



MA`O COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS INITIATIVE

a non-profit `aina-based project of the Wai`anae Community Re-Development Corporation

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Position	MA`O Kumu Alaka`i (Garden Program Coordinator @ Wai`anae High School) Dates of position: December 2009-December 2012
Specific Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates the certification, maintenance and productivity of Ka`aihōnua, a living, organic garden lab at the community-school site. • Assists DOE teacher-liaison (Lei Aken) to develop and implement standards-based, in-school, ag-science curriculum that integrates with Ka`aihōnua. • Engage 11th-12th grade youth in the four C's via scientific research, organic farming, and entrepreneurial activities. • Coordinates enrichment afterschool and intercession activities that aligns with ag-science curriculum and engages 9th-12th grade youth in organic farming, entrepreneurial activities, college preparation, culture and food advocacy in their school and in the broader community. • Works with MA`O Education Team to organize WHS activities that streamline with the pipeline garden programs at Wai`anae Intermediate School and Leeward Community College. • Facilitates development of Ka`aihōnua as a learning site for other Majors, Academies and the broader community to include primary management of site calendar and coordinating all relevant scheduling and site visitations. • Assists in the development of evaluation tools to assess student progress and achievement and modifies instruction according to the needs of students to 1) demonstrate growth and acquisition of academic and social goals and 2) achieves programmatic effectiveness. • Supervises student interns and provides communication with students, parents, program staff and administration as necessary to inform of student progress and any other academic or social issues that may arise. Models mutual respect, enforcing program rules and regulations in a positive and formative manner.
Demonstrable Skills & Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of culturally relevant curriculum, lessons, and activities especially pertaining to ag-science program content. • Demonstrated or proven knowledge of Hawaiian culture and history. • Successful engagement of students and school community in implementing lessons and achieving program objectives. • Effective teaching experience that produce desirable results with intermediate through high school age students. • Experience in supervision and chaperoning students during intense experiential and project-based garden activities. • Utilizes good human relations and communication skills in working with staff, students, parents, and other community individuals and organizations. • Farming experience not required, however; genuine interest and passion for gardening, farming, and food a must.
Education Requirements	Bachelors Degree (Minimum), Teaching Certification (Preferred), Wai`anae Resident/Roots (Preferred)
Compensation & Benefits	This is a 3-year, full-time grant contract position. Compensation range is \$42,750-45,000/annually depending on experience. All benefits apply.
To Apply	A letter of intent with a resume should be mailed to: MA`O Organic Farms, P.O. BOX 441, Wai`anae, Hawai`i 96792. Deadline: November 9, 2009. An interview will be scheduled. Additional questions? Contact Summer Miles at 696-5569, 721-6592 or e-mail summer@maoorganicfarms.org



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