

Proclamation

Each year, Kapi‘olani Community College (KCC) organizes Ho‘okipa, an annual culinary gala showcasing the talents and skills of its faculty and students. Proceeds from the event support the culinary arts and hospitality program at KCC by funding scholarships, learning enrichment activities and national competition opportunities.

KCC’s culinary arts and hospitality education is recognized as one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind in the Pacific region, providing a valuable source of training for individuals entering Hawai‘i’s restaurant and visitor industries. The programs offer associate degrees and certificates of achievement and completion. In addition, students are given the chance to gain practical experience while developing innovative and competitive skills. Many of the nation’s top chefs have trained at KCC.

This year, KCC’s culinary arts students became gold medal champions at the American Culinary Federation National Competition. This prestigious honor gives Hawai‘i the distinction of having the best culinary program in the United States.

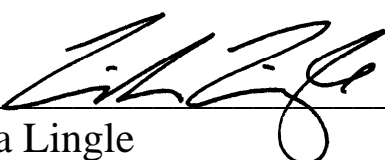
At the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on October 16, 2009, Ho‘okipa will feature alumnus guest chef, Tony Liu, of restaurant *August* in New York. Chef Liu serves as an exemplary model of the success an education from KCC’s culinary arts and hospitality program can bring.

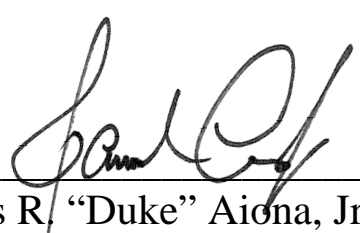
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **October 16, 2009**, as

HO‘OKIPA DAY

in Hawai‘i, and congratulate the students, faculty, staff and community leaders for their dedication and commitment to the success of this important event.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this thirteenth day of October 2009.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i