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## ClimbHI launches program for high school students at Made in Hawaii Festival



Image: Made in Hawaii Festival

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MADE IN HAWAII FESTIVAL



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Hawaii workforce development nonprofit ClimbHI recently announced it has created a new learning opportunity for 50 Farrington High School students at the upcoming Made in Hawaii Festival.

Juniors and seniors part of the Farrington Business Academy will volunteer for seven hours at the annual festival – which will run this year from Aug. 18 to 20 at the Hawaii Convention Center – and will receive certifications and earn credit toward graduation.

Partners include Go Lean Six Sigma, Aloha Hospitality Professionals, Fly Shuttle & Tours, and Safeway, according to the announcement.

"Farrington reached out and said 'Hey, we want to have engagement for our business pathways for our students to be able to learn a skill and apply that skill,' Julie Morikawa, president of ClimbHI, told PBN. "And then the Made in Hawaii Festival said, 'Hey we need some volunteers for our festival.' [Training school] Go Lean Six Sigma said, 'We want to impress the importance of our training with students but we can't seem to get in front of teachers.' So we brought everyone together."

The Made in Hawaii Festival will feature more than 450 vendor booths, entertainment and more. Students will help with set up, check-in, customer service and parking management, and in turn, earn credit toward graduation and receive a volunteer certification from the festival. The event will also help students on their path to receiving a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certification, which recognizes "professionals who lead limited improvement projects and/or serve as a team member of more complex improvement projects," according to the website for The International Association for Six Sigma Certification.

While volunteering, students will also a free shirt, meal and transportation.

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