

# STUDENT PROGRAM

The 2019 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference is pleased to offer an exceptional thread of sessions dedicated to enhancing the conference experience for students. In these sessions, students will learn, develop, and take the lead to present a vision of the future of Hawai'i's School Food System. Students will be able to take what was learned and presented to the next level and become advocates for change at home and at school. Students are encouraged to be active participants during AG2019 by attending conference sessions of their choice during times when a student program is not offered. Refer to AG2019 Day 1 and Day 2 schedules for information on conference sessions, breaks and special events.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### **Opportunities To Transform Hawai'i's Food System**

**Moderator:** Paula Daniels, *Center for Good Food Purchasing*

Introduction to the food system in Hawai'i – what we are getting right and what we KNOW we need to work on – specifically as it impacts our school lunch options. This session will focus on the key gaps (a.k.a., OPPORTUNITIES!) in Hawai'i's food system as it impacts a student's school lunch. Listen to stories from the professionals in the industry who are trying to increase the quality and amount of local agricultural produce on each plate served. Food for thought...

*Includes boxed lunch*

**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

### **Creating a Statewide 2030 Vision of a Resilient, Equitable School Food System for Hawai'i**

**Moderator:** Paula Daniels, *Center for Good Food Purchasing*

Armed with an understanding of the many obstacles keeping local produce off our school cafeteria plates, join local students in discussing how to overcome obstacles by providing a vision for 2030 that will turn Hawai'i's decision-makers (e.g., government agencies, school administrators, the agricultural community) into solution-makers! With the help of industry professionals to confirm facts and to clarify issues, the students will create a clear, concise, written statement to share and post for input from peers and the broader agriculture community.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

### **Next Gen Presents the Future of Hawai'i's School Food System (2030)**

**Moderator:** Paula Daniels, *Center for Good Food Purchasing*

Students share their 2030 vision statements for Hawai'i's School Food System and also present the takeaways from AG2019 Student Sessions, calls to action, how students plan to advocate for change and how you can become a solution-maker.

**9:45 AM - 10:45 AM**

### **An Introduction to Career Opportunities in Agriculture**

**Moderators:** Julia Nemoto and Jonathan Tanouye, *Agricultural Leadership Program Class XVI*

For a thriving agriculture industry in Hawai'i to exist, the number of new farmers must grow. Along with new farmers, it is also important to grow the number of qualified candidates for a wide range of supporting positions that provide services to help ensure the success of our farmers. During this one-hour session, learn about career opportunities in the field of agriculture. Meet professionals that work in Hawai'i's agricultural sector as farmers, ranchers, scientists, managers, administrators, and more. Learn what led each to a career in agriculture and what it took to get there. Participants will have time to ask questions and network with the speakers.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### **Featuring the Future of Agriculture**

**Moderator:** Ken Kozuma, *Waipahu Intermediate FFA*

The average age of a farmer continues to rise because traditional farming methods are becoming less and less appealing to the next generation of agriculturalists. As John F. Kennedy once said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." We need to invest time and resources into our future in order to change our current trajectory of agriculture. Come check out a few of the young rising stars in agriculture from Waipahu. Listen as they share their stories and backgrounds, see some of their recent projects and you'll begin to feel their passion for agriculture and for service. See what they are doing to initiate changes in agriculture. These students exemplify the FFA motto: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

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