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# ALOHA & WELCOME



**Aloha Mai! Welcome to the 21st Youth Xchange Statewide Student Video Competition and Awards Banquet, an annual event designed to develop and celebrate emerging youth leaders in the visual arts community—raising the next generation of visionaries!**

This year, we embrace the theme “**Make Waves,**” symbolizing our commitment to disrupting the status quo through creativity and innovation. Our YXC program, for more than two decades, has not only enabled, equipped, and empowered youth in media but also served as a workforce development platform, developing skills in problem-solving, IT, project management, and communication, to name a few. We teach our students vital skills that transcend the realm of media, preparing them for a diverse range of career paths. This approach embodies our belief that innovation thrives where traditional boundaries are challenged and reimaged.

As we enter our third decade, we reflect on our journey and are inspired to forge new paths, particularly as we expand beyond media in our program categories. The momentum created by everyone involved in YXC is powerful. When potential meets passion, the possibilities are limitless, and I am immensely proud of each one of you. Today, we extend a big Ho`omaika`i to all the incredible young filmmakers in front of and behind the cameras. This event is by our youth and for our youth, exemplifying their dedication, creativity, and passion for the visual arts. Continue to push boundaries, explore new horizons, and share your remarkable stories and talents. You are the embodiment of the spirit of making waves.

The 2024 Youth Xchange Awards Program also showcases `Ōlelo's OneTeam, collaboratively working to equip our talented youth. A heartfelt Mahalo nui loa to our dedicated staff, generous sponsors, and the supportive communities here in Hawai`i. This OneTeam is also One `Ohana, investing in the future and nurturing young artists, storytellers, and leaders who are poised to make a significant impact in our communities. A special thanks to all the teachers who ensured their students' voices were heard and visions seen.

To our participants and esteemed artists—your future brims with endless possibilities. The skills, knowledge, and spirit you gain here at YXC are more than just tools for artistic expression; they are keys to unlocking a world of professional opportunities. Your journey with us is not just about creating art; it's about crafting a future rich with potential and adventure.

On behalf of the `Ōlelo Community Media`Ohana, I am honored to welcome you all to the 2024 Youth Xchange Awards, a celebration of innovation, creativity, and the courageous spirit of making waves.

**ROGER MCKEAGUE**  
President and CEO, `Ōlelo Community Media

# YOUR HOSTS



## DILLON ANCHETA

Kaua'i native and Red Raider Alumnus Dillon Ancheta is a Digital Anchor at Hawai'i News Now. He's in the anchor chair of the HNN Digital Center weekdays at noon. He's worked in local news since 2016, covering Hawai'i's biggest events from The Merrie Monarch Festival, to Kamehameha Schools Song Contest, and all the news in between.

Dillon graduated from Kaua'i High School in 2014 before moving to O'ahu to pursue his bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. While in high school, Dillon was an 'Ōlelo Youth XChange Finalist three years in a row. Since then, he's given back to the community as a voice for locals, LGBTQ+ individuals, and the people of Kaua'i. He also honors his mentors who helped shape his journalism career and his many teachers along the way, including Leah Aiwohi of Kaua'i High School.

Wherever he goes, he brings the message of encouraging students to live authentically themselves and chase their passions, as it could lead to unexpected and amazing opportunities.

## MELE APANA

Radio and TV personality Mele Apana has been in the entertainment and radio industry for over 30 years. She is a Kaua'i native, born into the renowned musical Apana family from Kapa'a and is also a proud graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. Mele now hosts a new TV show alongside Lina Girl and Davey D called, "Island Life LIVE" that airs live on KITV and KIKU, Monday through Friday at 4:00 PM.

Mele is a prominent voice in Hawai'i, and her outstanding work in the music industry and community has been unparalleled, propelling her to become one of Hawai'i's most revered radio personalities and emcees. Mele is also a philanthropist, school teacher, entertainer, pa'u rider, and concert promoter, producing sold out events, including her illustrious Mother's Day Concert. She has championed many radio stations like Hawai'iAN 105 KINE, KCCNFM100, ISLAND98.5, AND POWER104.3. Conjointly, Mele was also an entertainment reporter for KHNL and Hawai'i News Now.



# 2024 SPONSORS

Thank you very much to all our supporters and contributors who have collaborated with 'Ōlelo Community Media in sponsoring the largest student video competition in Hawai'i. This event was created to amplify the voices of our youth through innovative media.

As we celebrate our 21st anniversary, the competition has witnessed remarkable participation and growth, receiving 717 entries statewide and seeing finalists from all four counties. The success of this competition is largely attributed to the numerous teachers and administrators whose support has enabled the program to reach thousands of students, from kindergarten to high school, across all educational sectors statewide. However, none of this would have been possible without the ongoing support and enthusiasm of our generous and longstanding sponsors. These businesses and organizations are dedicated to investing in Hawai'i's future storytellers—our students.

On behalf of 'Ōlelo Community Media, our partners, students, and teachers, we extend our deepest gratitude, Mahalo Nui Loa.

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# YOUTH XCHANGE AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM

## Opening Remarks

### ROGER MCKEAGUE

President & CEO, 'Ōlelo Community Media

## Public Service Announcement (PSA)

### What Does Peace Mean to You?

### Healthy Yard Care

### Safe Routes to School

### Makahiki O Nā Manu Nahele (Year of the Forest Birds)

### Pledge to Our Keiki, Taking Care of Our Island Home

### A More Resilient and Sustainable Hawai'i

### Media Teacher Award

## Short

### Prepare NOW – How Do You Prepare Well?

### Traffic Safety

### Creating Peace

### Mini Documentary

### Junior Expert

### Expert

## Expert

### High School:

Text Me Back – Hawai'i Technology Academy-PCS

When Horror Becomes Reality – Kaua'i High

Young Again – Mid-Pacific Institute

## Junior Expert

### Middle:

Aloha in the Rink – Honouliuli Middle

Origins of Gift Giving – Honouliuli Middle

Perfect – Highlands Intermediate

## Mini Documentary

### Elementary:

A Sea Solution – Kīpapa Elementary

North Shore Bike Path – Sunset Beach Elementary

Suicide Awareness – Pearl City Highlands Elementary

### Middle:

The Silver Lining – Kamehameha Schools Maui

Hope in Darkness – Kamehameha Schools Maui

Housing For Lahaina – Kamehameha Schools Maui

### High School:

E Ho'i I Ka Lo'i – Kaua'i High

Rise Above, Thrive Beyond – Kealakehe High

The Tempo of Solitude: A Musical Exploration of Community and Harmony – James Campbell High

## Public Service Announcement (PSA)

### Elementary:

Crumpled is Never the Same Again – Honowai Elementary  
Habitat Destruction – Kīpapa Elementary  
Stay Safe, Stay Clean, Have Good Hygiene! –  
Moanalua Elementary

### Middle:

Don't Be Mean Behind the Screen – Hawai'i Baptist Academy  
Don't Vape – Moanalua Middle  
There's No Going Back – Āliamanu Middle

### High School:

Baby Boo Boo – President William McKinley High  
Disconnect – Henry Perrine Baldwin High  
Vape-Free is the Way to Be – Kaua'i High

## Short

### Elementary:

Helping Hand for Homelessness in Hawai'i –  
Pearl City Highlands Elementary  
Stereotypes – Makakilo Elementary  
Strike and Release; Make the Right Choice! –  
Waipahu Elementary

### Middle:

Opposites Attract – Moanalua Middle  
Stop Cyberbullying – Kamehameha Schools Maui  
Suicide Awareness: You Are Not Alone – Āliamanu Middle

### High School:

On the Clock – Moanalua High  
Priced Out – Kealakehe High  
To Hannah – Kaua'i High

## A More Resilient and Sustainable Hawai'i

### Elementary:

Energy Saving Starts At Home! – Waipahu Elementary  
Oil Vs. Solar Basketball Game – Moanalua Elementary  
Solar, The Power of the Future – Moanalua Elementary

### Middle:

A More Resilient and Sustainable Hawai'i –  
Highlands Intermediate  
A Sustainable Hawai'i – Kamehameha Schools Maui  
Be Polite, Turn Off the Light – Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle

### High School:

A More Resilient and Sustainable Hawai'i – Moanalua High  
Hawai'i's Future – Kamehameha Schools Maui

## Creating Peace

### Elementary:

Don't be a Bully! – Alvah A. Scott Elementary  
STOP Cyberbullying – Kīpapa Elementary  
The Bully – Āina Haina Elementary

### Middle:

One Word Can Make A Difference – Honouliuli Middle  
Peace On Our Wings – 'Ewa Makai Middle  
Peace Within Music – President George Washington Middle

### High School:

Jonah's Safe Spot – President William McKinley High  
Treat Yourself Like Someone You Love – Kaua'i High  
Vote for Peace – Kamehameha Schools Maui

## Healthy Yard Care

### Elementary:

Caring Yard Care – Pōmaika'i Elementary  
GO NATIVE NOT INVASIVE – Pōmaika'i Elementary  
How to Save Your Yard! – Waipahu Elementary

### Middle:

How to Get Rid of Waste... Sustainably!! – Kailua Intermediate  
Keep Green To Be Clean – Highlands Intermediate  
Wraft of the Blorax – Highlands Intermediate

### High School:

Clean Your Yard It's Not That Hard – Moanalua High  
Free Fertilizer – Waiākea High  
Serving the Āina – Kamehameha Schools Maui

# FINALISTS

## Makahiki O Nā Manu Nahele (Year of the Forest Birds)

### Elementary:

Flight – Pearl City Highlands Elementary  
Makahiki O Nā Manu Nahele – Maunawili Elementary  
Threats to Our Feathered Friends – Kīpapa Elementary

### Middle:

Nā Manu Nahele – Mid-Pacific Institute  
Our Manu Nahele (Our Forest Birds) – Kaimukī Middle  
Tales from the Treetops: Hawai'i's Forest Birds –  
President George Washington Middle

### High School:

E Ola nā Manu 'Ōiwi – 'Alo Kēhau o ka 'Āina Mauna  
'Apa'īaka'īomekapueo – 'Alo Kēhau o ka 'Āina Mauna  
Year of the Forest Birds – Mililani High

## Pledge to Our Keiki, Taking Care of Our Island Home

### Elementary:

Hawai'ian Lo'i Legacy – Kīpapa Elementary  
Protect Our Holoholona Moana – Sacred Hearts Academy  
Protecting Paradise – Kīpapa Elementary

### Middle:

Future In Our Hands – Kamehameha Schools Maui  
Keeping Our Island Clean – Gov. Sanford B. Dole Middle  
Our Peaceful Forests – Kaimukī Middle

### High School:

Lahaina is The Heart of a Hawai'ian –  
Kamehameha Schools Maui  
Pledge to Preserve Traditions – Kaua'i High  
Preservation Of Our Home – Kealakehe High

## Prepare NOW – How Do You Prepare Well?

### Elementary:

Niel'd It: Be Prepared NOW – Honowai Elementary  
Who Did It Best – Honowai Elementary  
Wildfire Preparation – Pearl City Highlands Elementary

### Middle:

Expect the Unexpected – Homeschool/Innovations PCS  
Healthy Me, Healthy Life – Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle  
Prepare NOW – Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle

### High School:

Blue Skies Time – Kamehameha Schools Maui  
Emergency Backpack – Moanalua High  
Prepare NOW You Silly Goose! – Hilo High

## Safe Routes to School

### Elementary:

A Smart Arrival – Pearl City Highlands Elementary  
Mr Jarrell's Show Episode #1: Cee Jay's Safe Route to School –  
Honowai Elementary  
Safety Routes, The Game – Waipahu Elementary

### Middle:

How I Get to School Safely – Iao Intermediate  
Safe Routes To School, Drivers Be Cool –  
Gov. Sanford B. Dole Middle  
Techniques On How To Be Out Of Harms Way –  
President George Washington Middle

### High School:

Choosing the Safe Choices – President William McKinley High  
Crossing Roads – Moanalua High  
Don't Stand Around, Act Now – Moanalua High



## Traffic Safety

### Elementary:

Mastering Velocity for Safe Driving – Kīpapa Elementary  
Safe Roads in School Zones – Kīpapa Elementary  
Stop the Text/Stop the Wrecks – Alvah A. Scott Elementary

### Middle:

Be Safe – Kaimukī Middle  
Bike Safety – Kaimukī Middle  
Texting & Driving PSA – Waipahu Intermediate

### High School:

Dear Parents – Moanalua High  
Don't be a Fool, Follow the Rules – Moanalua High  
Don't Look Down – Moanalua High

## What Does Peace Mean to You?

### Elementary:

The Peace Show – Kīpapa Elementary  
What Does Peace Mean to You? – Maunawili Elementary  
What Does Peace Mean to Me? – Waipahu Elementary

### Middle:

If There Had Been Peace – Sacred Hearts Academy  
Meaning Of Peace – Gov. Sanford B. Dole Middle  
Peace is Aloha – Kamehameha Schools Maui

### High School:

An Idea of Peace – Leilehua High  
How Can You Interpret Peace? How Can Peace Interpret You? –  
Kamehameha Schools Maui  
What Does Peace Mean To Mr. Adkins – James Campbell High

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ALTRES is honored to celebrate the voices of our keiki at the 'Ölelo Youth Xchange Statewide Student Video Competition Awards. Congratulations to all of the participants for sharing the stories of our community and helping to shape the future of Hawai'i.