



STUDENTS SHARE WHAT “LIVING PONO” LOOKS LIKE

Results of the 3rd annual E Ola Pono Visual and Literary Arts Competition have been announced, with youth in grades 4-12 from across the state winning awards.

E Ola Pono—to live correctly, describes a way of life grounded in traditional Hawaiian culture, with similar thinking found in many societies across the globe. What is pono? The definition used by competition organizers is “living with respect for everyone and being in harmony with everything.”

The E Ola Pono Competition is a statewide effort to spark dialogue between students, teachers, families, and communities about what it means to “live pono.” This exploration and understanding is then captured through various media: poster art, poetry, essays, short stories, and videos.

This year’s contest was sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Center on Disability Studies, the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission, and Hawaiian TelCom, who contributed a generous donation that provided each winning school a \$100 prize to be used for celebrating achievements and enhancing educational programs.

Student work will be published in the competition’s second edition of the E Ola Pono Booklet which features selected art, stories, and a DVD of video entries. Artwork and stories will be exhibited throughout the year in the Hawai‘i Convention Center lobby, and entries may be included in a Civics curriculum currently under development at the university.

Winning entries were selected from a variety of schools, including immersion, charter, private and public, with participation from the islands of Hawai‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i and O‘ahu (see winners listed below). “We greatly appreciate the teachers who found time for their students to take part in this year’s competition. We recognize the challenges public school educators have faced with less teaching time due to furloughs,” shared Competition Coordinator Sara Banks, who also directs the Creating Pono Schools Project, a grant focused on helping schools develop harmonious, culturally relevant and experiential learning environments.

Educators who sent in submissions commented about the benefits of participation. “Thank you for the opportunity to teach this wonderful value in the classroom,” shared Jaylyn Hashimoto, a 6th grade English teacher at Kamehameha School, Maui. Devorah Kaplan from Volcano School of Arts and Sciences appreciated this “vehicle to stimulate growth and raise awareness”, and Pōhai Montague-Mullins, an immersion teacher at Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u, shared that this competition “touched her students on a personal level” because of its direct connection to their school’s cultural foundation.

A special thank you to teachers who entered the competition’s new “teacher submission” category, substitute teacher Sandra Dobesh for her short story entitled “Halleluyah for Pono” and a video entry submitted by Kumu Loke Roseguo from Ke Kula o Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u.

Due to some extraordinary entries, numerous honorable mentions not listed below were awarded to students at various schools, including Kualapu‘u on Moloka‘i, Maui Preparatory Academy, Makaha Elementary, and Volcano School of Arts and Sciences.

Thank you to all participants and educators who chose to share their perceptions and stories about living with respect and in harmony. Look for upcoming information about the 2010-2011 Competition.

Student winners for the 2010 E Ola Pono Competition are:

□Video Entries

Grades 9 -12 Category:

- *1st place: "*Bowl of Pono*" by Rachel Lew, James Campbell High School; teacher Oscar Ramiscal
- *2nd place: "*Come Together*" by Priscilla Lai, James Campbell High School; teacher Oscar Ramiscal
- *3rd place: "*Pono, Pass It On*" by Joanna De Batul, Bernadette Ben, Miranda Locquiao, Roshane Navarette and Vinh Vong, James Campbell High School; teacher Oscar Ramiscal

□Written Entries

Grades 4-5 Category:

- *1st place: "*Maui and the Taro Patch*" by Alize Shavers, Makaha Elementary; teachers Eugene Pascual & Francine Fukuda
- *2nd place: "*Is / Isn't*" by Preciousrain Grey, Makaha Elementary; teachers Eugene Pascual & Francine Fukuda

Grade 6 Category:

- *1st place: "*A Fight for Your 'Aina*" by Hi'ilei Aniban, Kamehameha Middle School-Maui; teacher Jaylyn Hashimoto
- *2nd place: "*Pono Goes A Long Way*" by Faith Owan, Kamehameha Middle School-Maui; teacher Jaylyn Hashimoto
- *3rd place: "*Why did I do that?*" by Danann Mitchell, Kamehameha Middle School-Maui; teacher Jaylyn Hashimoto

Grades 9-12 Category:

- *1st place: "*Duke and Char*" by Louis Roseguo, Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; teacher Pōhai Montague-Mullins
- *2nd place: "*The Flow of Right*" by Alohanani Andaya-Bohol, Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; teacher Pōhai Montague-Mullins
- *3rd place: "*E ola pono*" by Kimo Miranda, Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; teacher Pōhai Montague-Mullins

□Class Book:

- *1st place: "*Mountain, Land and Ocean*" by Blanche Pope Elementary 6th graders; teacher Edwarda Kaneakua
- *2nd place: "*What is LOVE?*" by Kamehameha Middle School-Maui 6th graders; teacher Jaylyn Hashimoto

□Teacher Entry:

- *1st place: "*Halleluyah for Pono*" by Sandra Dobesh, HIDEO Windward District Substitute teacher

□Poster Entries:

- *1st place: "*E ola Pono*" by Te'a Vannatta, Gr. 5, Maui Preparatory Academy; teacher Diane Moser
- *2nd place: "*Submarine Wonders*" by Martin Robeson, Gr. 4, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences; teacher Devorah Kaplan
- *3rd place: "*Across Cultures...*" by Aislinn Carroll, Gr. 4, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences; teacher Devorah Kaplan

2010 Winners – E Ola Pono Competition

CATEGORY, GRADE & AWARD	TITLE & STUDENT'S NAME	SCHOOL & SPONSORING TEACHER
Video Grades 9-12 1 st Place	" <i>Bowl of Pono</i> " by Rachel Lew	James Campbell High School Oscar Ramiscal
Video Grades 9-12 2 nd Place	" <i>Come Together</i> " by Priscilla Lai	James Campbell High School Oscar Ramiscal
Video Grades 9-12 3 rd Place	" <i>Pono, Pass It On</i> " by Joanna De Batul, Bernadette Ben, Miranda Locquiao, Roshane Navarette and Vinh Vong	James Campbell High School Oscar Ramiscal
Writing Grade 6 1 st Place	" <i>A Fight for Your 'Aina</i> " by Hi'ilei Aniban	Kamehameha Middle School-Maui Jaylyn Hashimoto
Writing Grade 6 2 nd Place	" <i>Pono Goes A Long Way</i> " by Faith Owan	Kamehameha Middle School-Maui Jaylyn Hashimoto
Writing Grade 6 3 rd Place	" <i>Why did I do that?</i> " by Danann Mitchell	Kamehameha Middle School-Maui Jaylyn Hashimoto
Writing Grades 9-12 1 st Place	" <i>Duke and Char</i> " by Louis Roseguo	Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Pōhai Montague-Mullins
Writing Grades 9-12 2 nd Place	" <i>The Flow of Right</i> " by Alohanani Andaya	Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Pōhai Montague-Mullins
Writing Grades 9-12 3 rd Place	" <i>E ola pono</i> " by Kimo Miranda	Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Pōhai Montague-Mullins
Class Book Grade 6 1 st Place	" <i>Mountain, Land and Ocean</i> " by the 6 th graders	Blanche Pope Elementary Edwarda Kaneakua
Class Book Grade 6 2 nd Place	" <i>What is LOVE?</i> " by the 6 th graders	Kamehameha Middle School-Maui Jaylyn Hashimoto
Teacher Entry 1 st Place	" <i>Halleluyah for Pono</i> " by Sandra Dobesh	HIDOĒ Windward District Substitute Teacher
Poster Grades 4-6 1st place	" <i>E ola Pono</i> " by Te'a Vannatta, Gr. 5	Maui Preparatory Academy Diane Moser
Poster Grades 4-6 2nd place	: " <i>Submarine Wonders</i> " by Martin Robeson, Gr. 4	Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Devorah Kaplan
Poster Grades 4-6 3rd place	: " <i>Across Cultures...</i> " by Aislinn Carroll, Gr. 4	Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Devorah Kaplan