



that as been vacant for all but 18 months since the departure of Rev. William Kaina in 1997.

This search, however, was not without controversy. Last year, Rev. Kaleo Patterson failed by just four votes to receive the two-thirds majority needed to become senior pastor, making him the first nominee in the church's 160-year history who was not approved by its members.

Kekuna, 56, has had a long affiliation with Kamehameha Schools, having graduated from the school in 1966 and worked as a chaplain there since 1980. For the last year, he served as senior chaplain at the school's Kea'au campus on Hawai'i Island. Kekuna received his master's degree in youth ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in California in 1973.

Pūnana Leo canoe

In August, 'Aha Pūnana Leo launched the newest member in the venerated family of Hawaiian long-distance voyaging canoes. *Hōkūalaka'i* (guiding star) is a 58-foot double-hulled canoe that will be used as a classroom for students of 'Aha Pūnana Leo's Hawaiian-language immersion schools. The canoe has equipment that will allow students to access the Internet and email on board, and was also designed to be easy enough for a group of young adults to sail.

"*Hōkūalaka'i* is a floating honua, or culture environment, where our language will

thrive," said master navigator Chad Kālepa Baybayan. "It is grounded in the maui, that cultural foundation which is a feature of ['Aha Pūnana Leo] programs."

Baybayan said that the canoe is a unique addition to the voyaging family in that it's the first to be made out of composite materials, including foam and fiberglass, which were chosen for easy maintenance and increased safety. *Hōkūalaka'i* is also the first in the family to be made from a mold, which will enable others to make future canoe hulls easier and faster.

Construction for the mold began in 2001, with some of the most respected Hawaiian canoe builders and voyagers contributing to its design, including, among others, Herb Kāne and Ben Finney, both original founders of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, traditional koa canoe builder Wally Froiseth and master navigator Nainoa Thompson.

LCC classes

Leeward Community College has announced its 2004 fall schedule of non-credit classes that focus on Hawaiian topics.

Originally, LCC's Native Hawaiian Education program was offered tuition-free for Native Hawaiians through a federal grant. However, when the grant expired, organizers decided to continue the program and open it for the whole community. The

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Photo: Carol McDonald

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye shares a moment with Patricia M. Zell, Esq.

Senate Staffer Dr. Patricia M. Zell, Esq. honored in grand Hawaiian style

On Aug. 20, more than 400 people gathered to honor Dr. Patricia M. Zell, Esq., long-time congressional staffer on the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs, who will be leaving her post at the end of the year. For more than two decades, Dr. Zell has advocated for a myriad of programs benefiting American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

"Patricia Zell has her 'fingerprints' on many programs Hawaiians enjoy today," said Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, referring to Pūnana Leo, the Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Alu Like Inc. and many more. Among the formal ho'okupu presented to Zell was a Hawaiian name, "*Kaleikaumakaikahano*" (the beloved person who is looked upon with love, dignity and respect).

"I am truly overwhelmed," said Zell in closing remarks. "I will take this aloha and mana with me and cherish it always."

HAWAIIANS UNITE! MARCH & RALLY FOR JUSTICE

Monday, September 6th • March begins at 10:00 AM from Saratoga Road & Kalākaua to the Waikiki Shell

ADDRESS ISSUES IMPACTING NATIVE HAWAIIANS

1. Repeal City Council Chapter 38

The repealing of Chapter 38 would prevent the force sale of Native Hawaiian trust lands set aside for the benefit of Native Hawaiian Children and Families.

2. Doe vs. Kamehameha Schools

This lawsuit attempts to end the Kamehameha School's admissions preference policy for Native Hawaiians

3. Arakaki vs. State of Hawai'i

This lawsuit attempts to dismantle the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands

MARCH & RALLY SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 AM Meet at Saratoga Rd. and Kalākaua Ave (near Niketown)
- 9:00 AM Pule
- 10:00 AM March from Saratoga to Waikiki Shell
- 12:00 Noon Hawaiian Rally and entertainment at the Waikiki Shell with **SUDDEN RUSH**, **HO'OKENA** and more. . .

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