact your island site coordinator! If your parents or legal guardians have questions about the project, ask them to contact the project staff listed on this brochure. All project forms are available to download on the project website.

### **What do I have to do to succeed?**

Give your best effort, attend all of your classes, turn in assignments on time, and ask for help if you need it.

**“** *Learning about Native Hawaiian history, paradigms, and learning models also improved my sense of Hawaii'. I now feel a strengthened sense of responsibility to build up my community and create space for Native Hawaiian knowledge to lead the way.*

– Carolyn "Kea" Clebsch  
Kealakehe High School graduate, Project Ho'oku'i V: Kūlia i ka Nu'u participant, U.S. Presidential Scholar, and Stanford University student.