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Recruiting West O'ahu High School Students for Spring Break Environmental Careers Program

Kapolei, HI – The Malama Learning Center is recruiting students grades 9-11 from schools from Waipahu to Wai'anae to attend an action-packed conservation program via the Hawai'i Green Collar Institute (HGCI) during the upcoming Spring Intersession Break, March 20-24, 2017. This program will be conducted by the Mālama Learning Center with several partners. The deadline to apply is February 24.

This five-day session will focus on Watershed Health, Leadership, & Environmental Careers. There will be a three-day overnight at Camp Pālehua, field trips, hands-on activities, and interactive sessions with conservation professionals. Every day will be filled with fun activities and memorable learning experiences including visits to Wai'anae Kai Forest Reserve and Ka'ala Farm.

"We are very fortunate to offer another HGCI program for students as it is always exciting and enriching for students and instructors alike. This seminar will focus on leadership-building among our youth because it is more important now than ever to be informed and find solutions to environmental issues that affect our communities," said Pauline Sato, Executive and Program Director of the Mālama Learning Center and co-founder of HGCI.

Along with real-life experiences that will integrate science with culture, students who participate in HGCI will be able to receive community service or job shadowing credits through their schools. The program fee is only \$25.

Applications and informational materials for this program are available on Mālama Learning Center's [website](http://www.malamalearningcenter.org/hawaii-green-collar-institute) (<http://www.malamalearningcenter.org/hawaii-green-collar-institute>) as well as via email (info@malamalearningcenter.org). Spaces are limited and preference is given to students from West O'ahu. Please contact Mālama Learning Center at 305-8287 for more information.

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About Mālama Learning Center

Since its inception in 2004, Mālama Learning Center has worked to unify schools, residents, and businesses in West O'ahu through education that incorporates art, science, conservation, and culture. Mālama Learning Center uses a hands-on approach to learning, preparing its participants for diverse real-world experiences and 21st century careers.