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### **Hawai'i Great Teachers Seminar Testimony/ Report**

During the Hawai'i Great Teachers Seminar this past week I was given the opportunity to delve into my role as an educator and the significance of that role here in Hawai'i and more broadly in our Pacific region. I was able to collaborate with fellow community college educators focusing on best practices for our students both in the classroom as well as more broadly within the community college context.

In sharing some of my own successful classroom strategies as well as my persistent challenges, I was able to work towards long-term problem solving as well as encouraging best practices among my colleagues.

I plan to share some of what I learned at the conference with my non-credit teaching staff here at MLI in terms of creativity in the classroom, effective teaching strategies, and generally encouraging innovation in the classroom. I also plan to share some of the broader themes of the conference with my non-instructional colleagues in the areas of setting a welcoming tone on campus.

I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to attend this conference and I look forward to putting all that I learned into action in the coming school year.

Thank you so much for this opportunity!