

March 7 - 15, 2013



W. M. KECK OBSERVATOR



As the Gemini led Journey through the Universe 2013 program came to a close, we all realized the impact that this science education outreach program has had on our community. For each of the past nine years astronomy educators and engineers have visited an average of 7,000 students in 380 classrooms in the Hilo/Waiakea District. This year was no exception and our astronomers/astronomy educators were able to express their passion and excitement for science, engineering, and education and share this enthusiasm with their students.

Dr. Markus Kissler-Patig joined in the classroom presentations and the students at Waiakea High were enthralled with his presentation on astrobiology. Other Gemini staff joined in the expressive joy of astronomy as they enlightened the Journey students.

The Journey through the Universe program nurtures our students' innate curiosity, but also provides workshops for our teachers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and an opportunity for our community members to visit the classrooms alongside our astronomers. Our annual Family Science Event held at the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center was enjoyed by thousands.

Our community partners include observatories on Mauna Kea, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, NASA Lunar Science Institute, the Bank of Hawaii, Big Island Toyota, New West Broadcasting, Hawaii Electric Light Company, just to name a few.

The Hawaii Island and Japanese Chambers of Commerce have also supported this effort monetarily as well as hosting a celebratory event at the Yacht Club for the past several years. The two Chambers' thank you celebration provides a unique opportunity for astronomers, educators, and the business community to discuss and share what is our common goal – to enrich science education in our schools and inspire our children to aim high.

District Superintendent Valerie Takata elaborates, "Our Hilo/Waiakea complex area schools' stellar partnership with the business organizations and community is Journey to the Universe: STEM initiative. As a part of the educational system our complex area is overwhelmed with appreciation for the enthusiasm and energy this initiative has generated for our schools.... students, teachers and administrators and families. This concerted effort has made this grassroots program a sustaining reality.... for the past nine years. We humbly thank the community for their continued support as we all





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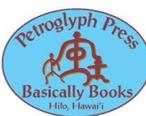
Journey through the Universe
Hilo, Hawai'i
2013

Astronomy Educators

in the classroom

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Sharon Schleigh, Purdue University
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JOURNEY

March 7-15, 2013

through the UNIVERSE Hilo, Hawai'i



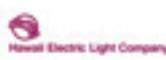
Journey through the Universe 2013

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See Gemini Observatory's [webfeature](#) on Journey 2013

Journey through the Universe (Journey) Week: March 7 – 15, 2013

- **Friday, March 8, 2013, `Imiloa Astronomy Center:**
Master Educators/Astronomers' Workshop: 8:30am – 12pm
- **Saturday, March 9, 2013, `Imiloa:**
Journey STEM conference and workshops: 8am – 2:45pm
Save the Date! Download the [Program Flyer](#)
- **Sunday, March 10, 2013:**
`Imiloa's 7th Annual KTA Family Free Day with *Journey through the Universe*: 9am – 4pm at `Imiloa Astronomy Center. Download the [Program Flier](#), [presentations](#), and [programs](#)
- **Monday - Friday, March 11 - 15, 2013:**
Astronomy Educators will make classroom visits to [Participating Schools](#)
- **Monday, March 11, 2013:**
Hawai'i Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Event: 5pm – 8pm at Hilo Yacht Club, download [registration form](#)



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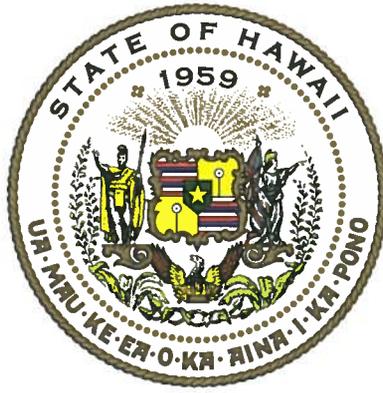
through the UNIVERSE



It Takes a Community! Thank You to Everyone Involved!

- DOE Hilo/Waiakea Complex Area
- Gemini Observatory
- National Center for Earth & Space Science
- Thirty Meter Telescope
- NASA Lunar Science Institute
- University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
- ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center
- Bank of Hawai‘i
- KTA Superstores
- Basically Books
- Big Island Toyota
- Big Island Chevron
- Business - Education Partnership
- Caltech Submillimeter Observatory
- Canada-France-Hawai‘i Telescope
- Carthage University
- DeLuz Chevrolet
- Franklin Institute Science Museum
- Hawai‘i Community College
- Hawai‘i Electric Light Company
- Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce
- Hawai‘i Island Economic Development Board
- Hawai‘i Space Grant Consortium
- Hawai‘i Tribune-Herald
- James Clerk Maxwell Telescope
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Joint Astronomy Centre
- KWXX Radio Station
- Mauna Kea Observatories Outreach Committee
- NASA Infrared Telescope Facility
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- PISCES, Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems
- Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
- Smithsonian Submillimeter Array
- Subaru Telescope
- UH Hilo, College of Pharmacy
- UH Hoku Ke‘a and 2.2 Meter Telescopes
- UH Institute for Astronomy
- United Kingdom Infrared Telescope
- W.M. Keck Observatory

<http://www.gemini.edu/journey>



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Journey through the Universe 2013

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 is an education initiative brought to fruition by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, collaborating students, teachers, families and the public as they explore space and Earth science; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard Crowe, renowned astronomer, in recognition of his research on pulsating stars, stellar evolution and spectroscopy and the inspiration he instilled in children through outreach in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 advances the pleasures of learning in conjunction with this year's "Building a Human Presence in Space" Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conference at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, displaying the magnificence of learning beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 equips teachers with the knowledge and skills to implement stimulating lessons in the classroom relevant to Hawai'i Content and Performance Standards in addition to inspiring positive settings developing cooperative parent and child learning; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 incorporates the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), in which more than 650 students from the Hilo-Waiakea complex area participated in developing investigations and writing proposals and a plan for spaceflight experiment; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 Ambassador's team is a significant contributor to the Journey through the Universe program, representing community members who motivate and support youth by facilitating transportation, distributing educational materials, and coordinating classroom engagements; and

WHEREAS, Journey through the Universe 2013 strengthens the community by partnering with The Gemini Observatory, Hawai'i Department of Education Hilo/Waiakea Complex, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, and observatories on Mauna Kea, as well as all the other contributing organizations in empowering participants with the passion of science; and

WHEREAS, the 9th Annual Journey through the Universe program will take place from March 7 to 15, 2013, on Hawai'i Island;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 7 -13, 2013, as

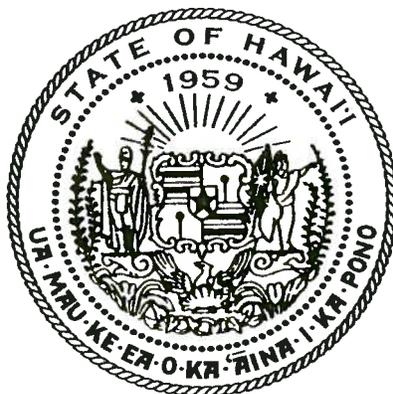
"JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK 2013"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in extending our passion of scientific endeavors appreciating our dazzling universe.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of February, 2013.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i



Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie
“Bringing the Universe to the Classroom”

March 11, 2013

On behalf of the people of Hawai‘i, I extend a heartfelt *aloha* to all Department of Education Hilo/Waiakea Complex Area schools and partners as “Journey through the Universe 2013” promotes science in the classroom in pursuit of attaining National Hawai‘i Content and Performance Standards.

Journey through the Universe will educate both parents and the community to increase their knowledge of space science enterprise. I commend Dr. Scott Fisher for his work in supporting scientific exploration, instrument maintenance and outreach to the public and scientific community. Thrilled by his passion, future scientists are inspired by his experiences in astronomy observation and research, particularly within his main area of research of planet-forming disks around young stars.

I want to personally thank all the participants and event sponsors as they further encourage the children of Hawai‘i to explore space science and follow Dr. Fisher’s example of reaching for the stars.

Again, I would like to congratulate all those who made this event possible and share my deepest appreciation for your hard work. *Mahalo*.

Aloha,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i



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I commend Dr. Gordon Squires, astronomer at the California Institute of Technology, for his work providing scientific research support the Thirty Meter Telescopes. Dr. Squires' primary area of research explores the old, cold and distant universe; understanding how galaxies formed billions of years ago; and the nature of the dark matter and dark energy that fills space.

I wish to personally thank all participants and event sponsor for encouraging the children of Hawai‘i to explore space science and follow Dr. Squires' example of pushing the very limits of scientific knowledge and research.

Again, I would like to congratulate all those who made this event possible and share my deepest appreciation for your hard work. *Mahalo*.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Neil Abercrombie'.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

COUNTY OF HAWAII

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education's (NCESS) central objective is to continue America's legacy as a leader on the frontiers of science and technology well into the 21st century by ensuring a scientifically literate public and a next generation of scientists and engineers; and

WHEREAS, NCESS is joined by the local scientific community beginning with Gemini Observatory, Joint Astronomy Centre, Subaru Telescope, Thirty Meter Telescope, Submillimeter Array, National Radio Observatory Telescope, Hoku Ke'a Telescope, James Clerk Maxwell Telescope, Nasa Infrared Telescope, United Kingdom Infrared Telescope, UH Institute for Astronomy, Caltech Submillimeter Observatory, W. M. Keck Observatory, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, UH-Hilo Physics & Astronomy, Onizuka Visitor Information Station, Mauna Kea Support Services, Mauna Kea Observatories Outreach Committee, University of Wyoming and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, partnered with the Department of Education Hilo/Waiakea Complex Area, "Journey Through the Universe" continues for a 9th year on March 7-15, 2013, and features a full nine days of whirlwind cosmic exploration and 'star-studded' space and science education for students, teachers, and parents as a national team of approximately 70 astronomers working on the frontier of space visit students in 380 classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i fully encourages and supports the educators who perpetuate learning and exploration of our universe in order to excite our youth about the future; and

WHEREAS, there are only ten sites across the country and the Hilo site has been recognized as the flagship "Journey" program in the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 7-15, 2013, as

JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK

in the County of Hawai'i and urge all citizens to be mindful of the great contributions that astronomy makes to the educational and economic betterment of our island's people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 3rd day of January, 2013, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR

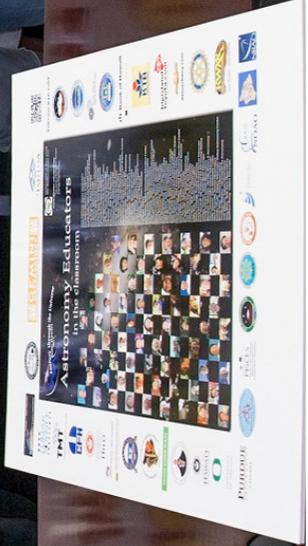


Journey Through The Universe

March 7-15, 2013

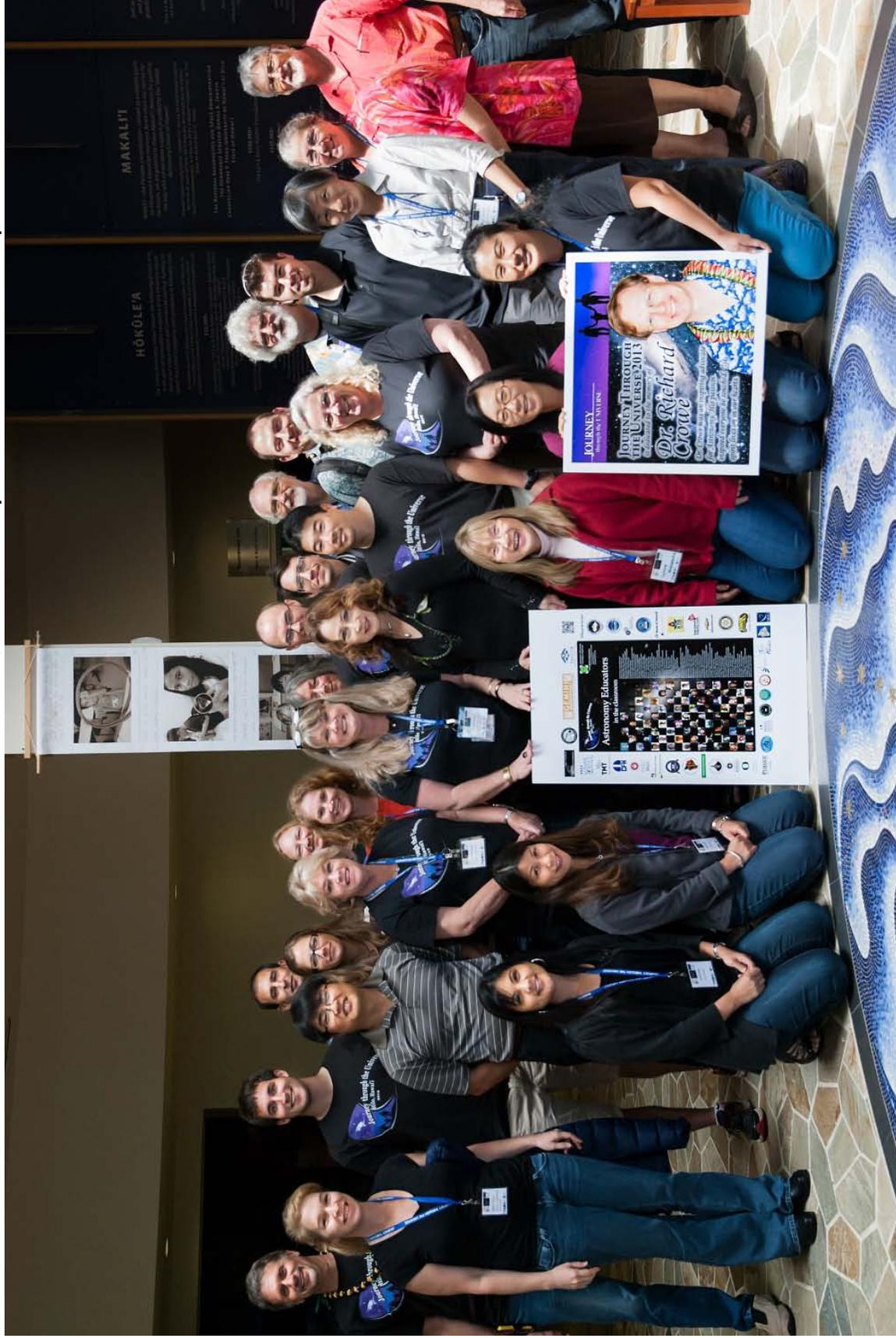
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Journey 2013 Ambassadors

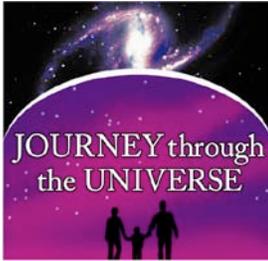
Master Educator and Astronomers/Astronomy Educator Workshop



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Hilo / Waiākea Complex Area Schools and Partners*

Journey through the Universe

S.T.E.M. Conference



Building a Human Presence in Space

*Engaging Students in Science, Technology, Engineering and
Math Learning Experiences within and Beyond the Classroom*

Saturday, March 9, 2013 'Imiloa Astronomy



Featuring

DR. JEFF GOLDSTEIN

**CENTER DIRECTOR: NCESS
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION**

Jeff Goldstein is a nationally recognized science educator and planetary scientist who has dedicated his career to the public understanding of science and the joys of learning. As Center Director for the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESS), Dr. Goldstein oversees the creation and delivery of programs that engage entire communities, train 3,000 teachers annually, and emphasize family learning. He led the inter-organization team that permanently installed the Voyage model Solar System on the National Mall in Washington, DC, in front of the Smithsonian. The Voyage National Program is permanently installing low cost replicas in 100 communities world-wide. Dr. Goldstein also oversees the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) providing real research opportunities for pre-college students on the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. Dr. Goldstein was the Keynote Speaker for the NSTA National Conference in San Francisco, CA, March 2011 and for our 2012 S.T.E.M. Conference in Hilo, HI.

Dr. Goldstein was at the National Air and Space Museum for 8 years, departing in 1996 as acting Chair of the Lab for Astrophysics. He was on the senior staff at Challenger Center 1996-2005. In 2005 he created the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education. Visit Jeff at blogontheuniverse.org

<http://www.gemini.edu/journey>

*Invitational Event for Hawaii Department of Education
Hilo / Waiakea Complex Area Schools and Partners*

Featured Breakout Speakers:



Brian Day

NASA Lunar Science Institute

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Brian Day is a NASA contractor at Ames Research Center and currently serves as the Education/Public Outreach Lead for NASA's Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) mission to the Moon, scheduled for launch in 2013. Brian has played key roles in various NASA Mars Analog Field Studies, providing technical support in the field for webcasts and robotic rover tests in extreme environments here on Earth. Brian has worked as an instructor in San Jose State University's Internet Business Specialist program, and has taught astronomy through the Metropolitan Education District in San Jose and as part of Project Astro. He is very active in the amateur astronomy community and served as the chairman of the Foothill College Observatory for 16 years. Brian and his wife Pam are avid solar eclipse chasers, having traveled around the world to such exotic places as the wilds of Africa, heights of the Andes to the Great Wall of China and beer gardens of Germany.



Olivier Guyon

Subaru Telescope

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Olivier Guyon is an astronomer at the Subaru Telescope. He started looking at stars from the age of 10, and he is now both an avid amateur astronomer and a professional astronomer. Olivier graduated from University of Paris 6 in 2002 (Ph.D. research topic: wide field interferometry), and now works with other scientists to directly observe exoplanets. Olivier has been developing new techniques for imaging exoplanets (planets around other stars) from telescopes on Earth and also future telescopes in space. With these new techniques, astronomers will soon be able to observe planets like ours and start to find out if there is life elsewhere in the Universe. In 2007, Olivier received a Presidential Early Career for Scientists and Engineers award from President Bush at the White House. Olivier was awarded the MacArthur fellowship (nicknamed the "Genius grant") for his innovative work in astronomical optics in 2012. In his spare time, he builds telescopes which he then uses to observe from the clear skies of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa.

State S.T.E.M Resource Teachers

Journey through the Universe Presentations

9:30am in the planetarium

The Quest for Alien Worlds

Olivier Guyon, Subaru Telescope



Are we alone in the Universe?
If there are other planets with life on them,
what are those planets like?
Find out how astronomers are answering these
questions.

10:30am in the planetarium

Max Goes to the Moon Planetarium Show

Matt Benjamin, NASA Lunar Science Institute



11:30am in the planetarium

Exploring the Moon with NASA

Brian Day, NASA Lunar Science Institute



Find out how students and the general
public can become direct participants
in current NASA lunar missions that are
dramatically changing our understanding
of the Moon. No special background, or equipment is
required. Volunteers from grade school to retirement
homes are now making important observations
contributing to the science of lunar exploration. Learn
how you can join in the adventure!

12:30pm in the planetarium

Weird Universe

Gordon Squires, California Institute of Technology

Dr. Gordon K. Squires, an astronomer with the
Thirty Meter Telescope project, will describe
his favorite weird and strange things about
the Universe. How are aneima and exploding
stars related? Why might aliens (if they
exist) not like people with cold noses? Why is water
weird? Why are there planets everywhere? How
does a dying star create new suns? This talk will be
a voyage and exploration through the "Hidden and
Strange Universe". We will also discuss how the next-
generation telescopes, including TMT, will change
our view of the Universe, and uncover even stranger
things than we can imagine today.



1:30pm in the planetarium

What's Up? Pictures and Stories about New Discoveries in Astronomy

Scott Fisher, University of Oregon

Dr. Scott Fisher, a professor at the University
of Oregon and former astronomer at the
Gemini Observatory, will return to Hilo to
give a talk about exciting new astronomical
discoveries. From new planets orbiting other
stars to supernovae exploding on the other side of the
Universe, Dr. Fisher will explain these new discoveries
in a presentation that is full of great new photos and
videos. All of this presentation will be made at a level
appropriate for all ages and for all levels of astronomy
knowledge. Dr. Fisher will also host a game of "Stump
the Astronomer" where audience members get to ask
questions about the discoveries discussed in the talk -
or about any astronomy related topic!



2:30pm in the Earl & Doris Bakken Moanahōkū Hall

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Present, and Inspiring the Future

Jeff Goldstein, NCSSE



We live in a moment in time. It's the place
where the accomplishments of those that
came before us meet up with what will be
undertaken by future generations. It's a
great place to be, especially if you're part
of the future generation. By learning about
the past both in terms of what we know and how
we've come to know it, and talking to those that work
on the frontiers right now, you can choose to shape
the future. It's pretty powerful stuff. You are the link
between the past and the future.



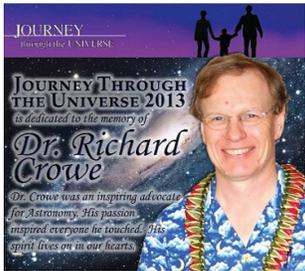
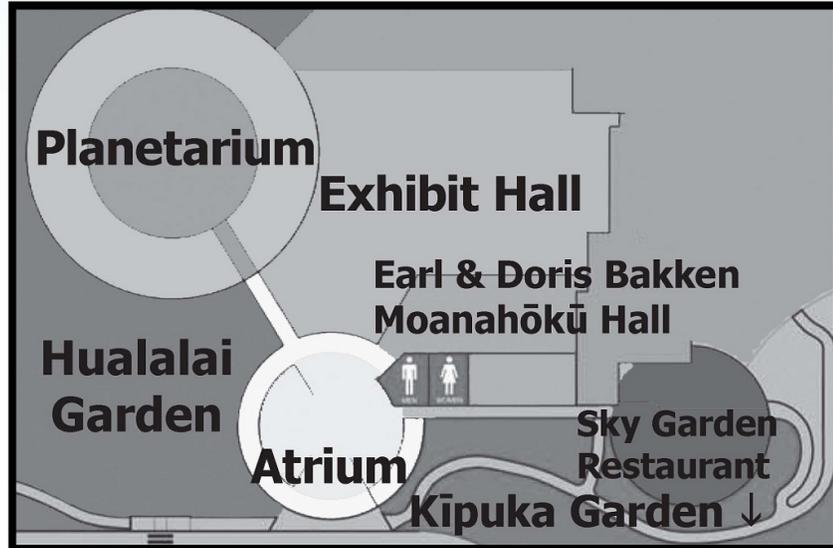
Mahalo for celebrating with us on our 7th Birthday!

KTA Family FREE Day with **Journey through the Universe**

March 10, 2013 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



UNIVERSITY
of HAWAI'I®
HILO



At the Entrance

Giveaways for keiki
Membership Information
KWXX FM

In the Moanahōkū Hall

Birthday Cake
Maunakea Observatories
'Imiloa Education Activity Booth

Keynote Address
by **Dr. Jeff Goldstein at 2:30pm**

In the Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall guides throughout
STARBASE Hawaii flight simulators

In the Hualalai Garden

KTA Super Stores
Cookout

In the Kīpuka Garden

Hands-on activities by UH-Hilo
Big Island Invasive Species Committee

In the Planetarium

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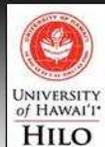
Astronomy Educators Reception

**Monday March 11, 2013
5pm to 8pm Hilo Yacht Club**

We invite you to celebrate Journey Week!
Meet and greet National Science Team members plus the many astronomers and educators who are delivering this fantastic educational program to our K-12 schools.

Join the business community in thanking them for their commitment to the Journey Through the Universe program.

- Pupus
- No Host Cocktails & Beverages
- Door Prizes
- JCCIH & HICC members \$25
- Non-members & guests \$30



**Sponsored by the
Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce
and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai'i**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013
No-shows or cancellations after March 1 will be charged in full.

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Welcome to the Journey Through The Universe Astronomy Educators Reception

Mahalo to our 2013 Astronomy Educators

Program

Master of Ceremonies

Vaughn Cook, President
Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce

Welcome

Jon Arizumi, President
Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

Introductions

Janice Harvey
Gemini Observatory, Journey Through the Universe Team Leader

Governor Neil Abercrombie
State of Hawai'i

Mayor Billy Kenoi
County of Hawai'i

Jeff Goldstein
"A Place Called Home"

Kathryn S. Matayoshi, State Superintendent
Department of Education

Valerie Takata, District Superintendent
Department of Education

Dr. Markus Kissler-Patig, Director
Gemini Observatory

Door Prizes

Nobuo Arimoto	Eric Jeschke	Christopher Phillips
Brad Bailey	Russell Kackley	Tae-Soo Pyo
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Saeko Hayashi	Janet Nathani	Joshua Williams
Michael Hoenig	Harriet Parsons	Pierre Martin
Stewart Hunter	Geoff Patterson	Sylvana Yelda



SPORTS

Warrior works hard to find college home
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CALENDAR

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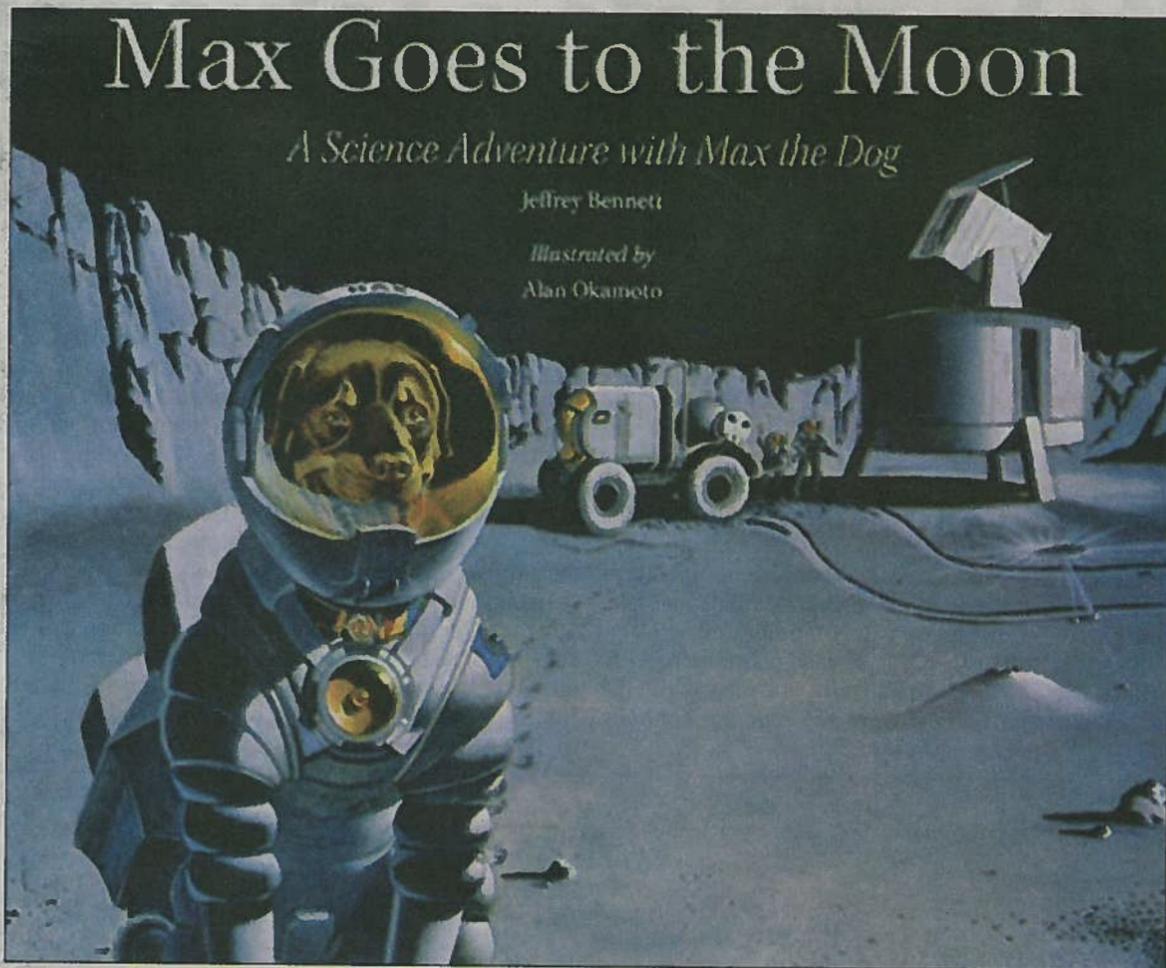
First lady promotes healthy eating
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WEEKLY SECTIONS

- Sunday TRAVEL
- Tuesday GRINDS
- Wednesday LIFE
- Thursday BUSINESS
- Friday ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
- ▶ Saturday CALENDAR

CALENDAR

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Courtesy photo

SPEND SUNDAY AT 'IMILOA — Celebrate 'Imiloa Astronomy Center's seventh anniversary at the annual KTA Family Free Day, featuring "Journey through the Universe." The exhibit hall and planetarium presentations will be free to the public. Among the many activities will be a 10:30 a.m. presentation on "Max Goes to the Moon," based on the popular children's space series.

WHAT'S HOT

SUNDAY, March 10

'JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE' & KTA FREE DAY AT 'IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER

Where: 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, 600 'Imiloa Place, Hilo

When: 9:30 a.m. March 10

Details: Celebrate 'Imiloa Astronomy Center's seventh anniversary at the annual KTA Family Free Day, featuring "Journey through the Universe." The exhibit hall and planetarium presentations will be free to the public. Here is schedule for the "Journey Through the Universe Family Science Day": 9:30 a.m., "The Quest for Alien Worlds"; 10:30 a.m., "Max Goes to the Moon"; 11:30 a.m., "Exploring the Moon with NASA"; 12:30 p.m., "Weird Science"; 1:30 p.m., "What's Up? Pictures and



Stories about new Discoveries in Astronomy"; 2:30 p.m., "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Present and Inspiring the Future."

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HUI OKINAWA TAIKO, MARK YAMANAKA AT BENEFIT FOR TOHOKU EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI

Where: Hawaii Community College cafeteria, Hilo

When: 4 p.m. March 10

Details: Support children in Japan who need physical and emotional assistance after 2011 disaster. Family-friendly benefit will include performance by Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko drum, food booth and silent auction of items donated by local businesses and artists. Mark Yamanaka will sing. Proceeds benefit Japanese organizations.

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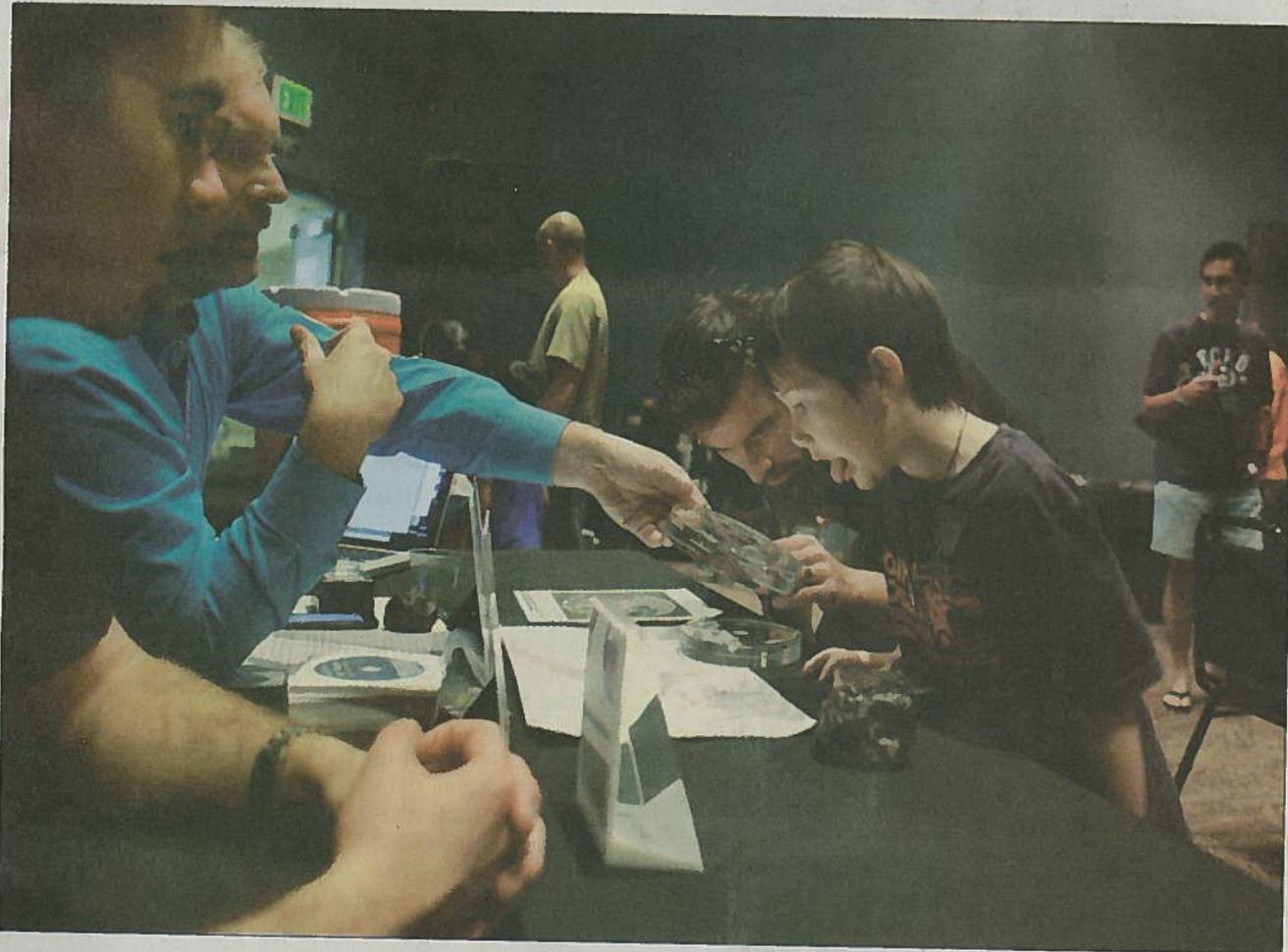
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Arjuna Lake, 6, reacts to seeing samples from a meteorite with his father, Drew, that are being shown to him by engineer Joe Minafra and astrophysicist Matt Benjamin at the "Ask a NASA Scientist" table during "Journey through the Universe" at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center on Sunday afternoon.

'Inspire the future'

'Imiloa marks birthday with special exhibits, presentations

By COLIN M. STEWART
Tribune-Herald staff writer

This moment in time, right now as you read this sentence, is an incredibly important one. Why you ask?

Because this place in time is where all the accomplishments of the people who came before us intersect with and inspire the future generations and all the wondrous discoveries that they will one day make.

And that's a pretty good place to be, argued Jeff Goldstein, astrophysicist and director of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education.

Right now is our opportunity to take the ball and run with it when it comes to scientific discovery, or any other pursuit for that matter. We have to "push the envelope as far as we can," he said Sunday afternoon as he spoke at the

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UH-Hilo astronomy student Krystal Schlechter aligns a solar scope to see solar storms on the sun during "Journey through the Universe" at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center on Sunday.

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'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii as part of Journey through the Universe's Journey Week, which brings world-renowned scientists and educators to area schools to share with Hawaii Island's keiki their love for the pursuit of knowledge.

Such an effort is important, he said, because "eventually, we'll reach the point where we'll say to our kids 'I've gone as far as I can, and now it's your turn to keep this dream alive ... so you can take the human race to somewhere we've never been before, to inspire the future," he said.

Sunday marked the seventh birthday for 'Imiloa, a place that largely embodies the themes of which Goldstein spoke — a place where the study of Hawaii's ancestors and their tradition of voyaging using the stars as guides goes hand in hand with the modern science of astronomy utilizing the worldclass telescopes atop Mauna Kea.

Sponsored by KTA, the day offered free admission to families, with nearly 2,000 people coming through the doors, said Margaret Shiba, director of institutional advancement. There was a cookout with birthday cake, and plenty of exhibits and presentations to entertain and inform all ages.

"It's an opportunity for us to enjoy a real family day here," said 'Imiloa Director Ka'iu Kimura. "We can open our doors and say 'Thank you for your support over the years.'"

Matt Benjamin, an astrophysicist with the NASA Lunar Science Institute, sat with a colleague at a table in 'Imiloa's exhibit hall as kids raced back and forth taking in all the



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Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity president Janine Masri shows Edwin Wouterloot, 4, how to make silly putty out of diluted glue and borax at the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy table during "Journey Through the Universe" at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center on Sunday afternoon.

sights and sounds. On the table in front of him were two meteorites, each a bit smaller than a baseball, and two large glass discs with rocks and dust incased inside them.

"This is my favorite," he said, spinning one of the discs in his hand and pointing to one of the rocks inside. "This was brought back by the Apollo astronauts from the moon. ... That right there is 4.5 billion years old. It's older than the Earth."

Six-year-old Arjuna Lake was so impressed by that statement, he declined to pick up the disc when it was offered.

"No way, what if I drop it?" Arjuna said.

The boy did, however, take a shine to one of the meteorites, which he said looked just like a large

hunk of chocolate with a bite taken out of it.

"This is such a great opportunity," Benjamin said of coming to Hilo for the second year in a row. "We come out here, and in a week we get to impact up to 7,500 kids. They all have such different perceptions, and different questions. They're so pristine. They haven't been tainted yet by all the bad information out there."

University of Hawaii at Hilo astronomy students Nick Ackerman and Krystal Schlechter operated a telescope out in front of the building, allowing attendees to get a filtered, up-close-and-personal look at the sun during the brief interludes when Hilo's rain clouds opted to play along.

"It's white through the filter, so some kids have

told us it looks like the moon," Schlechter said.

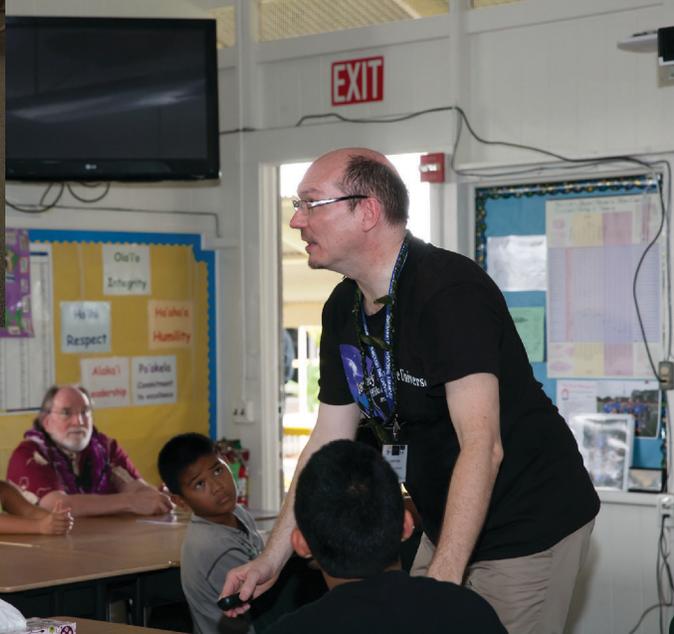
"And it does. There haven't been a lot of sunspots lately, so there's not as much exciting going on, but they still like to look at it."

About 70 astronomers and educators will be visiting classrooms throughout the Hilo-Waiakea school complex, today through Friday. The complex is one of 10 communities across the country that participate in Journey through the Universe, a national science education initiative developed by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education.

For more information on the program, visit <http://www.gemini.edu/journey>.

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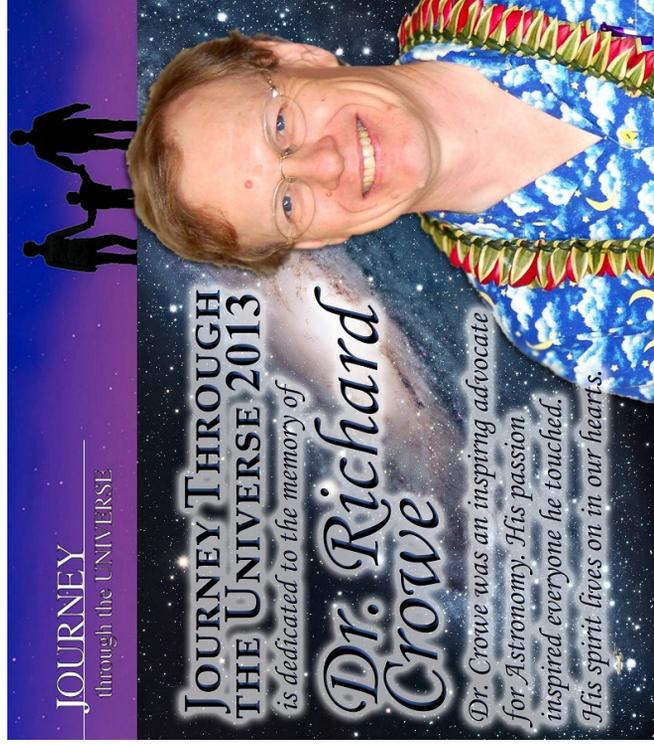
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*Dr. Crowe was an inspiring advocate
for Astronomy. His passion
inspired everyone he touched.
His spirit lives on in our hearts.*

The background features a portrait of Dr. Richard Crowe, a smiling man with glasses wearing a blue and red patterned lei. To the left, a silhouette of a family (two adults and a child) holding hands is set against a purple and blue gradient. The overall theme is space and astronomy.



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Nobuo Arimoto's intense interest in astronomy began when a neighbor showed him how to use a telescope when he was 11 years old. He went on to become a student of astronomy at Tohoku University, where he received his Ph.D. in astronomy in 1980. He has held positions the Observatoire de Paris-Meudon in France (1984-1988), the University of Durham in the United Kingdom (1988-1991), the Universitaet der Heidelberg in Germany (1991-1993), the Institute of Astronomy at the University of Tokyo in Japan (1993-2001), and NAOJ in Japan (2001-2012). He served as part of Subaru's Time Allocation Committee (2000-2004) and as Chair of the Subaru Advisory Committee (2004-2012). He took over Director of the Subaru Telescope in April of this year (2012). A heavy user of Subaru's telescope (59 nights as a principal investigator in a little over a decade), Dr. Arimoto focuses his scientific research on understanding galaxy evolution and the properties of individual stars within galaxies.



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Brad Bailey received his B.S. in Physics with minors in optics, chemistry and Japanese from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. In 1998, Brad was accepted into the NASA Ames Astrobiology Academy where he worked on the spectroscopic determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the interstellar medium. From there, he received his M.S. in Astrophysics from New Mexico Tech where he used the Very Large Array (VLA) to qualitatively analyze spectra from pulsars. After working for two years at NASA Ames as a hardware engineer for the International Space Station, Brad went back to graduate school at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego where completed his Ph.D. in marine microbiology and geochemistry. His Ph.D. work included diving into submarine volcanoes in Hawaii and Samoa via small submersibles to study the interaction between biology, hydrothermal vent water chemistry and rock surfaces. Brad is now the NASA Lunar Science Institute Staff Scientist at NASA Ames and also directs the NASA Ames Academy, a summer student research and leadership development program.



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Matt Benjamin is the Producer and Education Programs Manager at Fiske Planetarium at the University of Colorado Boulder. He has a degree in Astrophysics from the University of Colorado. Matt also works for the one of the NASA Lunar Science Institute (NLSI) teams - the Lunar University Network for Astrophysics Research (LUNAR) as assistant E/PO lead. He has written and produced half a dozen planetarium shows that are shown both nationally and internationally. He also created the locally successful lecture series, "Colorado Skies". Matt has been a Co-investigator on about 15 funded grants from NASA, NOAA and NSF.



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Jennie Berghuis is an Assistant Telescope Operator for Subaru Telescope. She did her education at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, graduating with a B.S. in Astronomy in 2007. She gained experience through locally offered internships included studying and reducing asteroid research data collected at NASA's Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF), working as a Night Attendant for IRTF, assisting in the fabrication, assembly, and organization of Subaru's HiCIAO instrument project, and building a remotely-controlled telescope dome currently in operation on Mauna Loa. She enjoys adventure, backcountry hiking, skydiving, surfing, paddling, snowboarding, movies, playing music, and most importantly: looking up!



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Kim Brenton is an Interpretive Guide and the Volunteer Coordinator at the Visitor Information Station on Mauna Kea. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in 2011 with bachelor degrees in both physics and astronomy. Originally an art major, Kim decided to pursue her undergraduate studies in astronomy shortly after completing an astronomy 101 course at Montgomery College in Maryland. Kim intends on continuing her education with a master's degree, possibly in materials engineering. When not working on the mountain showing the stars to visitors, she enjoys relaxing at the beach, light hiking, and building her photography portfolio.

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Sandra Dawson is Manager, Hawai'i Community Relations, for the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope Project. Dawson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in International Studies from Claremont Graduate University. For 20 years as an employee of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) she worked at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on some of JPL's largest projects for NASA, including the Galileo, Cassini and Mars missions, and received numerous group and individual awards. She retired from Caltech in December and is now on the staff of the TMT Observatory Corporation. She lives in Hilo with her husband Dwayne.



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Brian Day is a NASA contractor at Ames Research Center. His duties there have included serving as Education and Public Outreach Lead for NASA's LROSS lunar impactor mission and for the upcoming Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer mission. His hobbies and professional life focus on astronomy. For 16 years, he was chairman of the Foothill College Observatory. Brian and his wife Pam are avid solar eclipse chasers, having traveled around the world to see eight total, five annular, and numerous partial eclipses from such exotic locations as the wilds of Africa, the heights of the Andes, the jungles of Central America, the Australian Outback, the frozen wastes of Northern Mongolia, the base of the Great Wall of China, and the beer gardens of Germany.



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Jeff Donahue is Senior Laser Technician at Gemini Observatory. He supports the laser guide star, preparing the laser for each laser run. Jeff and his wife came from Oregon, where he spent 17 years at Hewlett Packard. Jeff also worked in Corvallis, Oregon as an electronic and laser maintenance technician supporting Inkjet Manufacturing. Jeff has a B.S. degree in Industrial Technology from Central Washington University and an A.S. degree in Electronic Engineering Technology from Linn Benton Community College. In addition to his laser activities, Jeff enjoys snorkelling and exploring the Big Island.



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Angelic Ebberts is a Senior Software Engineer for Gemini Observatory. She is part of the Software Operations group as well as a Telescope Technical Manager. Angelic specializes in motion control systems, EPICS real-time development, and troubleshooting. Angelic earned a B.Sc. from York University in the Space and Communications Sciences stream, with Honors in Computer Science and Physics, plus a minor in Astronomy. Prior to joining Gemini, Angelic worked for The Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics as well as the University of Toronto Southern Observatory in Chile. Outside of work, Angelic can be found training/competing in Dog Agility, scuba diving, or reading a good science fiction book.



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Scott Fisher is a faculty member within the University of Oregon, Department of Physics, where he teaches astronomy courses and serves as the Director of Outreach for the department. Scott previously worked at the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC where he was responsible for selecting and funding astronomy programs across the United States. Before his time in Washington, Scott worked as a staff member of the Gemini Observatory as an instrument scientist, and as a member of the Gemini Outreach team. Scott lived in Hilo-town for just over 10 years while he worked at Gemini. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2001 after working his way through the Florida state school system, including a stint at Lake Sumter Community College. Scott's main area of research is searching for and studying planet-forming disks around young stars. He is also involved with the design, construction, and use of infrared camera systems that are used on some of the biggest telescopes in the world. He has spent approximately 350 nights observing from the summit of Mauna Kea since his first trip to Hawai'i in 1996. In addition to his love of astronomy, Scott is an amateur photographer and a Geocacher.



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Gary Fujihara was born in Honolulu, and a resident of Hilo since 1980, with a background in graphic arts, music and computer software engineering, Gary heads the Office of Science Education and Public Outreach at UH Institute for Astronomy. While he was a telescope operator at Subaru in 2002, Gary founded **Astro Day**, a nationally recognized and award-winning annual event that attracts over 15,000 people every year in Hilo. Gary has been a NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar system Ambassador since 2004, and is a member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the Astronomical League and the International Dark Sky Association.



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Roy Gal received his B.A. in Astrophysics from Columbia University in 1994, and his Ph.D. in Astronomy from Caltech in 2001, detecting and studying galaxy clusters from the 2nd Palomar Sky Survey. He then worked on the Sloan Digital Sky Survey at Johns Hopkins University, followed by three years at U.C. Davis, studying galaxy evolution in clusters that formed when the Universe was half its present age. He has been a faculty member at UH Manoa's Institute for Astronomy for six years, continuing to study the evolution of galaxies, while teaching Honors and regular astronomy classes and also heading the Friends of the Institute for Astronomy.



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Tom Geballe obtained a Ph.D. in physics in 1974 under Prof. Charles Townes at U.C. Berkeley. Following postdoctoral fellowships at Berkeley, Leiden, and a Carnegie Fellowship at Hale Observatories in Pasadena, he became a staff astronomer at the United Kingdom Infrared Telescope (UKIRT) in 1981. He was Astronomer-in-charge, Associate Director, and Head of Operations at UKIRT from 1987 until 1998. Among his research interests are the galactic center, the physics of quiescent and shocked molecular clouds, the late stages of stellar evolution, the composition of interstellar dust, the surfaces, atmospheres, and aurorae of planets and moons, and brown dwarfs. Recent significant papers include spectroscopy/classification of brown dwarfs, detection of H₃ in both dark and diffuse interstellar clouds, and infrared evolution of erupting stars V838 Monocerotis and Sakurai's Object.



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Jeff Goldstein is a nationally recognized science educator and planetary scientist who has dedicated his career to the public understanding of science and the Joys of learning. As Center Director for the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, Jeff oversees the creation and delivery of programs that engage entire communities, train 3,000 teachers annually, and emphasize family learning. He led the inter-organization team that permanently installed the Voyage model Solar System on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in front of the Smithsonian. The Voyage National Program is permanently installing low-cost replicas in 100 communities world-wide. Jeff also oversees the Student Spacelight Experiments Program (SSEP) that provides real research opportunities for pre-college students on the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. Jeff was the keynote Speakers for the NSTA National Conference in San Francisco, California, in March 2011. Jeff was acting Chair of the Lab for Astrophysics. He was on the senior staff at Challenger Center from 1996-2005. In 2005 he created the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education. Visit Jeff's website at <http://blogontheuniverse.org>.



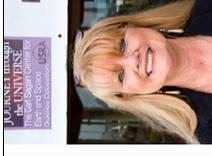
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Olivier Guyon is an astronomer at the Subaru Telescope. He started looking at stars from the age of 10, and he is now both an avid amateur astronomer and a professional astronomer. Olivier graduated from University of Paris 6 in 2002 (Ph.D. research topic: wide field interferometry), and now works with other scientists to directly observe exoplanets. Olivier has been developing new techniques for imaging exoplanets (planets around other stars) from telescopes on Earth and also future telescopes in space. With these new techniques, astronomers will soon be able to observe planets like ours and start to find out if there is life elsewhere in the Universe. In 2007, Olivier received a Presidential Early Career for Scientists and Engineers award from President Bush at the White House. Olivier received in 2012 the MacArthur fellowship (nicknamed the "Genius grant") for his innovative work in astronomical optics. In his spare time, he builds telescopes which he then uses to observe from the clear skies of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa.



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John Hamilton is currently serving as Deputy Director of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) based at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. An astronomer by trade, he has been associated with space exploration since 1972 with the Skylab missions, spent most of his career supporting astronomical observations at multiple observatories in Hawai'i on Haleakala and Mauna Kea and also in Chile. He has most recently managed the first two international ISRU analog field tests in Hawai'i in 2008 and 2010 and is currently working on the 2012 deployment. John currently teaches undergraduates in Physics and Astronomy courses at UH Hilo. He also serves as co-founder and chief scientist for a local high-tech R&D company Akeakamai Enterprises LLC.



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Saeko S. Hayashi grew up in Tohoku, a northeastern region of Japan, where she spent part of her childhood in Fukushima. After graduating from a local high school, she boldly went on to attend Tokyo University as one of the few women undergraduates (1% in STEM majors); she continued there and became the first woman to enroll as a full-time student in the Ph.D. astronomy program. She conducted her graduate research at the 45-m radio telescope in Nobeyama, Japan. After receiving her doctorate, she worked at the 15-m James Clerk Maxwell Telescope in Hawai'i and then was a staff member of the 7.5-m Japan National Large Telescope (JNLT) project, which began at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan in 1990, and later became known as the Subaru Telescope. She has performed a variety of roles at Subaru from fixing mirrors and managing day crews to currently managing the Public Information and Outreach Office. She hopes to participate in the publication of research that will lead to major discoveries of Earth-like exoplanets, possibly with water and vegetation. Saeko is also an active member of the **Rotary Club of Hilo**. She says, "Subaru Telescope, where people from all over the world come together and work with each other, is a great place to work. The challenges of working at the Mauna Kea summit and the satisfaction of community life in Hilo enrich family life".

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Michael Hoenig is currently working as a Data Analysis Specialist at Gemini Observatory. He did his undergraduate degree in Astrophysics at the University of Sussex (England) in the mid-1990s, and then went on to do a Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge, which he completed in 2004. His thesis centered around the construction of a wide field infrared camera called CIRS, which meant he ended up going on a number of observing trips to Mauna Kea and the Canary Islands. Once all the data from the instrument was properly reduced and calibrated, it was used to search for distant clusters of galaxies - and he is happy to report he actually found some, too. After his Ph.D. he worked in translation and publishing for a few years. He is thrilled to be back in astronomy and back in Hawai'i. When he's not examining data from the telescope, he likes to go to the beach, read a good book or dance Argentine tango.



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Stewart Hunter has been the General Manager at Mauna Kea Observatories Services (MKSS) since 2010. MKSS operates and maintains the mid-level astronomy facilities at Hale Pohaku on Mauna Kea. This includes the astronomy dormitories, the dining facility and the Visitor Information Station as well as maintaining the summit roads. Prior to working at MKSS, Stewart spent 24 years in the Navy, serving on submarines as an electronics technician, then after receiving a commission, a logistics officer until retiring in 2004 as a Lieutenant Commander. He received a BS in Earth Science from Oregon State University in 1991 and a MS in Systems Management from the Naval Post Graduate School in 1999. Stewart and his wife Lory have been Hilo residents since 2000, where they also own and operate a local Bed and Breakfast.



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Russell Kackley holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University. He worked for 16 years on spacecraft design and analysis at Lockheed-Martin before moving to Hawai'i. Here in Hilo, he worked for 11 years at the Joint Astronomy Centre and was responsible for the Telescope Control System software. Since April 2011, he has been working at the Subaru Telescope in the Observation Control Software group. He also mentors the Waialea Intermediate and Honoka'a High School robotics teams.



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Rob Kelso has worked for NASA for 38 years at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. During the late 1980's and 90's, Rob served as a Shuttle Flight Director in NASA's famed Mission Control Center (MCC) while directing 25 Space Shuttle missions. His role as Flight Director is the same as Gene Kranz (*Failure is Not an Option*) in the movie "Apollo 13" starring Tom Hanks. During the missions, Rob often used the NASA and Air Force tracking/communications ground stations in Hawaii to monitor the Shuttle and communicate with the astronauts. He is currently the Executive Director of PISCES (Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems) in Hilo. PISCES is responsible for conducting robotic operations on the Big Island for testing planetary surface technologies before launch. He has a bachelor's degree in physics and an MBA in public management.



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Markus Kissler-Patig grew up in Switzerland and France before moving to Germany for his university studies. He obtained his PhD in astrophysics in 1997 from the University of Bonn and held post-doctoral positions at the University of California Santa Cruz and the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in Germany. He joined the latter as faculty in 2000 as instrument scientist for a series of instruments for ESO's Very Large Telescope. In 2008, he took up the position of project scientist for the 40m European Extremely Large Telescope. In August 2012, Markus Kissler-Patig joined the Gemini Observatory as director. He remains an adjunct professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich where he has been teaching astrophysics and astrobriology since 2005.



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Shawn Laatsch is Planetarium Manager for the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii'. He serves as an Executive Officer in the International Planetarium Society, the world's largest organization of planetarium professionals. Over the past 24 years Shawn has been actively involved in planetarium program development and astronomy education in museum, university, and K-12 settings. He is also actively involved in astronomy outreach and education and is a NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador. He has taught astronomy at the University of Louisville, East Carolina University, and Pitt Community College. In 2008 he received the International Planetarium Society's Service Award for dedication to the planetarium field, and in 2010, Shawn and Richard Crowe each won the **Taniguchi Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award** for their teamwork teaching introductory astronomy in the 'Imiloa planetarium. He has a passion for cultural and historical astronomy and worked on a major program for the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. Prior to his position at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii', he served as the Director of the Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville and the Arthur Storer Planetarium in Prince Frederick, Maryland. He has been an invited guest speaker on astronomy and planetariums in Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Greece, Japan, New Zealand, and Russia.



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Bernhard Laurich received his Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, where he studied the electronic properties of silicon. In 1986 he moved to the U.S. and spent 10 years at the Los Alamos National Laboratory doing research on layered inorganic and organic semiconductors and their structural, electric and electro-optic properties. In 1996 he followed his passion to create and foster interest in science, and since that time he has been teaching Physics, Chemistry and Astronomy at Hawaii'i Community College. His most recent interests are astrobriology and sustainable energy systems.



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Frantz Martinache grew up in France and graduated from the University of Marseille in 2005 with a Ph.D. in astronomy, completed under the direction of optical interferometry pioneer Prof. Antoine Labeyrie. His Ph.D. work also included a 7- month internship at the Subaru Telescope in Hilo, during which time he fell for the Big Island. His research interests include low mass stars, brown dwarfs and extrasolar planets. However, instead of simply using telescopes and instruments the way they were designed (which is too boring), he likes to tinker and tweak, and have the instruments do new things. He came back to the Subaru Telescope in the fall of 2008 to assemble and test an extreme Adaptive Optics system that will take direct images of planetary systems around nearby stars. In his spare time, Frantz trains in the martial art of aikido, plays heavy metal with his guitar, hacks computers and electronics, as well as reads and draws.



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Peter D. Michaud, Gemini's Public Information and Outreach Manager, has pursued a career that has provided a broad set of experiences in education, media relations and photography. These have ranged from the initiation and management of many informal science education programs to the authoring of a monthly newspaper column on astronomy. Prior to moving to Honolulu in 1989 to manage the Bishop Museum Planetarium, Peter obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Atmospheric Physics and certification in Physical Science Education in 1985. This led to his selection for the highly competitive annual planetarium education internship at the Strassenburg Planetarium in Rochester N.Y. in 1985 - 86. During almost a decade at the Bishop Museum Planetarium, Peter worked closely with local educators as well as the Mauna Kea astronomical community and initiated many new projects that included a NASA-funded project to produce a nationally distributed planetarium program about Mauna Kea. In June 1998, Peter accepted his current position at the Gemini Observatory in Hilo. Since arriving here, Peter has been involved in a variety of projects that have included the management of multiple outreach, education and media relations initiatives. An example of the innovative products produced by his office is the Gemini Observatory Virtual Tour CD-ROM/Kiosk which is currently being translated into multiple languages and has been installed in a variety of public facilities around the world. His staff has grown from himself to seven employees since 1998 and he continues to expand the impact of Gemini's Public Information and Outreach programming locally, nationally and world-wide.



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Originally from Pennsylvania, **Janet Nathani** started school at East Stroudsburg University, majoring in Biology. During her senior year, she decided to come to Hawai'i through the National Student Exchange program. Falling in love with the ocean and Mauna Kea, Janet found her new home on the Big Island, where she is now living permanently. Currently, Janet Nathani is an Interpretive Guide at Mauna Kea Visitor Information Station (VIS), where she provides safety information to visitors, conducts star gazing activities and summit tours. She is also the Universe Tonight coordinator at the VIS, which is a free public event that enables astronomers from different observatories to present their research to the public. Aside from work, Janet aims to obtain her biology degree in May 2013. In the future, Janet plans to attend a Natural Medicine School in Hawai'i, where she can learn the skills of Chinese medicine and preventive care. In her spare time, Janet enjoys stargazing on Mauna Kea, going surfing and living the Aloha lifestyle.



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"One of my first astronomical experiences as a small kid was to see the craters of the Moon and the rings of Saturn through the telescope at the public observatory on top of the Round Tower in Copenhagen. After that I was never in doubt that I had to become an astronomer. Conditions in Copenhagen were already in those days not ideal for looking at the night sky, but instead I spent innumerable hours with my small telescope drawing sunspots as they crossed the Sun. I took out a subscription to Sky and Telescope, which I then painstakingly read through with the help of a dictionary. One day I read an article about small mysterious blobs called Herbig-Haro objects which might be signposts of stars in the making. I was completely captivated by the possibility that we might actually be able to see stars in the process of being born, and I have spent most of my professional career trying to learn about how stars are formed."



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Sharon Price Schleigh has been an educator for over 20 years, teaching all ages from pre-school to university. She received her doctoral degree from Arizona State University and is currently an Assistant Professor at Purdue University. Her research interests include understanding how people think about and engage in science. This has led to research projects that have examined argumentation in a science classroom; authentic research in astronomy and problem-based curriculum designs; how students, teachers and scientists think about the nature of science; and how curriculum impacts content knowledge and attitudes about science. She has been involved projects such as the NASA Deep Impact Mission (Institute for Astronomy, Hawaii); Toward Other Planetary Systems (IFA/NSF); All'i Astrobiology Summer Workshops; and Teacher Leaders in Research-Based Science Education (NOAO, Kitt Peak). She has been on the education board for the Las Cumbres Observatories of Global Telescopes network (LCOGT), the Faulkes Telescopes, and GoScience. She is the current director of the Research Engaged Science Teacher Education Program to improve STEM (RESTEP to STEM), funded by NASA and the NC Space Grant to promote astronomy/science education with pre-service teachers. She has served as a Regional Science & Engineering Fair Director, a Regional Science Olympiad Director, a trainer and presenter of the ECU Portable Planetarium program, an AAPT State Representative (HI), as the Mentor Coordinator for the Near East School Alliance Virtual Science Fair.



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