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HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS BUILD HOME FOR DHHL

HONOLULU – Students of the Hawai'i Community College (HawCC) Model Home Program made a significant contribution to Hawai'i's affordable housing market today as they turned over the keys of a three-bedroom, two-bath home to Hawaiian Home Lands selectee Kyle N. Keamo.

The model home program at HawCC provides instruction in drafting, welding, carpentry, electrical, and landscaping while subcontracting outside work to local community builders that is not taught at the community college. Students built the three-bedroom and two-bath home at a cost of \$154,000.

DHHL provided space and funding which allowed the students to acquire on-the-job skills in home construction while helping DHHL to fulfill its mission of putting more native Hawaiians on the land.

Since the model home program inception in 1965, over 3,360 drafting, welding, carpentry, electrical and agricultural students have participated in the program.

Micah Kāne, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman said, "This is a great partnership with the community college to provide much needed training for their students. For DHHL and the participants, this is more than building a home; it is our contribution to the affordable housing market while building a strong and healthy community."

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