



P-20 HAS A BRAND NEW LOOK

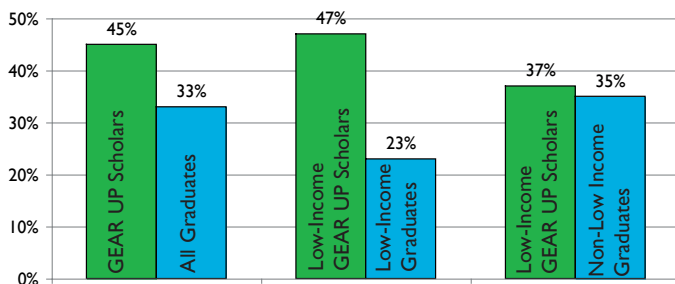
Hawai'i P-20 has a new look. Our new logo captures the dynamic spirit of collaboration that characterizes our work. The unique logo was developed as part of a recent branding effort to identify Hawai'i P-20 as a catalyst that transforms education in Hawai'i for the benefit of all residents. We have also moved to the top floor of the Sinclair Library on the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus and we invite you to visit or contact us at anytime.

CASTLE FOUNDATION AWARDS P-20 \$1.179 MILLION TO BUILD CAPACITY

The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation continued its commitment to Hawai'i P-20 by making a \$1.179 million 3-year grant to enable us to build capacity and "enlarge our grassroots and policy footprint". Their generous support dovetails with the Kellogg Foundation's \$10 million award for the Hawai'i P-3 Initiative and our \$10 million federal grant for GEAR UP. The Foundation grant helps to address the achievement gap and supports efforts to strengthen the educational pipeline so that all students from early childhood through higher education achieve college and career success.

GEAR UP SCHOLARS DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED SUCCESS

This year, 1428 GEAR UP Scholars graduated from the Department of Education and demonstrated continued success of the GEAR UP Scholars Program. Scholars earned the BOE Recognition Diploma at a much higher rate than graduates statewide. Scholars also closed the achievement gap, earning the honors diploma at the same rate as non-low income students statewide.



As eighth graders, Scholars had pledged to stay in school, study hard and prepare for college. Scholars were sent college information, invited to participate in college prep activities and could apply for a scholarship if they earned the honors diploma.

In 2008-09, 135 Scholars will receive a GEAR UP Scholarship to help them pay for college. The average award is \$4,700. The Hawai'i Community Foundation administers the GEAR UP Scholarship.

PARTNERS NEEDED TO IMPROVE SCIENCE LABORATORY FACILITIES

Hawai'i P-20, Hawai'i 3R's, the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, the Hawai'i Business Roundtable, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i are partnering with the DOE to ensure that students have the opportunity to take the required lab science courses (beginning with students in the class of 2013) to earn the BOE Recognition Diploma. The DOE conducted a survey of science lab facilities at 42 high schools statewide, and while some were in adequate or excellent condition, many were in need of improvement.

Plans to improve the science lab facilities at Kalaheo and Kailua high schools are moving forward. Resources have also been committed to provide Moloka'i High School with a state-of-the-art mobile science lab while it waits for new lab facilities to be constructed. More work remains to be done and additional partners are needed for this important effort. *Please contact Carl Takamura at carl@hawaii.edu for more information.*

EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL GOAL

The University of Hawai'i established a goal of "increasing the educational capital of the state by increasing the participation and completion of students." As part of its *Strategic Outcomes and Performance Indicators*, UH set targets for increasing the number of degrees awarded annually beginning with 3% in 2009 and rising to 6% by 2014. UH's goal is to increase production of degrees from 7,835 in 2007 to 10,507 annually by 2015. (Go to www.hawaii.edu/ovppp/uhplan to download a copy of the UH Strategic Outcomes and Planning Measures 2008-2015 brochure.)

UH aligned its goal with Hawai'i P-20 Council's goal of 55% of Hawai'i's working age population possessing a 2- or 4-year college degree by the year 2025.

HAWAI'I HOSTS P-3 CONFERENCE

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation sponsored a "Learning Laboratories for Early Learning and Education Systems Change Conference" from April 21-24, 2008 at the Ihilani Resort. The conference brought together more than 100 participants from Kellogg's "Learning Lab" partners with similar grants from Hawai'i, Washington, Mississippi, and Miami-Dade (FL), as well as Kellogg Foundation President Sterling Speirn, Vice President Greg Taylor, and Program Officer Valorie Johnson. Conference attendees learned about sustaining early childhood learning and care policies and systems change.

Hawai'i P-20 and the Good Beginnings Alliance coordinated this well-received event that was highlighted by site visits to four partnerships that embody the P-3 concept. Videos of site visits can be found at www.youtube.com (search for "Makaha Studios").