April
15 Purple Up for Military Kids Day!
16 Military 4-H meeting, Catlin Clubhouse, 9 am
18 Oahu 4-H Executive Board meeting, 10 am FHS Library
18 WRLF 2015 service project ideas due to C. Hanakawa
25 Hawaii 4-H Foundation meeting, 9 am Ag Sci 219

May
4-8 4-H Military Partnership meeting (DC)
15 Senior Portfolios due
29 End of the club year reports due (for Military 4-H clubs)

President’s Message

Mahalo to those who attended the leaders meeting held last March 29, 2015. I believe we accomplished a lot during the meeting.

Please don't forget to send your WRLF 2015 service project suggestions to Christine Hanakawa by April 18th.

Also, our annual Achievement Banquet will be held on June 13. Please save this date. Thank you, Shooting Stars for volunteering to chair this year's banquet! Hope to see everyone there!

Shaina Acosta

4-H Post to Boast Contest

Have you ever wondered what project your fellow 4-H’ers are up to? Or wanted to show off your clubs great project? Well, we have the event for you! 4-H Post to Boast is a contest where you and/or your club can create a poster showing one project you’ve been working on over the past year. Whether cooking, gardening, or photography, we’d love to see your accomplishments.

This would be a great project for yours club historians, photographers, or artist to take on. Entries can be individual or as club, and ribbons will be awarded. A special surprise awaits the top scorer in each category. Submissions are due May 1st, 2015, so get working!

If you’re interested, please check out the link below.
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4H/posttoboast

If you have questions, comments, or are ready to submit your poster, please see the website above.
The recording for the Third WRLF e-forum session, **Youth Connecting: In Your Community**, is now online and available for viewing at:

http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015

Oregon 4-H, host of the 2015 WRLF is encouraging 4-H clubs in the 13 western states to take part in the 2015 WRLF community service project from now until National 4-H Week 2105. The Oahu 4-H Organization has decided to do one county project. Clubs that have identified needs in the community and project ideas should submit them to Christine Hanakawa at chanakaw@hawaii.edu by April 18th.

For more information on the 2015 WRLF service project, check out:
http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/wrlf-community-service-project-final.pdf

*Claire Nakatsuka*

**Record Book And Senior Portfolios**

We hope that all 4-H’ers are working on their 4-H record books. Please note that the deadline to submit Sr. Portfolios (to be considered for a spot in the Hawaii 4-H delegation to National 4-H Congress) is May 15th.

All other record books (Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions) are due on June 1st.

Completed books can be submitted to any of the Oahu Extension offices. (Just let one of the 4-H agents know that you have turned them in so that we can make arrangements to get them from that office).

Hawaii 4-H is starting something new in 2015. As part of the National 4-H Congress Recognition for Excellence program, applicants will not only be required to submit a 4-H portfolio but will also be required to complete an interview with a panel of judges. The interview will be an opportunity to sell YOU—your knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences. The purpose of this interview is to support and clarify the activities and learning experiences in the 4-H portfolio. Questions directly apply to the activities, events, and experiences listed in the portfolio; therefore, each 4-Her may have very different questions. Interviews will take place in June. The interview may be done in person or via technology.

- Objectives of 4-H Interviews:
• To teach 4-Hers how to organize, prioritize and verbalize the events and accomplishments experienced in 4-H.
• To teach 4-Hers how to identify and express how 4-H experiences have enhanced their attitude, values, judgement and self-concept.
• To enhance 4-Hers interviewing skills for workforce preparation and career/job interviews.

Summer Camp Opportunities for Military Youth

Military teens – please take note! In partnership with Camp Erdman, the Hawaii 4-H Youth development program will once again offer a “Heroes At Home” camp from June 21-26 at Camp Erdman YMCA for youth 11-14 years old. This is a week long residential camp that will offer campers opportunities to participate in activities such as low ropes, high ropes, swimming, archery, tent camping, art, nature, sports as well as other youth development activities. Registration costs will be covered. Applications are available from the Camp Erdman website http://www.ymcahawai.org/camp_erdman.

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Project Spotlight

From organizing finances to learning about savings, risk management, and consumer breadcrumbs, the My Financial Future curriculum helps middle and high school youth develop critical skills and knowledge in money management. Participants learn about financial literacy concepts through case studies and real-life scenarios. Additional concepts covered include career planning, setting up SMART goals, managing financial records, creating spending and savings plans, choosing payment methods, and managing credit.

This set includes the three components of the My Financial Future Series: the beginner activity book for middle school students, the advanced activity book for high school students, and the facilitator guide with the answer key and guidance.

This product will be available from 4-H mall.org in April.

Other Opportunities

2015 Seeds4Tomorrow Program, June 15th-June 20th

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center in Kunia is offering the Seeds4Tomorrow summer camp for students in grades 9-12 from June 15-20. There are many scholarships available, and I
thought it may be of interest to some of your students.

Seeds4Tomorrow is an intensive one-week program designed to give students hands-on experience in the fields of conservation, plant genetics, agricultural production, entomology, and marketing. Students will learn from university professors, scientists, and agriculture professionals at the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center in Kunia. The 2015 Seeds4Tomorrow focus is cacao, and participants will grow their own chocolate from bean to bar! Registration deadline is May 25. For more information visit: http://www.harc-hspa.com/seeds4tomorrow.html

The Paradigm Challenge
Deadline: May 1

The Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition developed by Project Paradigm and the American Red Cross to inspire youth aged 7 to 18 to affect positive change in the world. The first annual challenge aims to generate new ideas to prevent injuries and fatalities from home fires - America's #1 disaster threat. They invite youth aged 7 to 18 (as of May 1, 2015) to accept The Challenge, build a team, become problem solvers, learn about home fires, and help save lives. Project Paradigm will award cash prizes of up to $100,000 to the top 100 teams....»

VolunTEEN Nation International Service Project Grants
Deadline: Rolling

Students (ages 13-22) from the United States going abroad to volunteer or study in a developing country are encouraged to apply for an international service-learning mini-grant from VolunTEEN Nation. Grants are for up to $300 to create a service project in a developing country while you are visiting that country....»

Karma for Cara Foundation Micro-grants
Deadline: Rolling

The Karma for Cara Foundation is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between $250 and $1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, they want to hear what project you're passionate about....»

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes
Deadline: April 15

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2015 awards. The Barron Prize celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. Each year, fifteen winners each receive a $5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education.

For more information and to access our online application, visit http://www.barronprize.org/

GYSD Partner Days of Service
Global Youth Service Day (April 17-19) is just a few weeks away, so it's time to map out your GYSD project.

Join young leaders in more than 100 countries across 6 continents for the largest annual day of service and celebration of the contributions that children and youth make 365 days of the year.

You can find everything you need to map out your project plan and to claim your place on the GYSD Map on www.GYSD.org

One way to get involved during Global Youth Service Day is to join in one of the many GYSD Partner Days of Service that take place in April. You can celebrate both GYSD and another event with a single project! If you care about the issue of hunger, consider these service opportunities:

**Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry**

Gather your friends, families, neighbors, or teammates, and host a Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry. Every dollar you raise can help connect a kid in need with up to 10 meals!

**Food Day**

On GYSD, plant a community garden to grow food to be donated. Then, plan to harvest in the fall on Food Day - October 24. Food Day inspires Americans to change their diets and food policies.