



Press Release

Monday, April 16, 2012

**C-MORE will host Ocean and Earth Science Career Day:
Saturday, April 21**

Honolulu, HI – The University of Hawai'i (UH) Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) along with Student, Equity, Excellence, and Diversity (SEED) and the Hawai'inuikea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (HSHK) are hosting Ocean FEST and a Career Fair on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Halau o Haumea on the UH Manoa campus (2645 Dole Street) for middle school, high school, and community college students and their families.

Ocean FEST (Families Exploring Science Together) will be geared toward middle school students and their parents. Students and parents will be able to engage in hands-on activities related to ocean and earth sciences. "At the Career Fair, we hope to give students insight into what it would be like to have a career in ocean and earth sciences," said Michelle Hsia, Marine Science Educator with C-MORE. "In addition, students will have a chance to interact with other college students and professionals so that they can envision pursuing a career in these areas." The Career Fair will mainly focus on high school and community college students but all are welcome -- the general public, middle school students, and any UH students that may be undecided if they would like to pursue Ocean or Earth Sciences.



Hands-on activities, such as the one above wherein students and parents build a microbe to test its buoyancy, will be offered at the Ocean FEST / Career Day on Saturday, April 21.
Image courtesy of C-MORE.

In addition, to hands-on activities, videos, and picture slideshows, there will be a C-MORE Hale Tour from 10:30 – 11:30 am. C-MORE Hale, the only LEED Platinum research facility in Hawaii, is a state-of-the-art facility that supports comprehensive research on marine microbes, from molecular biology to ecology.

With C-MORE's interest in supporting Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and underrepresented groups to pursue a college career in the ocean and earth sciences, it seemed natural to partner with the UH Hawai'inuikea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. "We hope the partnership with HSHK demonstrates the idea that science and Hawaiian culture are compatible and that integrating these two bodies of knowledge can lead to a greater understanding of and appreciation for our natural and cultural resources," said Hsia.

Exhibitors from UH include Ocean and Resources Engineering, Geology and Geophysics, Meteorology, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) Outreach Office, C-MORE, Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, UH Admissions Office, Hawaiian Studies, Pacific Alliance, UH Sea Grant, Na Pua No'eau, and College of Education. There will also be exhibitors from the following professional organizations: Hui o ko'olaupoko, NOAA Corps, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, Tetra Tech, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

C-MORE Scholars will be on hand to talk about the C-MORE Scholars program which provides paid, hands-on, closely mentored research experiences for full-time undergraduate students within the UH system who are interested in ocean and earth science-related careers.

Parking is free at the Dole Street parking structure near the Hawaiian Studies Halau.

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The School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa was established by the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i in 1988 in recognition of the need to realign and further strengthen the excellent education and research resources available within the University. SOEST brings together four academic departments, three research institutes, several federal cooperative programs, and support facilities of the highest quality in the nation to meet challenges in the ocean, earth and planetary sciences and technologies.

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