

KAFCE NEWS

BUZZEE'S BIGGEST DAY EVER!
FCE Friend, Buzzee the Bee, represents "Trustworthiness," the topic for the 2019 Essay/Art Contest. Buzzee maintains an active, busy and hard-working attitude to help his fellow bees achieve their goals. In addition to lei, certificates, and cash envelopes, all of our honorees went home with Buzzee lapel pins!

2019 FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® Essay/Art Winner Emma Badua, Wilcox Elem. School, Teachers: Ms. Fujii & Mrs. Heresa,

Congratulations to Emma Badua, her Essay/Art on Trustworthiness also placed **FIRST** at the state level! She wrote that **Trustworthiness** is all about being "honest, dependable, and loyal." In her examples she writes about her home/family life, friends/school activities, and serving as a role model by standing up and defending others. Emma drew a picture of standing up for a crying friend playing basketball. We wish her the best of luck at the National Level!



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Pic above: 2nd Place: Jace Domingo, Kapa'a Elem, Teacher: Mrs. Sagucio, and Vice Principal Mrs. Arinaga



Pic above: 3rd Place: Jenai Chloe Cadiz, Wilcox Elem, Teacher: Mr. Kakuda

FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® AWARDS
KAFCE hosted a fabulous luncheon on Saturday, April 13, 2019 honoring our FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® Essay/Art Winners, their families, and teachers. Much appreciation to Hui Holomua members for making yarn leis, presenting leis, certificates, and cash envelopes during the ceremony.

A very big thank you to the 2019 FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® Chair, Laurie Ho, for coordinating the essay contest, certificates, pins, awards, invitations, and presentations. Your attention to detail, follow through, and inclusiveness has not gone unnoticed.

As each child was offered the opportunity to share their essay Laurie was right there encouraging and supporting them on. What a great cheerleader to have in anyone's corner! Laurie was quick to set them "at ease" with her patience, comforting words, and even offered alternatives too. At 9 years old or at any age our fear of standing up in front of a group and talking is so great that we fear it more than death. Fortunately no one died or even came close. A suggestion to next year's Chair may be to mention that winners could be asked to read their essays out loud in front of people at an awards luncheon. Preparation reduces anxiety by at least 90%. A truly memorable experience for the children, their families, school personnel, and for KAFCE Members. Thank you again Laurie Ho for your service as 2019 FCE CHARACTER COUNTS!® Chair and for doing such a Great Job!



Pic above: Jace Domingo (2nd Place), Jenai Chloe Cadiz (3rd Place), Danya Agustin Melendez (HM), Zain Shimabukuro (HM), and Kianah Gonzalves (HM)



Pic above: Danya Agustin Melendez (HM), Wilcox Elem. Teacher: Mrs. Gallardo



Pic above: Zain Shimabukuro (HM), St. Catherines. Teacher: Mrs. Sancho



Pic above: Kianah Gonzalves (HM), Wilcox Elem. Teacher: Mrs. Keeler

HM = Honorable Mention

CHARACTER COUNTS!® 2019 STATS

- ◇ 600 4th Graders on Kaua'i in the 2018-19 school year.
- ◇ 100 initial CHARACTER COUNTS!® information packets distributed via DOE thru an internal pouch system and Terry's daughter driving to each school to distribute packets.
- ◇ 50 Essays/Artwork were received (even St. Catherine (private) School participated!)
- ◇ 6 students were recognized and accompanied by 25 guests

Garden Isle Newspaper article: <https://www.thegardenisland.com/2019/04/19/hawaii-news/earning-your-trust-with-the-truth/>

Laurie Ho
2019 CHARACTER COUNTS!® Chair

AN ENDEARING TRADITION LIVES ON
Synonymous with Hawaii is the image of a flower lei. The wearing and giving of a flower lei is a long-standing Hawaii tradition. It makes both giver and receiver feel encircled with good feelings and thoughts no matter what the occasion. A lei not only adorns the body but also lifts one's spirit.

On May 1st, Hawaii celebrates Lei Day! KAFCE Hui Holomua Club provided service to the community by teaching lei making during Kaua'i Museum's Lei Day Event. Joined this year by Club Musubi members a variety of flowers were handpicked for this 9-3 p.m. workshop. The event took place at the Kaua'i Marriott Resort in Nawiliwili, Lihu'e, HI.

The 2019 Annual Lei Day Contest was dedicated to honor the memory of Dana Olores. Dana Valeriano "Kumu Hula Kaua'i'iki" Olores, of Kekaha, left this world on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 at the age of 56. As an artisan and master lei maker Dana's entries won him several awards and accolades over the years. He is fondly remembered for his gentle spirit, creativity, and optimism. May he rest in peace surrounded by verdant foliage and ornate flowers that inspired his many creations.



Pic above: Emma Badua received her awards and presented her essay in her classroom surrounded by peers, teachers: Ms. Fujii and Mrs. Heresa, and KAFCE members. Wilcox Elem, Wed., April 17, 2019

The simple lei making technique using lei needle and string was demonstrated at this workshop. Many guests having never made a flower lei before found it exhilarating. An awe-inspiring site awaited guests as they gazed upon over 85 amazing lei contest entries and awarded ribbons. Kauai Museum's Annual Lei Day Contest results are posted at: <https://www.thegardenisland.com/2019/05/02/hawaii-news/a-great-day/>



Marina Pascua, pic above wearing hat, demonstrating lei making technique to guests

INSPIRATION EXISTS IN HAFCE

The Hawaii Family and Community Education (HAFCE) organization’s mission is “Sharing the Aloha ❤️ Spirit through: **E** - Education, **L** - Leadership, and **C** - Community Action.”

There are five (5) areas in which we aspire to make positive changes:

- H - Health
- H - Home/Environment
- I - International
- L - Leadership
- Y - Youth Education

We are actively engaged in supporting healthy communities; locally and internationally. “Disaster Preparedness,” was President Queenie Daligidig’s, goal in light of the 2018 flooding on the North Shore of Kaua’i. We had guest speakers from Kauai’s Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), made donations for Flood Relief victims, and the April 2018 Newsletter highlighted family emergency supplies to keep on-hand.

The world is changing at an alarming rate. Reflections of our past, may inspire you to think about areas still calling for our service. Ask: “What can I do to improve the lives of those around me?” Please feel free to share. Don’t wait to be asked. Together, we can make a difference!

“Planning is bringing the future into the present.” –Mike Vance

😞 SAD NEWS

KAFCE Member of 50+ years, Janet Mitsuko Fujii of Lihue passed away at Garden Isle Healthcare on April 16, 2019, at the age of 84. She was born in Lihue on June 23, 1934, and retired as a clerk typist at the HI State Department of Transportation Highways Division.

😊 HAPPY NEWS

KAFCE Member of 37 years, Marcia Ota, welcomed her first grandson, Ryden Kenjo Sakai, born April 30 on Oahu.

KAFCE GRACE

If you recall, we’re no longer singing our KAFCE Grace and was in search of a new tune. The following meal prayer was adopted at our April meeting.

MEAL PRAYER

For the food that nourishes our bodies...
 For the fellowship here that feeds our souls...
 For all things good and beautiful with which our lives are filled...
 We give our thanks today.

Amen



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 JULY 18-21 NATL CONVENTION, St. Louis, Missouri

AUG 1 - Trimble Tickets to Members

AUG 31 - KAFCE Outing to Kaua’i’s Hindu Monastery in Wailua, HI

SEPT 1 - Member Dues from Club to Council
 Hilo Convention Registration Due

SEPT 14 - KAFCE **All Clubs** Meeting, Lihue Neighborhood Center, 9-1 p.m.
 * Election of Officers
 * Program Planning
 * Books For Newborn Presentation

OCT 18-20 - 69th HI STATE CONVENTION, Hilo HI; Download packet: <http://hawaiiifce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Hawaii-FCE-Convention-Packet-Final-5-8-2019.pdf>