

## Loko i'a Pā'aiau Update June 2024

### Grants

- Mahalo nui loa to **UH Sea Grant** for awarding Pā'aiau a one-year \$19,000.00 grant entitled, "Spiritual Restoration of a Native Hawaiian Fishpond through the traditional healing practices of lā'au lapa'au, lomilomi, pule and the establishment of a Māla Lā'au Lapa'au to strengthen community relationships, uplift mo'olelo and deepen relationship to 'āina and the heavens."

The project is the brainchild of Kanani D'Angelo, Kellee Hearther, Keola Kalani, and Uncle Bruce Keaulani and will cultivate traditional healing plants which will be shared with the community. Two high school interns will receive stipends to assist with the project.

It is projected to begin in the coming month, and we welcome all to participate.

- We have been selected for second round consideration of **Department of Interior Kapapahuliau Climate Resilience Grants** "to enhance the ability of the Native Hawaiian Community to navigate the effects of climate change in ways that maintain the integrity and identity of the Native Hawaiian people while also maintaining and enhancing their capacity for coping, adaptation, and transformation." The project will support climate resilience through Native Hawaiian contemplative and healing practices. If awarded, the one-year grant will support a cohort of Native Hawaiian physician fellows and will assist them in creating content to address the impact of climate change on health and well-being and to cultivate traditional resilience practices.

### Donations

Mahalo nui loa to the Honpa Hongwanji, Nakoa, Bernice Glenn, St. Andrew's Priory and Prep, Living Life Source Foundation, Kim Moa for nourishment and the many individuals and organizations which provided in-kind support to Pā'aiau, throughout the past month.

### Volunteers

Mahalo to our steadfast volunteers who serve on our core and community work days and throughout: Uncle Bruce Keaulani, Kahale Unciano, Kellee and Bill Hearther, Stephanie and Ted Carlson, Akiko Ikoma, Navin Tagore-Erwin, Kanani D'Angelo, Kim Moa, Jordon Higa, Yuko Chiba, Robert Bowers, Ava "Ānela Kia'i." A fond aloha to Jagger Novak, who helped build our wall and hale, as he moves to his new farm in Ninole, Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa to Jordon Higa for continuing to bring wisdom and light to our work through his mastery. His research has been invaluable, and our “Archive” is growing!

Mahalo nui loa to Claire and Warren Tamamoto for their presence at the pond, to Wayne Suzuki for keeping us in his heart, Andrew Kaufman for connecting us to his PhD student, Andrew Lewis, and to all of the community members who share stories and mana to help lift our practice.

### **Workdays/Cultural Immersion**

We are grateful to the following groups for supporting Pā’aiāu past month:

Boston University School of Theology (Dr. Martin Luther King’s alma mater)  
Rev. Charlene  
Heather Giugni  
Jacob  
Anna and Cameron Moss  
Jo Shoemaker  
Mindy Hoag  
Kai  
Stanford Carr Development

### **Assistant Secretary of Defense Brendan Owens**

We are grateful to Admiral Barnett and Navy Region Hawai’i for inviting us to tour the harbor with Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Brendan Owens, to share the history of Pā’aiāu and our community’s restoration efforts. As well, for the honor paid to Mō’ī Kamehameha, on his birthday, through the flying of the Hawaiian flag on base.

### **Mitigation Project Status**

We, Living Life Source Foundation, the Navy and NAVFAC are continuing to work diligently to plan and prepare for the upcoming mitigation project.

We held a site visit for 30 potential contractors earlier this month.

It will include dredging the silt, rebuilding the traditional walls, creating a native plant wetland, removing invasive species, and creating educational materials.

### **Pā’aiāu in the News: National Advisory on Historic Preservation**

**Pā’aiāu was recognized in a Star Advertiser Op-Ed by the Chair of the National Advisory on Historic Preservation:** 'Indigenous knowledge' waiver makes sense for historic sites

<https://www.achp.gov/news/hawaii-star-advertiser-column-indigenous-knowledge-waiver-makes-sense-historic-sites>

### **Makalapa Park**

We are grateful to Ati Jeffers-Fabro and the members of Ka Hui 'o Ka Pāka Makalapa, the community group that is helping to elevate the park, for inviting us to join them. We look forward to creating a cultural, educational and healing work together.

**Please join us at our next Community Work Day: Saturday, July 6**

**See: [Paaiau.org](http://Paaiau.org)**