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### **HELP TEAM HAWAII' GO FOR THE GOLD**

**Public's help needed to send Kapi'olani Community College student culinary team to the American Culinary Federation National Convention in Florida, July 11-14**

HONOLULU – Kapi'olani Community College's Junior American Culinary Federation (ACF) Competition Team, also known as Team Hawai'i, is going for the gold and hopes that Hawai'i residents will come forward to help them get to the national championship.

Team Hawai'i captured the top prize at the ACF's Student Team Western Regional Championship in April, and is one of four teams that will be competing for the national title at the 2009 ACF National Convention in Orlando, Fla., July 11-14. The team with the highest score will be named ACF Student Team National Champions for 2009.

A fundraising goal of \$40,000 has been set to support Team Hawai'i, which will help cover food for competition practice and the competition, travel (air and ground), hotel, meals, promotion, and seed money for Team Hawai'i 2009-2010. A variety of fundraising events are scheduled to help meet this goal, including practice lunches throughout the month of June for which individuals or companies can purchase tickets. Donations in support of the team can also be made by contacting Linh Hoang at (808) 734-9570 or online at <http://www.uhf.hawaii.edu/KapiolaniCC-ACFGoldTeam>.

This is the first time a team from Kapi'olani CC has captured the top prize in a regional ACF competition and the second time a UH community college team has won. Maui Community College captured the Western Regional Championship in 2000.

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Team Hawai'i is comprised of student chefs Anna Hirano (team alternate/sous-chef), Keaka Lee, Tate Nakano-Edwards, San Shoppell (team captain), Rena Suzuki and Ken Yi. Kapi'olani CC Professor Frank Leake serves as team coach and manager and Kapi'olani CC Instructor Alan Tsuchiyama serves as team teacher and coach.

The team spent months learning and refining advanced culinary skills in preparation for the ACF regional competition, and edged out seven other Western Region student culinary teams for the title, including teams from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The Kapi'olani student team will compete against representative teams from the Northeast, Central and Southeast Regions at the 2009 ACF National Convention in Orlando.

Team Hawai'i is very grateful for the support of Hawai'i individuals and businesses who have stepped forward to date to help with expenses, including Starwood Hotels & Resorts; Y. Hata & Co. Limited; Hale Ku'ike, LLC; Roy's Restaurants Hawai'i; HFM Foodservice; Kona Blue; Tropic Fish Hawai'i; Hukilau Foods; Hale 'Aina 'Ohana; Eyes of Hawai'i Photography Club; Joan Namkoong; Mr. and Mrs. Randall E. Jaycox; Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Tomoko Malaghan; Dr. and Mrs. Earl and Karen Miller; Mr. and Mrs. J.P. and Beth Damon; Mr. and Mrs. Rich and Brendan Ethington; Al Ogata and Amy Jampel; Meng-Ling Erik Kuo; Kevin Omura of Kuleana Design; and Hawai'i Chefs Roy Yamaguchi, Alan Wong, Hiroshi Fukui, Rodney Uyehara and Lindsey Ozawa.

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