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**LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST O'AHU
 & THE LEEWARD PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL-TO-WORK
 CAREER, COLLEGE & JOB FAIR at LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Pearl City, Hawai'i – High school students, college students, and the general public are invited to attend the 2009 Career, College & Job Fair on Thursday, April 23 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Leeward Community College. Approximately 50 businesses and colleges are expected to attend this free event. The fair gives interested individuals the opportunity to meet the employers and colleges in person, learn more about the organizations, and how to apply. A special presentation for high school students, emceed by Kutmaster Spaz, will reinforce the benefits of furthering their studies and encourage them to pursue a college education.

This annual event serves as a career and workforce resource for students, businesses, colleges, and the community.

- Approximately 20 employers, including Hawaiian Electric Company and Bank of Hawai'i, will be recruiting for part- and full-time positions.
 - Hawaiian Electric Company will also sign up interested applicants for employment testing.
- Approximately 30 college representatives from undergraduate and graduate programs will share information on certificates, associate degrees, bachelor degrees and master degrees, including: Leeward Community College, UH-West O'ahu, UH-Manoa, Chaminade University, and Hawai'i Pacific University. For an updated list of participants, visit www.lcc.hawaii.edu/jobs/events.
- The event is open to the public. Admission and parking are free.

LPSTW business contacts for the event include:

- Hawaiian Electric Company, Kaiulani de Silva, 543-7741, kaiulani.desilva@heco.com,
- AES Design Group, Dexter Yee, 487-3200, dyee@aesdesign.com, or
- Hawaii USA FCU, Cary Miyashiro, 534-4347, cmiyashiro@hawaiiusafcu.com.

For the fourth year in a row, more than 300 students from area high schools (Campbell, Kapolei, Leilehua, Nanakuli, Pearl City, Waianae and Waipahu) have been invited to attend a presentation emceed by DJ Kutmaster Spaz. The event encourages students to pursue a college degree and explore various career pathways. Students will view a college and career focused video produced by Nanakuli High School students and listen to local students who have attended Leeward CC and/or UH West O'ahu and are pursuing an

advanced degrees or are currently employed in Hawaii's workforce. Following the presentation, high school students will have the opportunity to speak with employers from their career pathway.

High school counselor contacts for the presentation are:

- Margaret Bailey, Nanakuli High School, 668-5823 x375,
Margaret_Bailey/NANAKULI/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
- Mark Oda, Pearl City High School, 453-6045, Mark_Oda/PCHIGH/HIDOE@notesk12.hi.us.

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 encourage all area high school students to continue on to college through scholarships, internships and events like the annual Career, College & Job Fair.

The 2009 Career, College & Job Fair is one of the forty community events celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Leeward Community College.

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