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## **In Honor of Prince Kūhiō, Ka Makana Ali'i Hosts Weekly Free 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Classes in March**

*In observance of 2019 as The Year of Indigenous Languages, Ka Makana Ali'i is hosting a celebration in honor of Prince Kūhiō on Saturday, March 16 with hula, live music and history*

**KAPOLEI, HI** (March 13, 2019) — In celebration of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's birth month and in conjunction with the Prince Kūhiō Festival and Kanaeokana's 'Ōlelo Hawai'i campaign, Ka Makana Ali'i will host free 'Ōlelo Hawai'i classes with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. These free Hawaiian language classes will be taught by Kumu Makalapua Cassion-Fisher at Center Court every Tuesday night in March from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The United Nations declared 2019 The Year of Indigenous Languages in order to raise awareness of these languages, not only to benefit the people who speak them but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.

In Hawaiian, Ka Makana Ali'i means "The Royal Gift," which pays tribute to Prince Kūhiō who developed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating hundreds of thousands of acres of government land to be set aside to assist native Hawaiians. The permanent homeland that Ka Makana Ali'i sits on is a perpetual gift and legacy that lives on today.

In partnership with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Prince Kūhiō Civic Club and Hawaiian Music Live, Ka Makana Ali'i will honor Prince Kūhiō on Saturday, March 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. with hula halau, local musicians and a kahili exhibit. Local personality Shannon Scott will emcee the program with music by Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winners Hoku Zuttermeister and Del Beazley and hula by Nā Lei Ka 'Iwa Ha'a I Ka Lani. Hawaiian artist Brooke Parker will also unveil a new artwork of Prince Kūhiō.

Nā Lei Ka 'Iwa Ha'a I Ka Lani's Kumu Tati and her 'ohana are proud residents of the Hawaiian Homestead Community in Kānehili, located across the street from Ka Makana Ali'i. Many of the hālau members are also beneficiaries of Prince Kūhiō's legacy as homesteaders from various

communities from around O‘ahu, from the original Hawaiian homestead of Papakōlea, to Wai‘anae, Nānākuli and Kapolei. They are dedicating this performance to Prince Kūhiō and remain forever grateful to the people’s Prince.

Visit our website at [www.kamakanaalii.com](http://www.kamakanaalii.com) for more details about upcoming promotions and exciting center events. For the latest news and updates, follow Ka Makana Ali‘i on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, all with profile name @kamakanaalii.

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### **About Ka Makana Ali‘i**

Ka Makana Ali‘i offers residents and visitors a family-friendly, mixed-use center in the heart of Hawai‘i’s fastest growing community. Phase one of the 1.4 million-square-foot Macy’s-anchored regional mall features more than 125 exciting stores, restaurants, a state-of-the-art Consolidated Theatres and the state’s first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton on property. Serving as the premier gathering place for the community, Ka Makana Ali‘i fulfills the shopping and dining demands of West O‘ahu, where more than 80,000 new homes are projected to be constructed by 2025. Its convenient location offers excellent highway access, ample parking and public transportation for shoppers. A partnership between DeBartolo Development and the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ka Makana Ali‘i will financially support programs benefiting Native Hawaiian interests statewide for decades to come. For more information, please visit [www.kamakanaalii.com](http://www.kamakanaalii.com).

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