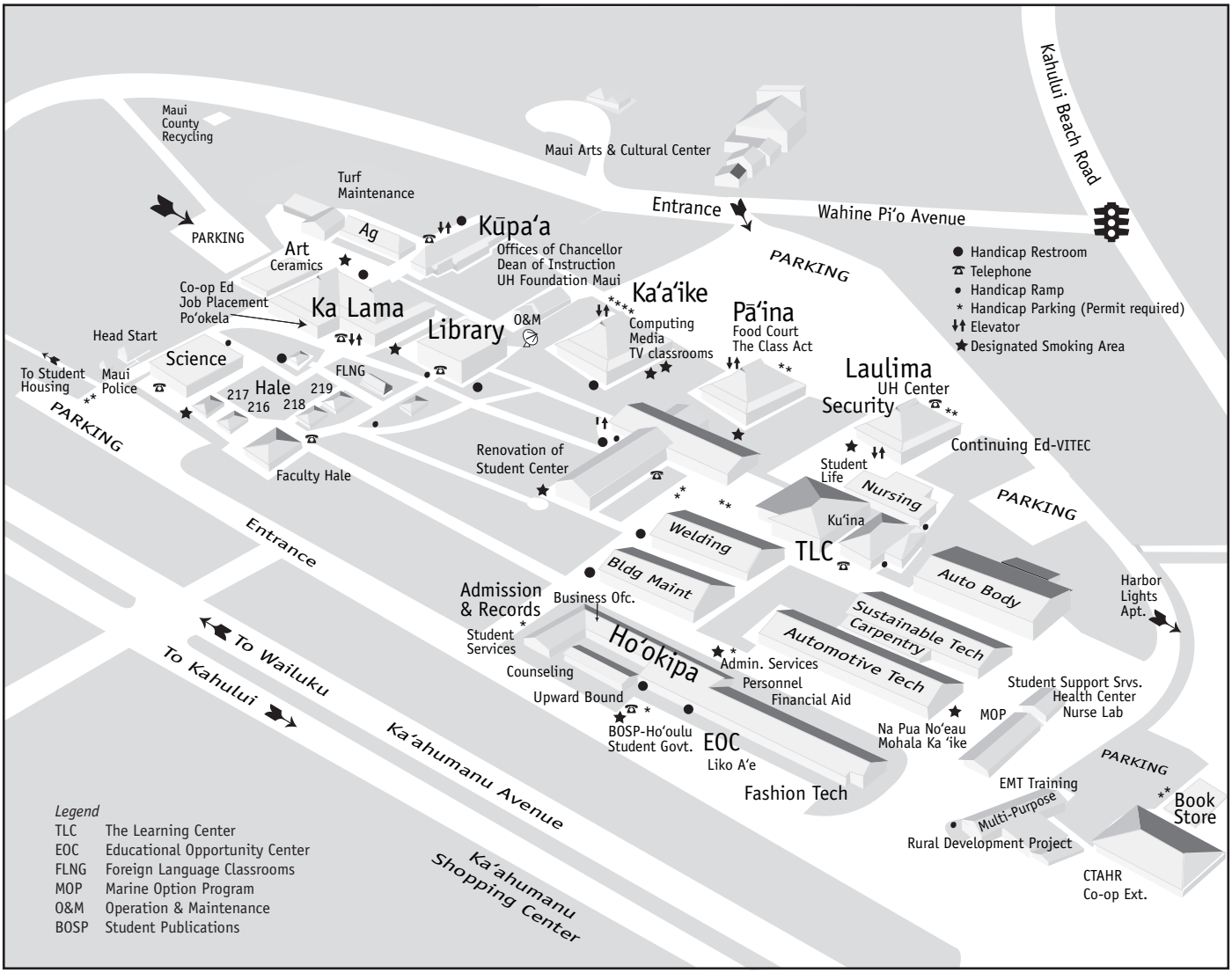
About the front cover –

Dancers – Giselle Thongtrakul (left), Malulani Bulawan (center), and Mikahala Helm (right), members of Pāʻūʻo Hiʻiaka, participated in the Ka ʻAha Hula ʻO Hālauaola 2005, World Conference on Hula held at Maui Community College in July 2005. Thongtrakul is an MCC student majoring in Liberal Arts; Bulawan is a graduate of the MCC Nursing program; and Helm is an MCC counselor. During the conference, more than 100 Kumu Hula, cultural practitioners, artisans, and hula enthusiasts shared their knowledge, experience, and artistry with attendees from around the world. Photo by Marcia Aguon

Flora – The flower of the Wiliwili tree (Erythrina sandwicense) comes in many colors of orange, green, yellow, and white with edges (lihi) also of varying colors. This Wiliwili is endemic, found only in Hawai'i. The Wiliwili forest is being restored above Kīhei at Puʻu o Kali, Maui. Wili means to twist, as in making a lei. The seed pods twist open to reveal bright orange seeds.