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**FREE CAREER, COLLEGE & JOB FAIR FEATURES
 MORE THAN 90 O'AHU BUSINESSES, COLLEGE PROGRAMS
 April 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Leeward Community College campus**

Pearl City – College and high school students interested in pursuing career options are invited to the Career, College & Job Fair 2008, on Thursday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Leeward Community College (LCC) campus. Over 90 area businesses and college programs will recruit and answer career-related questions.

The event serves as a career and workforce resource for students, businesses, colleges, and the community. This free fair is open to the public and sponsored by LCC, UH West O`ahu (UHWO), Leeward Partnership for School-to-Work (LPSTW), and GEAR UP Hawai`i.

More than 60 employers will recruit for part- and full-time positions and share information about their organizations. These include Hawaiian Electric Company, Kaiser Permanente, Servco Pacific, Dolphin Quest, Child and Family Service and many more. Hawaiian Electric Company will also test applicants on site for open positions.

Over 30 representatives from undergraduate and graduate university programs will share information on certificates, associate degrees, bachelor degrees and master degrees. Participating colleges include LCC, UHWO, UH-Manoa, Central Michigan University, and Argosy University.

During the fair, more than 300 students from area high schools (Pearl City, Kapolei, Campbell, Nanakuli and Waianae) will attend a career presentation emceed by local radio personality Kutmaster Spaz. The event encourages students to pursue a college degree by viewing a college and career-focused video produced by Nanakuli High School students. They will also listen to LCC and UHWO students who are continuing for advanced degrees or are currently employed in Hawaii's workforce. Following the presentation (9 - 10 am), high school students will talk with employers in their career pathway.

For an updated list of participants or for more information, visit www.lcc.hawaii.edu/jobs/events or contact LCC Acting Job Developer Karen Hayashida, at 455-0231 or karenhay@hawaii.edu; or UHWO Career Advisor Pam Haight at 454-4810 or haightp@uhwo.hawaii.edu.

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Editor's Notes:

LPSTW business contacts for the event include:

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AES Design Group, Dexter Yee, 487-3200, dyee@aesdesign.com

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The Leeward Partnership for School-to-Work is a non-profit organization whose membership is comprised of Campbell, Pearl City, Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae high schools, along with businesses, non-profit organizations, and the University of Hawai'i. Its mission is to:

- Develop, maintain, and strengthen partnership connections,
- Provide a forum for business, labor, education and residents of the community,
- Develop, jointly, policies and an infrastructure for a seamless career development system, and
- Prepare all students for satisfying career choices.

Partnership members all encourage area HS students to continue on to college through scholarships, internships and events like the annual Career, College & Job Fair. Please contact Karen Hayashida or Pam Haight for more information or background materials for a story.

This Fall, UH West O'ahu became a four-year, comprehensive university when it served its first class of freshmen. The University offers quality education, small classes, and personalized attention at convenient locations. A new campus in the City of Kapolei is scheduled to serve students in Spring 2010. For more information about UH West O'ahu, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu or call 454-4700 or toll free (866) 299-8656.