

## Mālama Learning Center

*teaching and inspiring communities to live in a healthy, sustainable way*

**Created by people who are committed to the well-being of our environment and communities, Mālama Learning Center:**

- Provides **environmental education** services for students and teachers throughout West O‘ahu, particularly along the Leeward coast.
- Offers monthly **WOW** (without walls) **hands-on workshops** for community members to learn about sustainability, healthy living, and the many ways that nature and culture are intertwined (e.g. growing/using native Hawaiian and medicinal plants, making natural dyes and aquaponics).
- Conducts **innovative programs** to empower youth such as the Hawai‘i Green Collar Institute and Wai‘anae Mālama ‘Āina Field School.
- Helps schools **teach “green”** through gardens and nurseries, aquaponic systems, energy conservation and waste reduction.
- Provides education at a weekly farmers’ and green market called **Mākeke Kapolei** in partnership with Kapolei High School and Wai‘anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.
- Assists with the **restoration of natural areas** in Leeward O‘ahu with native Hawaiian plants (e.g. Piliokahe Beach, Palehua, Kalaeloa Refuge, Wai‘anae Mountains Watershed Partnership).
- Supports environmental education throughout the islands through **effective collaboration** in the Hawai‘i Environmental Education Alliance and Wai‘anae Wellness and Place-based Alliance.
- Is based at Kapolei High School through a unique public/private partnership that exemplifies the **value of community** working with public schools.
- Inspires youth to be **leaders** of their community.

*“Field School is the best summer experience I’ve ever had. I love it because it helped me find out that I want to do these things when I’m an adult. I also learned so many things that I can teach to my family.”*

Galilee Kamai, Nānākuli High student



*Students from four Leeward high schools celebrated completion of the Hawai‘i Green Collar Institute marine seminar at Leeward Community College.*



*(below) A cultural garden will soon have more than 600 plants for harvesting by hula students.*

