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KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS UH WEST O'AHU FLYER CONTEST GRAND-PRIZE RECEIVES PUBLISHED AD IN MIDWEEK/HONOLULU-STAR-BULLETIN AND IPOD TOUCH

PEARL CITY --- Kapolei High School senior Michael Pangilinan took home the grand-prize in the UH West O`ahu Flyer Contest. During an on-air Kapolei High School television broadcast, Pangilinan smiled as it was announced that his design would be featured in April and May issues of MidWeek and the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Pangilinan's flyer was chosen from a field of talented entries by fellow high school finalists:

- Ahndiana Flores, James Campbell High School
- Leah Hashimoto, King Kekaulike High School
- AnnaRae Kahala, Kahuku High and Intermediate School
- Daryl Sanbei, Leilehua High School
- Christina Yarbrough, Waipahu High School

"I started designing the flyer through trial and error," said Michael Pangilinan. "I designed the UH West Oʻahu logo first, looked up quote ideas on the internet and started designing the specific elements." Upon hearing the news that his flyer was selected as the grand-prize winner, Pangilinan remarked "I couldn't believe it."

More than 250 high school students from around the state of Hawai'i entered UH West O'ahu's Flyer Contest for a chance to win an iPod Touch and an opportunity to get their work published in MidWeek and the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Participants were asked to create a flyer that promotes UH West O'ahu as a top choice for college-bound students. Each finalist received an iPod Touch. The general public was invited to vote online for the grand-prize winning design.

"We congratulate Michael and all of the flyer contest finalists and participants for their outstanding talent and creativity," said UH West O'ahu Chancellor Gene I. Awakuni. "We look forward to providing students like these with the opportunity to pursue their bachelor's degrees at our new campus in Kapolei."

Michael's grand-prize winning design along with the flyer designs from all finalists is featured on the UH West O'ahu website at www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/flyercontest.

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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, twitter.com/uhwestoahu or call 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.