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 **innovative environmental education** programs for students throughout West O‘ahu, particularly along the Leeward coast. In 2015, we conducted in-depth programs changing the lives of more than 250 students and **inspiring youth to be leaders** of their community.

- Offers monthly WOW (without walls) **hands-on workshops** for community members to learn about sustainability and healthy living. In 2015, we offered new workshops ranging from making Hawaiian instruments to home-made fruit pies.

- Restores mauka and makai areas in Leeward O‘ahu with **native Hawaiian plants** grown at the Kapolei High School nursery. In 2015, we grew more than 1,000 plants for Piliokahi Beach, Pālehua, Kalaepoa Refuge, and other sites.

- Creates **school and community gardens**. In 2015 we helped Kapolei Middle School’s garden club create new gardens and expanded the Mālaola, a Hawaiian cultural garden in Kunia, with a Kapolei-based hālau hula.

- Provides education at a weekly farmers’ and green market called Mākeke Kapolei based at Kapolei High School. In 2015, we engaged more than 2,000 people in hands-on activities.

- Promotes **public/private partnerships** with DOE schools and the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association. In 2015 we offered 3 **professional development** courses helping 50 educators, including some from neighbor islands, become more effective teachers.

- Supports environmental education throughout the islands through **effective collaboration**. In 2016 we will launch new and exciting programs at Camp Timberline and Wai‘anae coast areas with like-minded partners, increasing our potential to reach many more people in meaningful ways.

(above) Students from the Mālama ʻĀina Field School at Nānākuli expanded their perspectives as community contributors and leaders.

(above) Students practiced “farm-to-table” agriculture and healthy eating at Ka‘ala Farm, one of our core program partners.

“The Mālama Learning Center is committed to education about conservation, sustainability, and healthy living for youth and adults with compassion -- satisfying my inner being as an educator, lifelong learner, and native Hawaiian.”

Jewellynn Kirkland, Nānākuli educator

Mahalo to our year-round community partners: