



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou
Happy New Year



Mōhala ka pua, ua wehe kaiao
The blossoms are opening, for dawn is breaking

Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

In 2012, the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative sponsored five young people from the County of Hawaii to serve as delegates to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 8th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development on Martha's Vineyard.



Kynan Kawai
Kamehameha Schools Hilo
Nominated by David Fierres
Ka Hana No'eau,
Partners in Development



Trevor Tanaka
Konawaena High School
Nominated by Nancy Redfeather
The Kohala Center



Allie Kitchens
Kealakehe High School
Nominated by Jenny White
Environmental Club
Kealakehe High School



Makana Tavares
Kanu o ka 'Āina
New Century Public Charter
Nominated by Betsy Boland
KANU, Waimea

The SHYLI youth delegation shared their presentations about sustainable initiatives on their island. Sustainable Cultures, Sustainable Agriculture and Business, Sustainable Architecture, Sustainable Education, and Sustainable Environments. They are now working with their schools and nominating organizations to engage others to implement their Sustainability-In-Action projects.

Sustainability-In-Action Projects

Trevor is championing **Sustainable Education Resolution # 25** that encourages all schools in Hawaii to offer at least one class on sustainability. He wrote and published his first article. He wrote a letter and is sending it to legislators to secure letters of support.

[Student shares why sustainability is important](#), *Hawaii 24/7*, September 12, 2012

Makana designed a Cultural Sustainability project to help "restore kinship with our cultural roots as a step towards becoming more self-sufficient." Makana is creating essay contests and a literary magazine to allow students a voice for the first time while expanding their perspective and increasing their Hawaiian pride.

[Waimea Student Shares Sustainable Summit Experiences](#) *Honolulu Civil Beat*, July 17, 2012

Allie is championing her school's **Environmental Leadership Club** to mobilize a petition to allow and require all public waste contractors to Hawaii public schools to create and maximize recycling systems.

[Sign Allie's Petition: http://chn.ge/W3zDJs](http://chn.ge/W3zDJs)

[School recycling petition aims to protect aina](#), *Hawaii 24/7*, November 9, 2012

Kynan shared his vision of **Sustainable Agriculture & Business** at the "North Kohala Growing a Local Food System" with 75 decision-makers - including Senator Malama Solomon. For his Sustainability-In-Action project, Kynan is helping create the **SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum**. [Sustainability, Its Important To Me](#)

SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum: January 19

SHYLI will bring together youth delegates, their nominating organizations with Hawaii's decision makers from business, government, education and the community. SHYLI youth will share their sustainable initiative presentations, the lessons learned at the Summit, their Sustainability-In-Action projects and their vision for a sustainable Hawaii to the Island's decision makers. Our goal is to inspire many more youth to join them in building a more sustainable Hawai'i island. Invitation only for VIP decision-makers, educators and youth.

For more info: sustainhawaiiyouth@gmail.com

Dedication to Guy Toyama



Guy Toyama was one of the great leaders of sustainability on the Island of Hawaii and throughout the state of Hawaii. His generosity of spirit and his delightful enthusiasm for our young people was inspiring. As a founding member of the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative's Advisory Council, Guy opened many doors, introducing us to his friends and colleagues who could lend a hand, share their resources and support Hawaiian youth leaders. Guy was an integral part of SHYLI's upcoming Youth Leadership Forum. He believed that it was imperative to have Hawaii's youth share their vision of sustainability with Hawaii's decision makers from business, government, education and the community. SHYLI is dedicated to helping carry on Guy's legacy and realize his dreams.

Hawaii's isolation and vulnerability is our greatest asset. It forces our island people to shift into a new era of sustainable and self-reliant living. Upon meeting SHYLI members, I'm encouraged to see our youth leaders grab the ball and run to the goal with a sense of urgency.

Guy Toyama, Friends of NELHA

Ahuwale ka po`okela I kāu hana iā ha`i

It is through the way you serve others that your greatness will be felt

This is our Hawaiian youth chance to present our beliefs and action steps towards creating a more sustainable Island. We hope to inspire many more Hawaiian youth to join with us as well as our leaders to support our Sustainability-In-Action Projects.

We invite all of you decision makers to the SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum. We all have wonderful initiatives and with the help of you decision makers in the state of Hawaii we could make our dreams into a reality. I hope everyone will support our vision, beliefs, dreams, and hopes.

Kynan Kawai, Kamehameha High School

Official Messages from Hawaii Leaders

We are very proud of Hawai'i Island's youth delegates, and congratulate them on being selected as representatives of the Big Island. We extend a warm Aloha to all the delegates and wish them great success as they embark on this journey toward a more secure future for their islands and the rest of the world.

Mayor Billy Kenoi

I send a special Mahalo to the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative and the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for their support of the Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. These contributions of support and time provide the foundations for our future's leadership and an environment that allows young individuals to become actively engaged in making our world a better place.

Governor Neil Abercrombie

I welcome this opportunity to congratulate this year's youth delegates for their outstanding contribution to the economic stability and sustainable development in our state. The delegates have shared their dreams and goals. They have demonstrated a clear understanding of their green initiatives on Hawaii Island, applying innovative management and use of technology in order to create sustainable agriculture, building, business, cultures and energy. I commend the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative and the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for their continued sponsorship of this innovative program that has helped further the readiness of Hawaii's youth to develop and implement their Sustainability-In-Action Project that benefits their community.

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka



Makan and Kynan Volunteer at Christmas Party with Project Hawaii, Inc. Hilo: December 18.
They serve 1,500 homeless/poverty children on Hawai'i and Oahu. <http://www.projecthawaii.net>

SHYLI Workshop @ Waimea Guest House: December 2

SHYLI youth are planning for the SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum. They are busy with their college applications, essays and scholarships. SHYLI supports the Native Hawaiian legislation to provide scholarships for Hawaii's youth to realize their dreams for college.

Senator Daniel Inouye's Services



Daniel Akaka & Kynan



KTA CEO Barry Taniguichi & Kynan



Mayor Billy Kenoi

It's now our turn to do our kuleana, to carry on his legacy. Aloha.
Hawai'i Mayor Billy Kenoi

Upcoming Events

SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum & Sustainable Hawaii Tour: January 17-19

- Site visit Ka Hana No'eau: January 17
- Site visits to Hamakua Springs Country Farm, Pacific Bio-Diesel, Let's Grow Hilo: January 18 with students from Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
- Keala Ching, Hawaiian Immersion Program, Konawaena Elementary School: January 16

SHYLI's Annual Job Shadow Day: February 11

in partnership with Kohala-Kona Chamber of Commerce Sust'AINAbility Committee

Kohala-Kona Chamber of Commerce's Economic Summit: January 18

SHYLI Planning Session with University of Hawaii Hilo: February 26

Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

- Nomination Process: February-March
- Orientations: April 1-12
- SHYLI Delegation to Martha's Vineyard: June 21-29

Many Thanks to All of Our Sponsors

County of Hawaii Hawaiian Airlines Kuki'o Foundation The W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Press

[School recycling petition aims to protect aina](#), Hawaii 24/7, November 9, 2012

[Why Is Sustainability Important to You, Hawaii and APEC?](#), Civil Beat, September 2, 2012

[Student shares why sustainability is important](#), Hawaii 24/7, September 12, 2012

[Waimea Student Shares Sustainable Summit Experiences](#), Honolulu Civil Beat, July 17, 2012

[Big Island Youth Lead the Way to Sustainability](#): Big Island Weekly: May 23, 2012

[Youth Inspire All to Dream of a New Earth](#), Ke Ola Magazine, March 2012

[What Does Sustainability Mean to You?](#), Honolulu Civil Beat, Feb 17, 2012

[SHYLI kicks off Sustainable Hawaii Tour](#), Hawaii 24/7, January 24, 2012

Our Mission and 2012 Outcomes

The Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative's mission is to train young people to become leaders of a more sustainable island and world. SHYLI is making progress – six young people have served as youth delegates to the annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. They have developed Sustainability-In-Action Projects that have positively benefited hundreds of other youth. We have emerging partnerships with local organizations and funders; capacity building training for existing organizations; increased opportunities for Hawaiian youth; greater respect for Hawaiian culture; donor appreciation, positive media recognition, letters of support from Mayor, Governor, U.S. Senate. By engaging Hawaiian youth in envisioning, planning and creating their future, SHYLI helps them to be more hopeful and invested in their future. Youth are empowered to be spokespersons and representatives of their islands -- learning how to develop action plans, troubleshoot challenges, prepare presentations. By giving them state-of-the-art leadership tools and training, they can become lightning rods for change, moving through bureaucracies and engaging traditional leaders. SHYLI's Youth Leadership Forum creates a multiplier effect for future generations and long-term sustainable development.



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