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## **UH WEST O'AHU EDUCATION CLUB AWARDED \$1,800 NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION GRANTS**

### **Club hosted community service event to prepare elementary students for assessment testing**

**PEARL CITY** --- The UH West O'ahu Education Club recently received \$1,800 in grant funding from the National Education Association, an organization dedicated to improving teaching quality, increasing student achievement and making schools safer places to learn since 1857.

The grants will be used to increase Education Club enrollment and support the club's community service project designed to prepare elementary school students for the Hawai'i State Assessment testing. Based on the popular television game show, "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" UH West O'ahu Education Club members and fifth grade students from Ka'ala Elementary School in Wahiawa were quizzed with assessment exam questions for a chance to win book bags, CD holders and gift cards. The event took place during a school assembly on April 20.

"Education Club student officers and members are doing very important work," said UH West O'ahu Assistant Professor of Elementary Education and Education Club Faculty Advisor Jonathan Schwartz. "These grants reflect the University's efforts in developing outstanding elementary school educators for our local communities."

The Education Club is in its first year at UH West O'ahu with student officers majoring in elementary education at the University. The purpose of the club is to:

- promote young adult interest in the education field,
- provide members with opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competence,
- provide opportunities for understanding the history, ethics and programs of the education profession,
- analyze the challenges of the profession and the community,
- provide professional membership and support at the local, state and national levels during the preparation period for a career in education, and
- strive for higher standards of education preparation.

Elementary education is one of many career-related bachelor's degree programs at UH West O'ahu. For more information on all University programs, call (808) 454-4700 or visit [www.uhwo.hawaii.edu](http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu).

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UH West O'ahu became a four-year, comprehensive university when it served its first class of freshmen in fall 2007. The University offers quality education, small classes and personalized attention at convenient locations. UH West O'ahu held a ground blessing ceremony in January in anticipation of the start of construction for a state-of-the-art, new campus in the City of Kapolei. For more information, visit [uhwo.hawaii.edu](http://uhwo.hawaii.edu), [twitter.com/uhwestoahu](https://twitter.com/uhwestoahu) or call 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.