

# 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

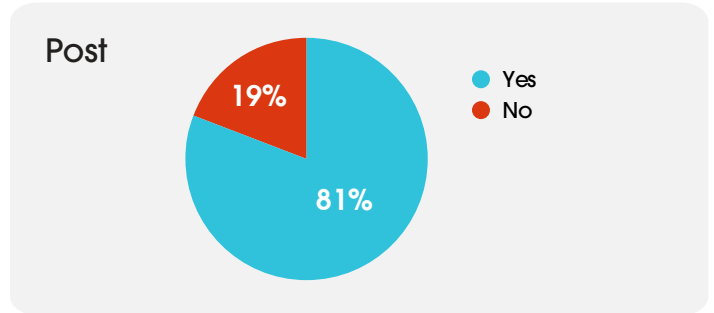
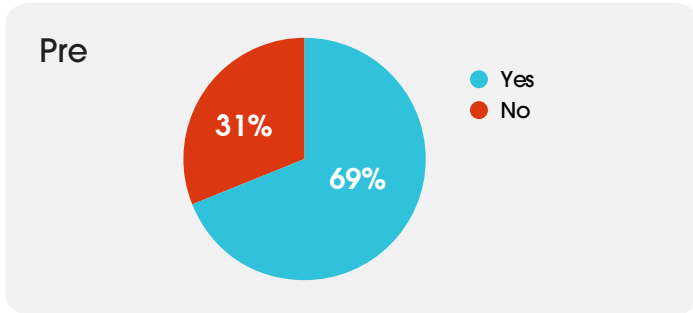
High School Seniors	High School Juniors	High School Sophomores and Freshman
39%	35%	26%

## Gender

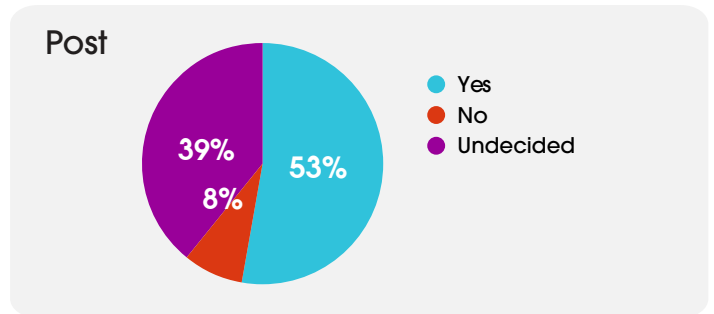
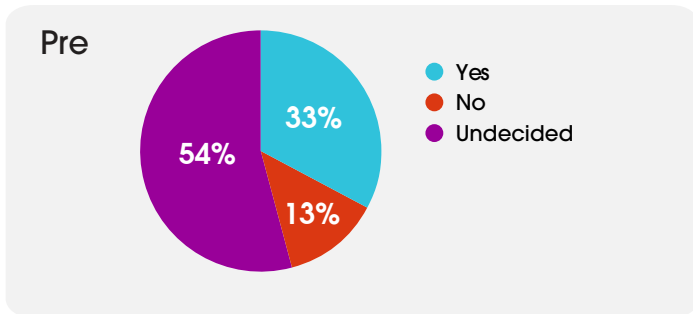
Male	Female	Other/ Undisclosed
46%	50%	4%

## 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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