



# The Upward Bounder

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### Director's Desk

Aloha all,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope all of you have had enough time to get into the groove of your new classes, and I hope what you learned over the summer is making class easier for you now!

We are trying something a bit different this year. We will have Sophomores and Seniors come in on one Saturday, Juniors on another Saturday, and the Seniors for a second Saturday each month. During these sessions, we will work with each grade level on specific items to get you ready for college, scholarships, admissions, and group activities. If at all possible, do not miss your assigned Saturday. If you must miss any activity, please make sure your guidance advisor knows the reason for your absence.

We have also started our tutoring sessions at your school. If you are scoring below a 'B' in any of your core classes, you will be required to come in for tutoring. You may also come in for tutoring if your grades are good but you just want extra help.

We hope all of you enjoyed our summer program, and we look forward to working with all of you for a productive school year!

Mahalo, James

### Happy Birthday!

9/1 Elizabeth Ligeralde  
 9/9 Erickson Aquino  
 9/19 Hemonia Jack  
 Sherrica Nath  
 9/20 Kevin Marin  
 9/25 Markie Belmodis  
 9/29 Darlene Cao

### Summer Highlights

by Klaira Marie Trajano

We've created great memories again at another successful summer component of Upward Bound. Several students received the opportunity to study at other UB sister programs in the mainland, while the rest attended UB classes at Leeward Community College. Students from all grade levels from different high schools actively participated during the six-week summer program. The staff, along with the tutors, taught subjects such as english, math, and science. Aside from academics, students were also given the chance to attain com-

munity service hours during Friday activities. Some of these included LCC Campus Clean-Up, Free Car Wash, Pouhala Marsh Clean-Up, Easter Seals and Science Fair.

LCC has hosted UB over the years, and what better way to give back than cleaning up the campus? A handful of students carried buckets of water with soap and sponges, and some partnered up to scrub railings, benches, and pick up litter. At the end of the clean up, students celebrated their day of hard work with a water fight on the lawn.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		Waianae 1	Campbell 2	Nanakuli 3	4	5 Sophomores & Seniors Start: 09/05/2009 9:00 am	
			Waipahu	Farrington			
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Juniors Start: 09/12/2009 9:00 am
		Waianae	Waipahu	Nanakuli			
			Campbell	Farrington			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Seniors Start: 09/19/2009 9:00 am
		Leilehua	Waianae	Campbell	Nanakuli		
			Waipahu	Farrington			
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Saturday Ohana (all students) Start: 09/26/2009 9:00 am
		Leilehua	Waianae	Waipahu	Nanakuli		
			Campbell	Farrington			
	27	28	29	30			
		Leilehua	Waianae	Campbell			
			Waipahu				



Other students participated in community service at Pouhala Marsh. They made a difference by pulling weeds, cutting down trees, and removing invasive species even with a

foul smell that filled the air. Another group spent their Friday afternoon in the hot summer sun washing cars at no charge.

Other activities included a talent show, where students had the opportunity to gather and show off their talents in front of everyone. There were more than twelve performances by students and staff. While most sang and danced, a few surprised the crowd with their never-before-seen talents.

Off-islander Erickson Aquino stunned everyone with his hidden talent for dancing as he brought an upbeat energy that made people get up off their feet and dance along. Hector Molina and Mark Pilar enacted a fight scene from a Wild Wild West movie (if it had a gaucho and a ninja). Brittany Moncrease, a tutor, amazed the crowd with her powerful voice when she sang acapella.

With the help of summer classes, students have been able to get a head start in their classes this school year. Although another UB summer has passed by, we will never forget the memories we have shared and await what the next UB summer will bring.

## Newbie Perspective

by Caisyline Lomongo

I have my books, pencils, paper and my calculator. I can rely on these things for the summer. Now

why would I need these things when it's summer? I know, I should start off with things for some fun in the sun: a towel, swimsuit, and sunscreen. No, I'm going to Upward Bound to learn and chill in a classroom. You may think, "Wow that must suck! Heck, I'm going to go the beach, forget Upward Bound!" but what you don't

know is the amount of things you learn, the friends you make, and the fun you have with all your new friends.

A friend who was already in Upward Bound told me about it. She said it was a college prep program that is good and will help you for college and throughout the high school year. I got a form and applied to the program for the summer of 2009.

I was at Leeward Community College for six weeks of classes and learning. This was my first time in the program. I was a "newbie" and saw that there were other kids from different schools and some off-islanders. There were kids who have already been in the program and they were very welcoming.

I also played in activities that helped me get to know everyone. I was surprised that there were a lot of kids there for the same purpose as me: to go to college and succeed.

Upward Bound has helped me a lot to understand some concepts that I've had trouble with in school. Plus, not only was there a teacher in the classroom, there were also tutors if you needed help as well. The classes were difficult and there was homework every day but you know you will thank UB. Once you go back to school, you will know the concept, it will seem easier and you can understand it in school.

We got to go on field trips and do community service. I learned new things that can be applied in life. I also got to learn more about what I want to do in life, the careers and goals that I have and how to reach them. I also learned how to prepare for college and what we might encounter when we reach college life.

In Upward Bound, it takes dedication, hard work, and focus. That is what I think we need to succeed in anything—not only Upward Bound—but in school and when we go to college. We should not just stop at the top but go beyond. The friends you make will be your support system and be with you along the way. Once you join this program, it's one you will never forget.



Team building fun at the Academic Year Kickoff and Beach Day at Ala Moana Beach Park.