

# 2nd Annual West Hawaii Exposure Fair Summary - 2024



## Special Mahalo To:



On September 3, 2024 at the Westin Hapuna Beach Resort 400 students, 20 teachers, and 60 entities participated in the 2nd Annual West Hawaii Exposure Fair. This “speed-dating” style event allowed participants to uncover opportunities with entities having dedicated time with participants to share career paths that lead to economic self-sufficiency here in our islands. Students were exposed to high-quality careers, progression plans, requirements, and the experience needed to begin their path to success.

## Career Consideration

Post-survey results show 78% of Student Participants are interested in careers outside of their current pathway

- 50%** Interested in careers that are related to or outside their current pathway.
- 28%** Only interested in careers outside of their current pathway.
- 22%** Only interested in careers in their current pathway

## LIST OF SCHOOLS

- Kanu o ka 'Āina
- Ke Kula 'O 'Ehunuikaimalino
- Kealakehe High School
- Kohala High School
- Konawaena High School
- West Hawaii Explorations Academy (WHEA)

## LIST OF BUSINESSES

- AIA Honolulu
- Alaska Airlines
- Area Health Education Center
- Blue Hawaiian Helicopters
- Blue Ocean Mariculture
- Burns & McDonnell
- Business Strategies
- Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope
- Center for the Studies of Active Volcanoes (CSAV)
- Clinical Labs of Hawaii
- County of Hawai'i - HR Department
- Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii
- First Hawaiian Bank
- Four Seasons Hualalai
- Hale Kuamo'o
- Hawaii Community College
- Hawaii Community College – Career & Technical Education
- Hawaii Community College – Culinary Arts
- Hawaii Community College – Hospitality & Tourism
- Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union
- Hawaii Island Community Health Center
- Hawaii Police Department
- Hawaii Public Health Institute
- Hawaii State Judiciary
- Hawaiian Airlines
- Hawaiian Electric
- HFS Federal Credit Union
- Hilton Grand Vacations
- Hilton Waikoloa Village
- HMSA
- HouseMart (Ace Hardware, Ben Franklin, Daiso)
- HPM Building Supply
- IBEW Local 1186
- 'Imiloa Astronomy Center
- Island of Hawaii Visitors Bureau
- Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elik'Iani College of Hawaiian Language
- Kamehameha Schools
- KTA Super Stores
- Kukio Golf & Beach Club
- Marimed Foundation
- Mauna Kea Resort
- Mauna Kea Resort – Culinary Program
- Mauna Kea Resort – HR Recruitment
- Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection
- Mauna Loa Helicopters
- Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NCL)
- Ohana Pacific Management Company
- OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa
- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
- Seafarers International Union
- The Queen's Health Systems
- Tommy Bahama
- Transportation Security Administration
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- University of Hawaii – Hilo
- University of Hawaii – Hilo, College of Natural and Health Science (CNHS)
- Waiakea Hawaiian Volcanic Water
- Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
- Wyndham Destinations

# West Hawai'i Exposure Fair Student Responses

## Year in School

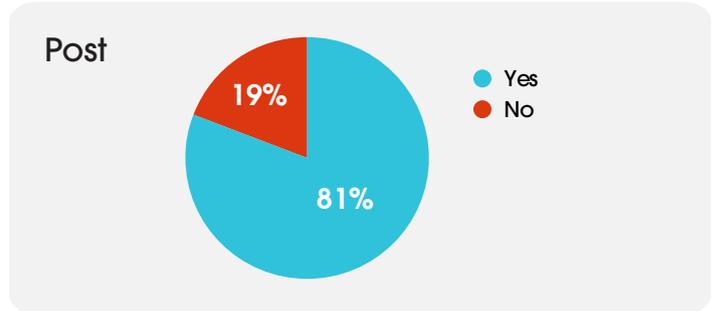
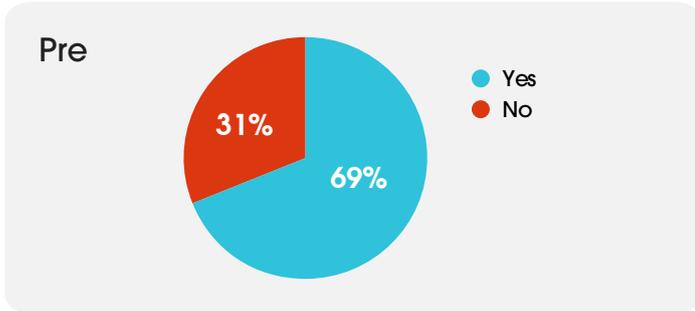
| High School Seniors | High School Juniors | High School Sophomores and Freshman |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 39%                 | 35%                 | 26%                                 |

## Gender

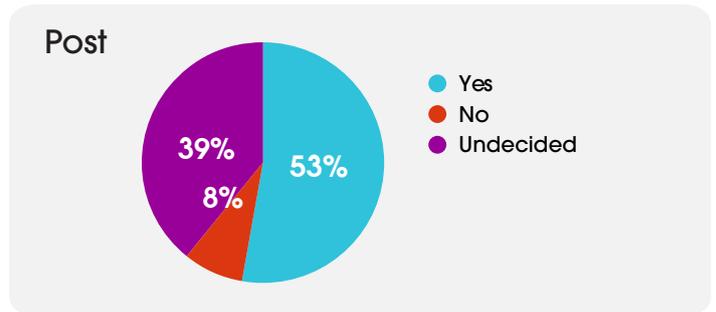
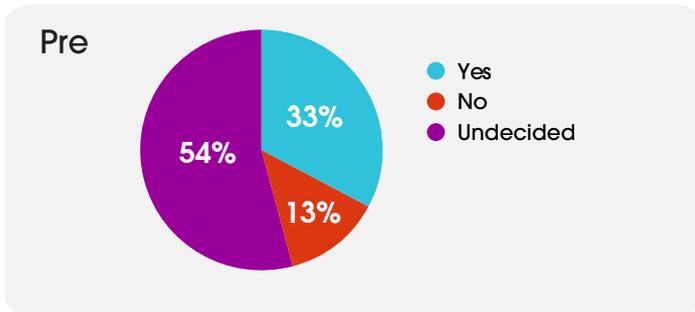
| Male | Female | Other/Undisclosed |
|------|--------|-------------------|
| 46%  | 50%    | 4%                |

## Pre and Post Survey Comparisons

Are you considering a career in Hawai'i?



Do you feel you can live in Hawai'i and be economically self-sufficient post high school?



## Next Steps Being Considered

| WHAT NEXT STEPS ARE YOU CONSIDERING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? (STUDENTS SELECTED ALL THAT APPLIED) |       |
|---|-------|
| 4-Year College  | 62.4% |
| 2-Year College  | 24.4% |
| Trade/Certificate Program   | 18%   |
| Military  | 10.8% |
| Working   | 37.6% |
| Internship  | 12.9% |
| Flight School   | 0.7%  |
| None Of These   | 0.3%  |

## Congratulations To This Year's Outstanding Students

(Students Were Selected By Participating Entities)

| STUDENT RECOGNITION       |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Awardees                  | School                |
| Aadyn Bolosan             | Kohala High School    |
| Jussaine "Jussy" Basilio  | Kohala High School    |
| Izaiah Estacecio          | Konawaena High School |
| Merice Jose               | Kohala High School    |
| Reef Aniban               | Konawaena High School |
| Riley Asakura             | Konawaena High School |
| Sidney Marquez            | Kohala High School    |
| Kenneth "KK" Matsuda      | Kohala High School    |
| Savannah Pai              | Kohala High School    |
| Adiana Jayne "AJ" Soriano | Kohala High School    |
| Nathan Sorensen           | Kohala High School    |
| Peyla-Rose Yee            | Kohala High School    |

# Student Takeaways

“ There are many great opportunities and jobs that provide scholarships. ”

“ There are so many business opportunities in Hawai'i. ”

“ I like how I visited tables that were outside of my desired careers and now I'm actually interested in law. ”

“ Everyone was approachable, easy going. ”

“ I learned the importance of networking. ”

“ There's a ton of jobs and important careers in Hawai'i. ”

“ It's important to be able to communicate well; I believe I got a lot of practice doing so today. ”

“ I now know that I am interested in a variety of careers. ”

“ I really enjoyed being able to branch out from outside of my original career choices. ”

“ Many companies offer opportunities outside of just a job and have many other great benefits. ”

“ Today I learned the importance of looking into retirement from a job and the benefit of VA Loans. ”

“ I learned I can get paid for learning. ”

“ I got to learn a lot about different careers and pay rates. ”

“ I learned that UH Hilo has many national college partners for students who want to travel out-of-state. ”

“ Jobs that I wasn't interested in and now I'm interested. ”

“ There are lots of opportunities for high school students to work. ”

## ClimbHI Exposure Fair Introduces Students to Varied Career Paths

<https://kohalamountainnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-09.pdf>



Photos courtesy of ClimbHI West Hawaii. Students learn about flotation and displacement at the Pearl Harbor table.



The Waikoloa Beach Marriott staff spoke about the culinary industry.

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