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Panel 1.3: Educating Global Changemakers

Humans of East-West Center: A “Human Family”

East-West Center’s Student Leadership Initiative, *Humans of East-West Center*, was launched in July of 2017. Inspired by and modeled after *Humans of New York*, our core launch team sought to appreciate diversity by showcasing vignettes of members in our EWC *‘ohana* by highlighting their unique experiences, cultural heritage and identities. We live in an age where technological advancements and fast internet speeds allow us to connect to the world at the touch of our fingertips; however, it has also left us less connected in real human camaraderie.

By galvanizing the link between human-to-human relationships and social media with the spirit of *aloha*, our project to promote diversity and create closer human-bonds along the global network has grown to become a “human family.” By celebrating our unique differences, we also embraced a global family rooted in humanity which illuminated how “we are more alike . . . than we are unlike.”