

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.

