

## Lanikuhonua Hula and Canoe Festivals slated for February 27 & 28

Two annual festivals that celebrate and share the Hawaiian culture with high school students will bring them together once again with some of the best-known kumu hula and canoe experts.

### 9th Annual Lei 'O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival

Friday, Feb. 27, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Hula Festival gives students a rare opportunity to learn from well-known kumu hula who will share their knowledge and style of hula, and nurture their practice of the art. As the late kumu hula O'Brian Eselu of Halau Ke Kai O Kahiki described it, "The Lei 'O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival is a festival to inspire this generation and generations to come; to ignite and excite students to preserve hula, language and *na mea Hawai'i* (things Hawaiian)."

As special feature of this year's festival is the oli, *Lei 'O*



*Lanikuhonua*, composed by Kumu Hula Kimo Alama Keaulana for the event. It will be performed for the first time at the opening of the festival. Festival organizers are encouraging students to learn the oli ahead of time using a CD that their schools can request.

The Festival is free for all participants, thanks to the

sponsorship of the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation, the James Campbell Company and the Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute. To date, this year's roster of teachers includes kumu hula Kimo Keaulana, Olana Ai, Coline Aiu, and Twyla Mendez, with several more awaiting confirmation.

Parents of participants are invited to attend the Ho'ike when the students perform the hula they learned during the Festival. The Ho'ike begins at 2:15 p.m.

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### 4th Annual Lauhoe O Lanikuhonua Canoe Festival

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

With the Polynesian Voyaging Society's historic Worldwide Voyage underway, interest in canoe culture is at an all-time high. The Canoe Festival is a wonderful opportunity for high school paddlers to look beyond the sport itself and learn about the importance of the canoe from a cultural perspective.

The Festival will have mini workshops and activity stations where they will learn directly from canoe builders, navigators, entrepreneurs, and kumu about cultural protocols, and the role of the canoe in our community from the past to the present.

To date, some of the participating organizations are the Polynesian Voyaging Society, The Waianae Hawaiian Civic Club's E Ala Voyaging Canoe Education Program, the Puakea Foundation of Hawaii, and the Makahiki Club.

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