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Established by Congress in 1960, the East-West Center (EWC) is a public, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia and the Pacific through cooperative study, research and dialogue. With a 21-acre campus adjacent to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the East-West Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options. President Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum has set a vision that the EWC, in collaboration with partners and its more than 68,000 alumni worldwide, is a premier institution in the Indo-Pacific to convene, develop, and equip a network of leaders to solve shared challenges and bring about a more peaceful, prosperous, sustainable and just region.



Hawai'i's public school system was founded in 1840 by King Kamehameha III. Today's Hawai'i State Department of Education (HDOE) includes 295 schools belonging to one statewide public school district, led by Superintendent Keith Hayashi. In May 2023, the HDOE adopted a new strategic plan with the vision that "every student must have the opportunity to discover and pursue their passions and see firsthand how their interests can translate into successful and meaningful careers that positively impact Hawai'i's future and our global society." In partnership with local communities, "we envision a K-12 public education system that prepares all graduates to be Globally Competitive, Locally Committed. That means our students not only have the academic knowledge and skills to thrive and be successful, but also possess that special sense of responsibility to give back to our communities and island home."

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Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) is a United Nations Local2030 hub that brings together diverse stakeholders committed to economic, social, and environmental priorities. Our work seeks to connect generations of indigenous knowledge and systems thinking with modern science, technology, and policy to support culturally and locally appropriate solutions that can be scaled globally.



The Pacific & Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) is an independent, international education 501(c)3 nonprofit with a mission to promote understanding and empower engagement on global and international issues with special attention to Hawai'i's role in the Asia-Pacific region. Working with Hawai'i's high school youth, PAAC is preparing the next generation of leaders for an increasingly interconnected world, and promoting citizen diplomacy—building bridges, inspiring young leaders, and developing global citizens. Since 1954, PAAC has provided global education to over 100,000 Hawai'i high school students statewide.



WELCOME LETTER

Aloha mai kākou,

I AM THRILLED AND HONORED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE HAWAI'I YOUTH SUMMIT PRESENTED BY THE EAST-WEST CENTER AND HAWAI'I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. This unique event is also made possible because of the partnership with the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) and Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG). We are excited to showcase this truly unique and inspiring gathering of young minds. This summit is a testament to the power of our youth to shape a better future by embracing the rich cultural connections between Hawai'i and the world.

The Hawai'i Youth Summit is more than just a gathering; it is an opportunity for each of you to embark on a journey of self-discovery, cultural appreciation, and visionary thinking. It is a chance to explore new perspectives, ignite your curiosity, and foster a sense of unity among the diverse backgrounds represented here. It is a platform to open your hearts and minds to the possibilities that lie ahead, both in terms of personal growth and future career prospects.

The theme of this year's summit, grounding yourselves in appreciation of your cultural identities and place in Hawai'i, connecting it to the wider world, and using it as a guiding light for your visions and actions, is a powerful one. It reminds us that our roots, our stories, and our traditions are the foundation upon which we build our aspirations for a better future.

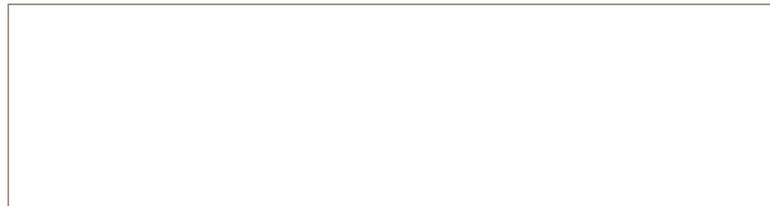
I want to express my deepest gratitude to the organizers, volunteers, and partners who have made this summit possible. Your dedication to empowering our youth and fostering global citizenship is truly commendable.

I encourage you to embrace every moment of this transformative experience. May your time here be filled with inspiration, learning, and lasting connections.

Mahalo nui loa,

Suzanne Vares-Lum
PRESIDENT, EAST-WEST CENTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZERS OF THE 2023 HAWAII YOUTH SUMMIT: INSPIRING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP! The collaborative efforts of the East-West Center, Department of Education, and esteemed partners have resulted in a remarkable initiative.

This Summit is a unique opportunity for a select group of students from diverse schools across our State to explore their roles as leaders within and beyond Hawai'i's shores.

By engaging with international peers and professionals from various disciplines, participants are sure to broaden their horizons. With conversations about leadership, policy, and global connectivity, this

Sen. Michelle Kidani
HAWAII STATE SENATOR

Summit provides a valuable space for growth and insight.

To the student participants, I encourage you to be open to new perspectives as you embark on this journey, and to retain a sense of pride in your identity as citizens of Hawai'i. I hope that your interactions today will open doors to fresh career pathways and inspire you to contribute positively to the world around you.

Please accept my enthusiastic support for the Hawai'i Youth Summit! I am confident that this year's Summit will be a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of all participants. I wish you a productive and enlightening Summit!



Hawai'i Youth Summit Inspiring Global Citizenship

September 9, 2023
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Locally Rooted, Globally Engaged

The Hawai'i Youth Summit contributes to HIDOE's vision for high school students in Hawai'i to be "globally competitive and locally committed." The Hawai'i Youth Summit offers an opportunity for students to ground themselves in an appreciation of their culture and place here in Hawai'i, to connect that to the world, and use it to guide their vision and action for a better future. Students will open their minds to new cultures, ways of thinking, and future career possibilities.

Agenda

- 9:00am >** **Welcoming Protocol**
Welaahilani Wāhilani
- 9:15 >** **Welcome to EWC & Introduction to the Summit**
Ann Hartman, Dean, EWC Education Program
- 9:20 >** **Welcome Remarks**
Heidi Armstrong, Deputy Superintendent,
Hawai'i Department of Education
- 9:25 >** **Overview of the Day**
Ann Hartman, Dean, EWC Education Program
- 9:30 >** **Opening Performance & Talk Story—
Locally Rooted, Globally Engaged**
Janani Lakshmanan, Bharatanatyam
dance from India
I Made Cahya Narayana, Baris tunggal
dance from Bali, Indonesia
- 9:45 >** **Who Are We to Lead?**
Roya Maroufkhani Dennis, High School
Global Education Program Director, PAAC
Sophie Halliday, Mara Pavich Garcia,
and Andrew (Dash) Marchetto-Ryan,
Shanti Alliance
- 10:55 >** **Engaged Action – Hawai'i in the World**
- **The Blue Pacific Continent—
the Pacific Way**
Ulamila Monica Cagivanua, Program
Associate, EWC Pacific Islands
Development Program
 - **The Aloha+ Challenge and What
Hawai'i Brings to the World.**
Celeste Connors, Executive Director,
Hawai'i Green Growth
- 11:30 >** **Lunch Discussion: Hawai'i in the World—
Sharing Perspectives with Young Leaders
from Around the World**
Next generation leaders from 20+ countries
join students to discuss perspectives on
Hawai'i and its role in the region, leadership,
and the issues and challenges facing our
communities.
- 12:20pm >** **Walk and Talk: East-West Center Campus**
Continuing the conversations while walking
through EWC campus and learning about
student life.
- 1:15 >** **The Future We Want: BENTO &
World Futures Activity**
Philippe Lemonnier, Senior Leadership
Education & Development Specialist,
EWC Asia Pacific Leadership Program
This interactive workshop uses the “BENTO”
tool to define the elements relating the
present and the future. Students group
together and share their visions of the future.
- 4:25 >** **Reflection**
Roya Maroufkhani Dennis, High School Global
Education Program Director, PAAC
- 4:35 >** **Next Steps and Opportunities to Engage**
Sharing opportunities for continued
engagement and staying connected.
- 4:45 >** **Locally Rooted, Globally Engaged:
From Wahiawa to the World**
Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum, President,
East-West Center
- 5:00 >** **Pau**



Welaahilani Wāhilani

Welina ke aloha iā kākou pākahi a pau! ‘O wau nō ‘o Welaahilani Wāhilani a he kupa au no nei ‘āina kamaha‘o o Hawai‘i! Born and raised on the island of O‘ahu, primarily in Aiea, and a proud graduate of Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Ānuenuē. I am a first generation college student; I gradu-

ated from UH West O‘ahu in 2016 with my B.A in Hawaiian Pacific Studies and Business Marketing, graduated from UH Mānoa in 2020 with my M.Ed in Educational Administration, and now pursuing my Doctorate in Education in Professional Educational Practice at UH Mānoa. My passion and purpose is giving back to my community and to transform our education system, one kānaka at a time!



Ann Hartman
Dean, East-West Center Education Program

Dean Ann Hartman provides overall leadership for the East-West Center’s graduate student programs, which provide scholarship funding and a dynamic living learning community for American and

international students pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Hawai‘i. At the EWC, students live, work and learn together, building expertise, developing leadership skills, and engaging in dialogue on critical issues with colleagues across cultures and disciplines to prepare them to address the complex challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region. Prior to becoming Dean in 2017, she spent 15 years in the Seminars Program at the EWC, coordinating short-term professional development and exchange experiences for journalists, young political leaders and women entrepreneurs.



Heidi Armstrong
Deputy Superintendent, Hawai‘i Department of Education

Deputy Superintendent Armstrong brings over 30 years of experience spanning school, district and state leadership positions. She previously served as assistant superintendent for the Office

of Student Support Services (OSSS) and as complex area superintendent for the Campbell-Kapolei Complex Area. Prior to becoming CAS in 2012, she was the principal of Iroquois Point Elementary, where she made continuous improvements in school performance and quality. She began her career with the Department as a math teacher at Pohakea Elementary, where she later became vice principal. She holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in educational administration from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.



Janani Lakshmanan

Janani Lakshmanan began studying the Indian classical dance form of Bharatanatyam at the age of five, She completed her professional stage debut, her Arangetram (2016) in India as student/instructor with Sampradaya Dance of India (Chandler, Arizona,

dir. Nita Mallya). She has led workshops and performed at venues around the world. Janani received Doordarshan’s Professional Artist’s Grading in March 2019. She is studying Nattuvangam, Sanskrit, and Tamil, to improve her connection to the ancient texts and stories that inspire her art. Janani is currently a student affiliate at the East West Center as a doctoral student in the Mathematics program at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.



I Made Cahya Narayana

I Made Cahya Narayana or Nara is an Institutional Coordinator at Delterra, a global environmental nonprofit with a mission to solve the world’s most complex systemic environmental challenges on the ground, at scale, and with urgency.

His responsibilities include helping local communities in Bali to develop community based waste management particularly in ensuring good governance and financial sustainability.

As a Balinese who shares a passion for sustainability issues, He took specialization in tourism and sustainability studies at Udayana University. He was also the Co-Founder and Project Director of Segara Budaya, a youth community that aims to provide environmental education to the young generation in Bali.



Roya Maroufkhani Dennis
High School Global Education Program Director, Pacific & Asian Affairs Council

Roya Maroufkhani Dennis is the High School Global Education Director at the Pacific & Asian Affairs Council. With twenty years of experience in education

with students at the college and high school in areas ranging from English to Sustainability, her work today focuses on developing young leaders who are cultivating a global perspective, thinking through systems, and concentrating on change-making or service for their communities.



Sophie Halliday
Co-Founder and Program Director,
Shanti Alliance

Sophie Halliday is the Co-founder and Program Director of Shanti Alliance. She works with educators and community members to support programs that foster

curious, compassionate, and courageous people who contribute their gifts and talents to making this world a more just, equitable and peaceful place.



Mara Pavich Garcia
Program Coordinator, Shanti Alliance

Mara Pavich Garcia is dedicated to crafting inclusive programs that amplify individual voices while fostering an exploration of core cultural identities. Her focus lies in cultivating social and emotional strategies that facilitate self- and social-awareness.



Andrew (Dash) Marchetto-Ryan
Teacher Fellow, Shanti Alliance

Andrew (Dash) Marchetto-Ryan is the Career-Based Learning Coordinator at Hawai'i Technology Academy allowing him to help students identify their career pathways prior to graduation. One of

those pathways is careers in Human Services which are great for students who strive for social change including diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging work.



Ulamila Monica Cagivanua
Program Associate,
East-West Center Pacific Islands
Development Program

Ulamila Monica Cagivanua is an iTaukei (Indigenous Fijian) woman born and raised in Fiji with village ties to Ekita, Yawe in Kadavu and maternal links to

Nasilai in Rewa. She is a United States South Pacific Scholarship Alumni under EWC and graduated with her Master's in Pacific Islands Studies and Advanced Graduate Certificate in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and is currently under academic training in the Pacific Islands Development Program at EWC. Ulamila is a poet who uses her platform to raise Indigenous Pacific voices especially those of her people. She is passionate about the use of Indigenous epistemologies as framework for solutions against some of the heavy issues within the Pacific today.



Celeste A. Connors
Executive Director,
Hawai'i Green Growth

Celeste Connors is the CEO of Hawai'i Hawai'i Green Growth, a United Nations Local2030 Hub that catalyzes action across government, the private sector, and civil society to achieve Hawai'i 2030

sustainability goals and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She previously served as Director for Environment and Climate Change in the White House National Security Council and National Economic Council. She also served as a diplomat in Germany, Greece and Saudi Arabia, as well as the US Mission to the United Nations and as the Climate and Energy Advisor to the Under Secretary for Global Affairs at the US Department of State. Celeste grew up in Kailua, O'ahu.



Philippe Lemonnier
Senior Leadership Education &
Development Specialist, East-West
Center Asia Pacific Leadership
Program

Philippe Lemonnier is a Senior Leadership Education & Development Specialist, East-West Center Asia Pacific

Leadership Program. Prior to this was a corporate lawyer for 12 years and then went on to become the founder and CEO of Pacific Ventry Corporation, a growing business aiming to help individuals and organizations better understand the world, humanity and tomorrow. He works as a "disruptive tutor", a human & leadership development specialist in the Asia-Pacific region with extensive experience in human development, human innovation, and leadership.

He worked through a wide range of services in the Pacific region (consulting, training, executive coaching, content-oriented event management, and digital media), aiming to produce up-to-date, inclusive, and contextual content in the region.



Suzanne Vares-Lum
President, East-West Center

Ms. Suzanne (Suzy) Puanani Vares-Lum serves as the President of the East-West Center. In 2022, she launched a new strategic plan that advances the East-West Center's mission to promote understanding and relationships among

people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. As a retired Major General with 34 years of service, Vares-Lum held roles addressing national security challenges in the region.



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