



PAPAKOLEA NEWS

JUNE 2020

SERVING PAPAKOLEA

In the last few weeks, there has been much change as Kula continues to meet the demands of the impact of COVID-19. There have been many moving pieces. It has been challenging and rewarding to see Papakolea continue to thrive no matter the circumstances. I am always proud to be part of the Kula no na Po'e Hawaii 'ohana. We come together no matter what the challenge and serve from the heart. The aloha for Papakolea is so deeply rooted that we give beyond what we could ever imagine. These are some of the recent highlights....

Lamaku Afterschool Program, wonderfully led by the creativity and enthusiasm of Iolani Ulii and Kawai Kaneakua-Rauschenburg, concluded its online program with a virtual pizza party. Chantal Keliihoomalu met with Junior Leaders via Zoom for various activities. Faith and Cappy planned a graduation drive-through for 40 Papakolea graduates in Kewalo - a great success! Macey Kamau provided Ola Hou (hula classes) via YouTube. Puni Kekauoha coordinated COVID-19 Testing for 161 people in community, which is no small feat!

Taking the lead on food distribution is Kaapuni Kama, Meghan Kenney, Faith Kalamau, Cappy Solatorio, and other staff and volunteers. Mahealani Austin and Hanakia Tui coordinate delivery of kupuna lunches, food boxes, and requested supplies which lessens their need to go shopping. Jeremiah Kama and son, Aliiula, continue to do the heavy lifting; setting up tents, food pickups, traffic control, etc.

We extend our aloha and appreciation to all partners, sponsors and volunteers: Malama Meals, Altres, the Oahu paddling community, Kamehameha Schools, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Pang Foundation, Central Pacific Bank, Chef Hui, Lunalilo Homes, New Hope Town, Nelo Gonzalez, and many more. There are so many that come out to help and we appreciate each one.

It continues to be our honor to serve this beloved community. We are now planning the next steps of reopening our programs and what that will look like. Stay connected and receive updates through our community newsletters!

Aloha kekahi i kekahi,

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Kula no na Po'e Hawaii

Papakolea Community Development Corp.

Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Assn.

Kalawahine Streamside Assn.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!!

On Friday, May 29th, Kula honored the Class of 2020 in a walk-thru/drive-by ceremony. Dressed in their cap and gown, graduates walked the red carpet to receive their many goodies; diploma & card, cookies, a face mask, a balloon, and bubble gum & plumeria lei. Kula staff and community cheered on and celebrated each graduate before loading a box of Hawaiian food into their car. Mahalo to Chef Mark, Amanda Noguchi, and everyone who made this unique event so special!

We are so proud of you graduates! Hoomaika'i, Class of 2020!



This event was made possible by a grant from the City and County of Honolulu, Grants in Aid Program.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE



From March to mid-May, Malama Meals provided Papakolea kupuna and families over 30,000 meals. The communities of Papakolea, Kewalo, and Kalawahine send our biggest mahalo to the staff and volunteers of Malama Meals for feeding our community during this time.

Due to the closing of Malama Meals, Kula looked for other vendors to provide dinner meals. At this time, we are unable to secure a vendor to meet our needs. Unfortunately, we will not be providing dinner meals moving forward.



In partnership with Altres, boxes of groceries (milk, eggs, bread, produce, etc.) are available for pick-up on Fridays from 11am-12pm. Pick-up location is the upper hall of the Papakolea Community Center on Krauss Street. Groceries vary by week.



Weekly registration is required - call 520-8991 to register.



Community Food Drive

Sunday, June 14th from 12 pm-1 pm
Papakolea Community Park - Pickup on Tantalus Drive

This food drive is supported by the Oahu paddling community and will focus on non-perishable items: rice, pasta, oatmeal, peanut butter, saimin, canned goods, etc. **Supplies are limited. Registration is required by 6/8.**

CALL 520-8991 TO SIGN UP TODAY!!

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

As we begin celebrating 2020 Graduates, we ask that community be respectful to all spaces, especially our schools.

Kula no na Po`e Hawaii has been notified that **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, all drive-through graduation events (including private parties and barbecues) at Lincoln Elementary and Stevenson Middle Schools are prohibited.

Any future events will be reported to HPD.

Mahalo nui to everyone who participated in Papakolea's 2nd COVID-19 testing! NO positive results were found.