

PŪKO‘A COUNCIL



OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Pūko‘a Council is dedicated to increasing the number of Native Hawaiian students, faculty, staff, and administrators in the university system to 23%, which mirrors the percentage of Hawaiians in Hawai‘i’s general population. We, the Kānaka Maoli within the University of Hawai‘i system, are the Native people of this land, unique by virtue of our ancestral ties to the ‘āina, our history, language, culture, knowledge and spirituality. The Pūko‘a Council envisions a University of Hawai‘i that is committed to the empowerment, advancement and self-determination of Kānaka Maoli, through distinctly Hawaiian instruction, research, and service. Therefore, Pūko‘a promotes the superior development of all aspects of Kānaka Maoli identity, including a pono spiritual, intellectual, cultural, economic, and social well-being.

The Mission of Pūko‘a Council is to:

- a. Increase the number of Native Hawaiian students, faculty, staff and administration in the university

Left: HWST 107 class at Ka‘ala Farms, Pūko‘a No Nā ‘Ewa Council, Leeward Community College

Top Right: Kuholo Center for Ocean Exploration, Kupu Ka Wai Council, Honolulu Community College

Bottom Left: Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language, Kūali‘i Council, UH Mānoa

Bottom Right: Nā Papa Hawai‘i, Kupu Ka Wai Council, Honolulu Community College

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- b. Promote a high standard of excellence in the study of Hawaiian language and culture.
- c. Advocate for parity for Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian serving programs
- d. Insure integrity in the use of funds designated for Native Hawaiians.
- e. Assist the university in leveraging appropriate funding for Native Hawaiian programs.
- f. Increase collaboration and partnerships between the University of Hawai'i campuses.
- g. Create a Pu'uhonua, a Native Hawaiian educational sanctuary, which enriches the community through Hawaiian cultural values.