

## Busy Summer for Po'okela

# Po'okela Program



A number of Po'okela students continued their commitment to the Po'okela Program this summer by participating in unique events:

**Honolulu Police Department Waikiki Ride Along** — We were fortunate to participate in an exclusive Ride Along with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) on Friday, May 23, 2008. Po'okela students accompanied Officer Leland Cadoy and officers from the Crime Reduction Unit for an eye-opening experience through Waikiki. The purpose of the activity was to promote and improve mutual understanding of police and community problems, expose TIM students to the reality of crime and illegal activity that occurs in a tourist destination, and develop an appreciation for law enforcement. Sunny



*Crime Reduction Unit officer Neal Han shares exciting stories with Dana Foster.*

Chan summed up the experience as “beneficial” and Mathew Tanaka believed that the experience “truly changed [his] life.” Mahalo to HPD for allowing us to participate in this invaluable event!

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**Chinatown Walk-About** — New faculty member, Professor Joyce Hwang joined Po'okela students, Sunny Chan, Aja Davenport, Nic Moore and Mathew Tanaka on a tour hosted by the Honolulu Culture & Arts District. The tour focused on the gentrification and revitalization of this historic district. Students were asked to focus on the organization, promotion, design and economic strengthening during the briefing and walking tour. They also learned about Chinatown's rich cultural history.



*From Left: Nic Moore, Professor Hwang, Sunny Chan, Mathew Tanaka, Kim Brooks and Aja Davenport in the heart of Chinatown.*

**Impromptu Speaking** — Many of our students are nervous when given the task of presenting or speaking off the



*Mun-Hee gives her impromptu speech on supporting disabled veterans.*

cuff. During an Impromptu Speaking Session, Rebecca Vandaele, Nic Moore, Goh Han Fair, Sunny Chan, Cat Anderson and Mun-Hee Song presented three impromptu speeches each and evaluated their peers. The topics were diverse and included public school education, the summer Olympics, O'ahu's Mass Transit and cyber-stalking. "These students met the challenge with enthusiasm" said Kawehi Sellers, Director of Student Services. By the third speech, the students were more than willing to have their presentation video-taped so they could go home and critique themselves.

## Coming Up in Fall 2008

- Orientation
- Exploring O'ahu—Circle Island Style
- Real Life with Mike Paulin, Chairman and CEO of Aqua Hotels
- MyCareer: Interview Prep
- Hot Topics: You're a Millennial and You Don't Even Know It
- Slippers to Suits
- Effective PowerPoint Presentation Skills
- Coffee Talk with Hawai'i Tourism Authority
- And more.....

## What is the Po'okela Program?

Created in 2008, the goal of this student excellence program is to help students achieve their greatest potential and enhance their academic experience. Through their participation in a variety of events, Po'okela students have an opportunity to become more competitive in the job market. For more information about Po'okela, contact Kawehi at [kawehils@hawaii.edu](mailto:kawehils@hawaii.edu) or (808) 956-4899.