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**KONAWAENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS  
UH WEST O'AHU FLYER CONTEST GRAND-PRIZE  
RECEIVES PUBLISHED AD IN SASSY/G MAGAZINE AND IPOD NANO**

**PEARL CITY** --- Konawaena High School junior Sarah Smith took home the grand-prize in the UH West O'ahu Flyer Contest. During an award reception held at Honolulu Country Club on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Smith beamed as she received a shiny, new iPod nano and it was announced that her design would be featured in the May/June issue of Sassy/G Magazine. Smith's flyer was chosen from a field of talented entries by fellow high school finalists:

- Marc Jason Abundo, Kaua'i High School
- Natalie Esprecion, Aiea High School
- Jon Kitagawa, Hilo High School
- Stephanie Medrano, Mililani High School
- Cody Maemori, McKinley High School
- Chelsey Ann Nakama, Kapolei High School
- Evan Potter, Radford High School
- Jan Takamatsu, Campbell High School
- Rayelanie Viernes, Kapolei High School

"It's a great surprise because I really didn't expect to win," said Sarah Smith. "For the flyer, I started designing it roughly in Photoshop, asked friends what they thought to get the teenager's point of view, and then tried to make it look like O'ahu."

More than 200 high school students from around the state of Hawai'i entered UH West O'ahu's Flyer Contest for a chance to win one of 10 iPod nanos and an opportunity to get their work published in Sassy/G Magazine, a local, bi-monthly teen publication. Participants were asked to create a flyer that promotes UH West O'ahu as a top choice for college-bound students. The general public was invited to vote online for the grand-prize winning design.

"We are pleased to honor the creativity and talents of these outstanding local high school students," said UH West O'ahu Chancellor Gene I. Awakuni. "As we build our new campus in the City of Kapolei, we look forward to providing students like these with the opportunity to pursue quality higher education that is close to home."

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Last 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 fall 2010. For more information about UH West O'ahu, visit [uhwo.hawaii.edu](http://uhwo.hawaii.edu) or call (808) 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.