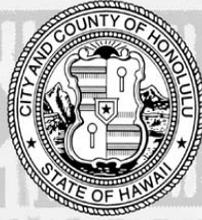


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## **MAYOR'S AHUPUA'A YOUTH AMBASSADORS EMBARK ON THIRD YEAR**

(Monday, September 14, 2009) – The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ahupua'a Youth Ambassadors held its first meeting of the 2009-10 year yesterday. This is the third year for the group as 14 returnees welcomed 17 new members. The group is comprised of public and private high school students across Oahu.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who established the group in 2007, addressed the youth with encouraging and inspiring words asking them to be a difference maker in the environment.

"The positive actions taken by our youth today will impact our environment greatly for generations to come," Hannemann said. "I want these outstanding young people to take action and be tremendous stewards of the environment. Our young people are the voice of tomorrow and can be very influential towards a sustainable future for our island."

The City's Department of Environmental Services will oversee the group and engage them in various activities from community service projects, hands-on environmental activities, public service announcements and sustainability issues that face our island.

The group's first function will be the Henry Kaponu "Aloha Green Concert" in Waikiki October 23.

### **Mayor's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ahupua'a Youth Ambassadors**

<b><u>Returns</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Kapua Paikai	Sacred Hearts Academy
Elizabeth Naai-Walker	Sacred Hearts Academy
Alana Yokooji	Sacred Hearts Academy
James Pentz	Maryknoll High
Geena Fong	Maryknoll High
Andrew Simeona	Castle High
Timothy Ho	Iolani School
Ian Franklin	Iolani School
Kaela Shiigi	Iolani School

Jonathan Paeste	Damien Memorial High
Michael Monis	Damien Memorial High
Yvonne Yoro	Leilehua High
Jordan Perkins	Mililani High
Max Chenevert	Mililani High

<b><u>Newcomers</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Christinn Pacheco	Sacred Hearts Academy
Cecilia Wong	Sacred Hearts Academy
Richel Cole	Sacred Hearts Academy
Laurie Tam	Sacred Hearts Academy
Kalani Mejia	Sacred Hearts Academy
Jamie Tamayose	Iolani School
Joana Yasui	Iolani School
Iris Saragena	Campbell High
Uzma Hussain	Campbell High
Aysia Ripani	Campbell High
Keenan Kurihara	Maryknoll High
Kendal Kagawa	Maryknoll High
Jaelyn Khil	Punahou School
Tiffany Li	Punahou School
Katherine Clifton	Punahou School
Janae Rasmussen	University Lab School
Danielle Snodgrass	Mililani High

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