



# THE KEC CONNECTION

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## Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to engage the collective energy of the Kalihi-Palama community and its supporters to create and strengthen avenues to educational and occupational success for students in the Kalihi District.

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## KEC is back . . . and better than ever!!!

Aloha!

The Kalihi Education Coalition (KEC) was established in March 2002 by a collaboration of active and caring members of the community including businesses, educators, and community leaders.

The KEC incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Hawaii in June 2002 and filed for its federal non-profit status in June 2003 with the assistance and support of Morris Atta, attorney (New York University—School of Law). Our organization received its federal non-profit designation in July 2003.

Our organization currently consists of non-paid volunteers with heart and passion for education. Our members

are actively involved in and focused on creating and securing the future success of students in the Kalihi District.

The last three years has been extremely challenging, yet rewarding, in establishing a non-profit organization from ground zero.

We are currently working on establishing programs to assist students and teachers in the Kalihi district.

We have also launched a brand new website earlier this month.

Plans are currently under way to establish two major fundraising events in 2006 to help support those in need. More information will be forthcoming in our next news-

letter.

I would like to personally thank all our supporters who believed in us and supported us since Day 1.

We would also like to send out a Big Mahalo to Chas Williams, Morris Atta, Blane Asao, Andrew Cha, Lisa Barnett, and Lois Miyashiro for their tireless efforts and selflessness in getting our organization off the ground. I would also like to thank our many financial supporters who believed in us and supported us despite the many challenges and hurdles this organization had to endure since its inception.

Mahalo,

Roger M. Higa, President

## Support KEC through your Gift of Aloha

KEC will be participating in Foodland's Give Aloha Program from September 1st thru 30th, 2005. Individuals can donate up to \$249\* in matching funds. Food-



land and Western Union Foundation will be donating \$300,000 in matching funds. Please support us when shopping at your favorite Foodland and

Sack and Save location. Our gift code is 78311. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. For more information, log on to [www.kec-hawaii.org](http://www.kec-hawaii.org) or call 330-4691.

## KEC raises funds through its volunteer efforts at the 2003 State Farm Fair

Through KEC's volunteer efforts at the 2003 State Farm Fair, \$1,180.00 was raised and donated to support the following organizations in the Kalihi-Palama area:

- 1) **Kalihi Works: Alliance for Drama Education** - Primarily based at Farrington High School, ADE works with students to develop and perform plays, musical, speeches, dances and the like. ADE introduces students to theater and drama



enabling students to experience working as a team and learning to appreciate people from various cultures and diversities.

- 2) **Farrington DECA** - The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is a student organization which prepares high school students in careers of marketing, research, advertising, merchandising and sales.
- 3) **Hana Hou: Kalihi** - This organization is engaged in community service internships in health and social service areas to strengthen com-

munity-school linkages and prepare students for careers in these areas by extending learning beyond the classroom. The goal of this organization is to develop strategies to promote positive changes in students' knowledge, skills, and attitudes as they engage in strengthening social and health resources in their communities.

Much thanks to the many volunteers for their efforts in making this event a success! A Big Mahalo to Chester & Bobbi Chang, George Kon, Clayton Tom, Sylvia Hara Nielsen, and Trisha Okawa for their participation and support.

### KEC launches its new website

The Kalihi Education Coalition launched its new website earlier this month.

Our new web address is [www.kec-hawaii.org](http://www.kec-hawaii.org). The purpose of our website is to educate the community and future KEC supporters about our organization and update members regarding future KEC events.

Check us out!

### Donate stock to KEC

Receive a tax benefit when donating stock, bonds, or mutual funds to the Kalihi Education Coalition.



For more information, please contact Darryl Jung, Smith Barney CitiGroup Financial Consultant at (808) 543-0360 or e-mail

## KEC establishing Scholarships for students in Kalihi

Through the assistance of the Hawaii Community Foundation, KEC will be offering scholarships in 2006 to graduating seniors and students, attending school or residing in the Kalihi-Palama district. The following scholarships will be offered to graduating seniors and students:

- 1) Farrington Scholarship
- 2) Damien Scholarship
- 3) Kamehameha Scholarship

- 4) Kalihi-Palama Scholarship (for graduating seniors residing in but attending school outside the Kalihi-Palama District).
- 5) Honolulu Community College Scholarship

Grants will also be offered for teachers wishing to attend workshops and seminars to further their education.

More information on these programs, requirements, and application forth-

coming in our next newsletter.

For inquiries, please call (808) 330-4691 or log on to [www.kec-hawaii.org](http://www.kec-hawaii.org) for more information.

# Miyama wins 2003 KEC Hole-in-One Challenge

Kevin Miyama won the 2003 KEC Hole-in-One Challenge Fundraiser at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club on September 20, 2003. Kevin was the only finalist to hit the green from 165 yards out. George Shimomura won the Putting Challenge and Wesley

Lairson won the Chipping Challenge.

Mahalo to all our participants and volunteers who made this a fun filled event.

Congratulations to the following finalists who qualified (and their qualifying shots) to participate in the finals:

1. Kenneth Nakano (Hole-in-One)
2. Blane Asao (6 1/4")
3. Conrad Palafox (1' 5")
4. Robert Kimura (3' 2")
5. George Shimomura (5' 4")



6. Kevin Miyama (5' 6")
7. Ronald Abe (6' 0")
8. Scott Hirano (6' 11")
9. Gary Watanabe (7' 2")
10. Armand Mariboho (7' 9")
11. Wesley Lairson (1' 3")

We would like to thank all the participants, our supporters, and volunteers for making this Hole-in-One event possible.

Mahalo to the following financial supporters in making this

event possible:

- Hawaii Schools Credit Union
- K. Yamada Distributors
- Bank of Hawaii
- Pizza Hut/Taco Bell of Hawaii
- Education Works
- Kumon USA

- Tyson Foods

In the Kalihi Schools Putting Challenge, Dole Middle School took first place winning a sudden death play-off.

Mahalo to all our participants, supporters, and volunteers for making this Kalihi Schools Putting Challenge event possible.

Special thanks to Tini Grey, David Ishii, former Miss Hawaii's : Kehaulani Christian ('02), Billie Takaki ('00), & Jennifer Hera ('98), HPD, and the HFD for their time and support.



## Upcoming Events

KEC is currently planning a 2.5k and 5k fun run and relays event in April 2006.

KEC is also planning a 18-hole golf fundraiser in October 2006 at the Honolulu Country



Club.

For more information on these events, log on to [www.kec-hawaii.org](http://www.kec-hawaii.org).

Proceeds from these event will help fund our 2006 scholarship program and provide funding for teachers and grants to help students in the Kalihi area.. If you are interested in donating or participating in this event, please call (808) 330-4691 or email [eventsinfo@kec-hawaii.com](mailto:eventsinfo@kec-hawaii.com) for more information.

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***KEC Vision Statement***

***By carrying out our Mission, we believe that students in the Kalihi District will become:***

- 1) Life long Learners***
- 2) Successful in their chosen careers***
- 3) Caring, responsible, and contributing members of society; and***
- 4) Positive role models for future generations***

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