President’s Message

Aloha 4-H’ers!

The Oahu 4-H Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 4 from 8 am to 2pm at the UH Art Auditorium. It's going to be a fun event as this year's theme is Party at Gatsby’s! There will also be a special Head Wear Contest along with the Fashion show and any 4-H’er can enter! The council will provide sandwiches, salads, chips and iced tea. I would like to encourage clubs to bring desserts that are cut into small serving pieces. The photographs from the contest will be on display and the winners will be recognized as well. Hold on tight and continue to participate in our events! See you there!

Thank you,

Kathleen Corpuz

Oahu 4-H Dinner Workshop

Ni Hao! (Hello)

Oahu 4-H leaders and members are invited to attend:

Wednesday - May 14, 2014
6:00 -7:30 pm
Farrington High School, Room 122

- Discover creative ways to wear and tie a scarf!
- Experience Furoshiki, Japanese gift wrapping
- Learn more about China: food, architecture, people, and the toilets!
• Make your own dumplings

• Dine on delicious Congee with condiments, dessert from The Silk Road Restaurant (Nobu's - on the ship) and a healthy Beverage.

• Win prizes

RSVP to Amy Peria at amyperia25@gmail.com by May 10, 2014.

Zai Jian (See you)

Senior Portfolios

Anyone wanting to apply for Congress this year will need to let me know as soon as possible so I can work with you to complete the portfolio. In addition to the portfolio you will need to include two letters of recommendations from two people who knows you well but are not an immediate relative. These individuals can be a teacher, 4-H leader, counselor, advisor, civic leader, mentor, organizational leader or an employer. The letters must be written within the last year and must be signed by the writer. The letters should be addressed to "Congress Selection Committee".

Portfolios are due to Aunty Joan on Friday, May 16th or postmarked by that date. Thus I will need to receive your completed portfolios before that date.

Rose Saito

WRLF 2015

Oregon State University and the Oregon leaders have posted a video inviting all leaders from the western states to join them in the 2015 Western Region Leaders Forum. Dates for the forum are Tuesday, January 27, Thursday, February 12 and Monday, March 2, 2015. http://youtu.be/oArtozQMNW0

Purple Up! For Military Kids – April 15th

Thank you to all those who helped us celebrate PURPLE UP! day on April 15th. As part of the Purple Up! Day festivities, Representative Mark Takai presented a Legislative Certificate from the Hawaii State House of Representatives recognizing and commending military parents and Hawaii educators on their advocacy for military
New Funding from Disney Worldwide Conservation

National 4-H Council and Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund have launched a new program focused around empowering youth in urban markets to explore nature and the outdoors. This program will deliver hands-on outdoor exploration through the Exploring Your Environment 4-H curriculum via afterschool and/or day camp programs. This opportunity will impact approximately 800 underserved youth in California, New York, Texas, Hawaii, and Florida and will encourage the development of lifelong conservation habits. Steve Nagano is Hawaii’s principal investigator. Two sites are participating in Hawaii’s efforts.

How Does YOUR Garden Grow?

It has been exciting to see the gardens that our 4-H gardening clubs have “sprouted” this past year! And now that the summer months are approaching, we look forward to even more 4-H gardening projects from our 4-H’ers in Japan and Korea.

Iolani Storytellers Share Stories at Ala Wai School

35 members of the Iolani Storytellers club spent their Headmaster’s holiday reading to students at Ala Wai School. Although the members of the group have changed over time, this is the 15th year that the group has done this project. The storytellers not only used their Read to Me aprons but also incorporated a lot of different methods to engage their young listeners. A special thanks to club advisors Cathy Petit, Joseph Won and Jan Motoshige and Ala Wai School Coordinator Lori (Muraoka) Kwee (a 4-H alum) for coordinating this tremendous effort.
Project Spotlight

The Backyards & Beyond Curriculum is designed as a network of neighborhood “nature trails” with outdoor activities. This set is designed to progressively advance the connections youth make with the outdoors.

This curriculum is available for purchase from 4-Hmall.org.

Other Opportunities

The Great American No Bull Challenge

4-H'ers are once again encouraged to promote the importance of being an upstander and creating a positive school culture to end cyber and all other forms of bullying on a global basis by entering the Great American No Bull Challenge. Take the Challenge and just say - No Bull!

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is the first, student-led national video contest and teen video awards show dedicated to bullying prevention and promoting empathy, respect and inclusive communities using the power of music and the magic of filmmaking. This year, the competition includes full-length videos of 2-5 minutes as well as PSA's of 30-60 seconds.
The goal of the NO BULL Challenge is to join America’s students, educators, counselors, organizations, communities and corporate America together in an effort to enable real change at the student level.

Middle and high school students between the ages of 13-18 will have more than months to create a 2-5 minute video or 30-60 second PSA with a digital responsibility or a bullying prevention theme. Students will submit their video to the NO BULL Challenge no later than April 30, 2014, at 11:59 PM (PST). Check out the Digital Responsibility 411 toolkits available at http://www.nobullchallenge.org to learn everything you need to know in order to create your video. Beginning May 5th, 2014, each student will rally their friends, family, educators and community to vote for their video.

As a result of the public voting period, nominees will be selected from the top 50 favorite videos by a panel of expert judges. The formal announcement of the NO BULL Nominees will occur on June 6, 2014. All nominees will receive a golden ticket to attend the star-studded NO BULL Teen Video Awards show. At the NO BULL Teen Video Awards show, you’ll get to see amazing artists perform live and meet and greet with your favorite athletes and celebrities on the red carpet. The NO BULL winning videos will be announced “live” where your video will be introduced to the world. Inspiring America’s teens to speak up and be an upstander against bullying is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about, and we need you to make it happen!

We know the way to stop bullying is to create awareness about it, which is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about.

**Who’s Eligible:** U.S. students in middle or high school aged 13-18.

**Video Upload Begins:** NOW!

**Video Upload Deadline:** April 30, 2014

**Public Voting Period:** May 5-16, 2014

**Nominees Announced:** June 6, 2014

**August 8 – 9, 2014 - NO BULL Conference and Teen Video Awards**


Also visit the campaign homepage and view the winning videos from last year at http://nobullchallenge.org/winning-films-2013.

**Share Your Extension Stories in Celebration of Its Centennial**

As many of you are well aware, the Cooperative Extension System is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Extension is, and always has been, about the people that it benefits, and to celebrate the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) wants to hear from them. We are reaching out on social media to gather stories from people all across the United States to get their personal stories of how Extension has impacted their life. We’re asking people to post stories, photos, videos, etc.
Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, blogs or any other social media site, using the hashtag #Ext100Years, and then tweet it to us at @usda_nifa. We plan to share some of our favorite stories with everyone.

To kick things off, NIFA’s director Sonny Ramaswamy recorded this video message on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skxXCQH8Q3Y&feature=youtu.be. You can help us in two ways:

1. Share your story with us. We want to hear from those who have worked in Extension too. How have you seen it work in your life? In the lives of others?

2. Can you pass this message along? Feel free to tweet or Facebook this out with a link to the YouTube video or email to your contacts. We want this to go far and wide across the country, so we’re going to need some help in getting the message out to all Americans. You can either pass along the YouTube video or the attached graphic that explains what we’re looking for.

Don’t forget to use the hashtag #Ext100Years and tweet to us at @usda_nifa. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jennifer Martin
Public Affairs Specialist
USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

How Can You Make A Difference?

We want to hear how youth make a difference directly from the experts: young change makers like you.

Can you think of a time when you were eager to make a difference? How did you turn your passion into action? Share your advice with other youth and young adults who want to make a difference and are figuring out where to start.

Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP) and FindYouthInfo.gov launched a contest for youth between 16 and 24 years of age. Youth can submit original posters and photos (with captions) responding to the question, “How Can Youth Make a Difference.” Submissions will be judged by a panel of IWGYP participants (and voting through Facebook will be taken into consideration). The first, second, and third place winners will receive prizes and their entries will be showcased on FindYouthInfo.gov.

Submit your photos or a poster that inspires others to take action for a chance to win $500!
Submissions are now being accepted until May 11, 2014, 11:59PM EST!
http://engage.findyouthinfo.gov/contribute/ye4c-contest-2014
True Hero Competition

Deadline: June 30

True Hero grants cash awards to high school, college and qualified non-profit community youth organizations that sponsor service trips and volunteer activities for students. These cash awards enable more schools to continue their service learning programs and offer a life changing experience to those students who participate. Awards are given to those projects with the most on-line votes on June 30th, 2014. There is still time to post your project and get votes!

http://bit.ly/1nKwVDi