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Calabash & Cooks Dishes Up Culinary Treats to Support Mālama Learning Center

The event on March 10, will feature dishes inspired by diverse cultures created by public school culinary students and some of Hawai'i's favorite chefs

KAPOLEI – Clear your plates - Mālama Learning Center's Calabash & Cooks fundraiser is back for another serving on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Kapolei High School. The event will take place 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and feature live entertainment including an appearance by Da Braddahs, a silent auction and country store, as well as dishes created by public school culinary students and professional chefs from Hawai'i's favorite restaurants.

The event is a fundraiser for Mālama Learning Center and its work to teach and inspire communities to live and work in a healthy, sustainable way. Tickets start at \$40 for general tickets and \$75 for VIP. Student tickets are available for \$25 and \$20 for keiki ages 10 and under. Tickets will cost \$50 at the door. For additional information or to purchase tickets online visit www.malamalearningcenter.org.

“Not only does Calabash & Cooks raise awareness for our mission and work, it celebrates our students and gives them an opportunity to shine and gain invaluable real-world experience,” said Pauline Sato, executive & program director for Mālama Learning Center. “Our work would not be possible without the generous support we receive from our partners and the community. They truly believe in preparing the next generation to care for our land and instilling in them an ethic of caring and conservation.”

Participating culinary programs this year currently include Kapolei High School, Waipahu High School, Campbell High School, Wai'anae High School, Mililani High School, Moanalua High School and Radford High School. Guests also won't want to miss the popular silent auction and country store featuring locally made preserves, clothing, and artwork; native Hawaiian plants; guest experiences; and produce picked fresh from neighboring farms.

Proceeds from Calabash & Cooks will benefit the Mālama Learning Center, a local nonprofit that brings art, science, conservation and culture together to promote sustainable living throughout Hawai'i. The organization recently announced a new initiative aimed at healing the land and sea through engagement and education. Named Ola Nā Kini – which translates to “Life for the Multitude” in Hawaiian – it focuses on replanting native plants that once thrived in the islands, starting in the Wai'anae Mountains.

For more information about Mālama Learning Center's Calabash & Cook's visit www.malamalearningcenter.org/ or call (808) 497-5323. Also, follow Mālama Learning Center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/malamalearningcenter, on Instagram at www.instagram.com/malamalearningcenter and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/malamalearning.com.

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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.