



Back row pictured (from left) are Shawna Davis, Crystal Lawelawe, Jennifer Erbe, La'akea Chun and Kaili Wasson. Front row pictured (from left) are Alice Colby, Briana Sedeno, Iyiana-Alyssa Ogo, Maraeamei Kamauoha. **PHOTO COURTESY WINDWARD O'AHU BRANCH OF AAUW**

Windward O'ahu AAUW Celebrates Women Scholars

The Windward O'ahu Branch of AAUW — formerly American Association of University Women — awarded scholarships for the 2025-26 academic year and recognized four women who recently completed their bachelor degrees with AAUW support.

The Windward O'ahu Branch of AAUW, in collaboration with Windward O'ahu **Scholarship** Fund, supports selected Windward women in their pursuit of undergraduate degrees at Hawai'i colleges and universities.

At its luncheon June 7 at Windward Community College, 16 Windward women were awarded scholarships for the upcoming academic year.

Kailua residents receiving scholarships include Shawna Davis, Crystal Lawelawe and Andrea Cabrol. Davis will earn her associate of arts degree and mental health technician certificate at Windward CC in the fall and then transfer to University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to obtain a degree in social work. Lawelawe also plans to pursue an associate of arts degree and then a social work degree. Cabrol is in her final year at UH-West O'ahu working toward a bachelor's in business management, hospitality and tourism.

Kāneʻohe residents receiving scholarships are Jennifer Erbe, Laʻakea Chun, Kaili Wasson, Briana Seden, Iyiana-Alyssa Ogo, Kyla Castro, Naupaka Hoapili, Alohilani Macariola and Grace “Momi” Reynon. Erbe graduated from Windward CC last spring, and now pursues psychology and Hawaiian studies at UH Mānoa. Chun will complete her associate of arts degree at WCC in the fall and study post-secondary education and Hawaiian studies at UH-Mānoa. Wasson is working on certification in veterinary assisting and then an associate in science in veterinary technology at WCC. Seden is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in creative media at UH-West Oʻahu. Ogo will graduate this fall from UH-West Oʻahu with a bachelor’s in public administration in health care administration. Castro is studying business administration and sports/event management at Chaminade University of Honolulu with a minor in marketing. Hoapili completed an associate degree at WCC last fall and now attends UH Mānoa’s Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language seeking a bachelor’s in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. Macariola graduated from WCC in 2024 and attends UH Mānoa working on a bachelor’s in fine arts. Reynon is attending Windward CC majoring in theater.

Alice Colby of Hau‘ula will graduate this fall from UH Mānoa with dual degrees in sociology and anthropology. Jade Akeo, also from Hau‘ula, is pursuing a bachelor of science in natural resource and environmental management at UH Mānoa. Maraeamei Kamauoha of Kahuku is pursuing an associate degree in natural science-biological science at Windward CC. Natalie Tamale of Waimānalo is pursuing a double major in business management and human resource management at UH Mānoa’s Shidler College of Business.

In addition, four recent college graduates received Windward AAUW financial support during their undergraduate years. Anna Barley of Kailua graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from UH Mānoa this spring. She is completing her nursing residency at Adventist Health Castle. Dustee Kahale of Kailua graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology from UH Mānoa last fall. She is currently enrolled in the master’s of science program in counseling psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Stacey Dawn Goodhue Souza Kauluaau of Kāneʻohe graduated with a bachelor’s degree in social work from UH Mānoa this spring. She is currently in the master’s in social work program at UH Mānoa. Marie Richter of Kāneʻohe graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from UH Mānoa this spring. She is currently enrolled in the master’s program in English at UH Mānoa.

The Windward Oʻahu AAUW Branch generates funds to support the **scholarship** program. The Windward Oʻahu **Scholarship** Fund, a nonprofit charitable organization, manages the donations and conducts an Endowment Fund drive each fall by mail. Donations are used to create scholarships in future years.

Donations to the Endowment Fund can be mailed to Windward Oʻahu **Scholarship** Fund, P.O. Box 1683, Kailua, HI 96734. The application process for scholarships begins each November.

Details and application materials can be found at windward-hi.aauw.net/scholarships.
