

Engaging and empowering tomorrow's leaders

'Ōlelo Community Media is committed to partnering with Hawai'i schools to enhance education and engage and empower students. Through its after-school and summer media programs, 'Ōlelo not only provides

students with video production training but also creates a stimulating environment in which they can grow—building self-confidence, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and pride in their community and values.



From Wai'anae to Washington D.C. ▶

Seven high school students and college intern managers from 'Ōlelo's Wai'anae Community Media Center traveled to Washington D.C. to serve as instructors and panel discussion participants at the Alliance for Community Media's international conference. It was the first time Hawai'i students were invited to teach at this annual conference of media professionals. It was the first mainland trip for most of these students, all of whom returned with new insights to share with their peers.



▶ Youth Xchange Video Marathon debuts at Pearlridge

'Ōlelo held its first-ever 12-hour Youth Xchange Video Marathon at Pearlridge Center in April 2009 – a day-long celebration featuring all video entries submitted in the sixth annual statewide video competition. The student-produced videos, addressing issues of interest to our communities, were continuously shown during the free community event. The competition received a record 565 entries, representing a 23% increase over last year. The number of students participating exceeded 1,000.

20TH ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS

“ In its 20-year history of service, 'Ōlelo Community Television has gone far beyond what even some of us, as members of the original founding commission, envisioned two decades ago. Through its continual innovation and industry leadership, 'Ōlelo serves as a shining example of how teaching individuals to use electronic media encourages civic engagement and participation, which contributes to an informed, dynamic community. ”

U.S. Representative
Neil Abercrombie
1st District of Hawai'i

“ It all began two decades ago: a vision to provide O'ahu residents — from keiki to kūpuna — with a voice to share their stories, insights and diverse cultures through programs produced by and for the community. 'Ōlelo's positive impact on education, community building and civic participation continues to grow, and I'm excited to see what the future holds as 'Ōlelo explores new technologies to benefit the communities it serves. I am proud to have been part of the founding board of directors of 'Ōlelo and appreciate the good work by all the working hands. 'Ōlelo ho'omaika'i 'Ōlelo Community Media! ”

Haunani Apoliona
Chairperson & Trustee
Office of Hawaiian
Affairs, and Board
Member, 'Ōlelo
Community Television
(1990-1997)