

TO: UH Faculty & Staff Development Fund Committee
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RE: Impact from Conference Attendance

My attendance at the 2019 ACTE Conference on Oahu provided me with a boundless platform to the "here and now" of CTE as well as an insight as to what lies on the horizon and the bright future in which CTE has here in Hawaii.

With the drastic changes happening on the federal level in terms of supplemental support from the government, many of the Hawaii residents along with the professional who service these individuals are seeking quick routes on grooming those into becoming skilled workers. The keynote speakers from across the nation all expressed the same fact and that being that "lots of jobs are available here in Hawaii", we just need to figure out a way to motivate those who are unskilled to gain the skills and fill these positions.

Multiple strategies and ideas were displayed by the keynote speakers and presenters on how we here in Hawaii can merge education with the workforce and make it become a seamless experience for those job seekers. It is to the CTE podium in which the State of Hawaii seeks to make this happen. The vision is to form apprenticeship programs throughout the state by connecting with employers and recruiting in the untapped market of those residents who are unemployed, unskilled, and/or on governmental assistance (welfare).

My plans are to write for the 2019-2020 Perkins Proposal for the UH Maui College, Molokai campus and have a focus point on merging the current workforce with the campus so that we can produce the skilled workers in which they are seeking for their positions.

In closing, my attendance at the conference was quite a valuable experience. It was such an honor to present UH Maui College, Molokai and to present on the topic of "Addressing Financial Obligations" with a room filled with UH employees and Workforce Development staff was indeed incredible!!

Thank you for supporting my work and efforts here at UH Maui College, Molokai.

Gratefully,



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