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A HAWAI'I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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University Laboratory School Pa'ina and Cultural Festival 2017

(Honolulu, HI) –University Laboratory School (ULS) will be holding its annual Pa'ina and Cultural Festival on the campus at 1776 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822 from 3 – 9 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2017. The 2017 Pa'ina will celebrate *Aloha* with food, entertainment, games and keiki activities on the lawn. Indoors, there will be a Country Store selling homemade food items, crafts and plants, as well as a Silent Auction.

The ULS Pa'ina and Cultural Festival is free and open to the public, and will feature musical performances by 2016 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards Group of the Year-*Maunaloa* and ULS student groups. This event is sponsored in part by the University Laboratory School Foundation.

ULS has been a part of our community for several generations, preparing students for college and career while developing teachers and impacting curriculum statewide. For over 70 years, ULS has been associated with the University of Hawai'i, the College of Education (COE) and the Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG) within the COE.

ULS serves two interlocking missions: to design and deliver the best possible education to its own students, and to serve the educational research and development community as a seedbed for curriculum research and development. Today, ULS continues to collaborate with CRDG and it is the only school in Hawai'i focused in part on supporting educational research and development, and disseminating educational materials and improvement strategies to other educators locally, nationally and internationally.

Although ULS is a small school serving approximately 450 students in grades K-12, it strives to prepare all of its students to graduate ready for college, work and responsible citizenship. ULS students represent a demographic cross-section of Hawai'i that reflects the ethnicity, socio-economic status and school achievement levels of Hawai'i's public school system.

As a public charter school, its state funding is limited – sufficient to cover only salaries and bare essentials. The educational environment has been essentially the same for the past 50 years and the buildings are in varying stages of disrepair. As ULS has continued to incorporate new programs and technologies to maintain its place as an award winning school, its classrooms, labs and learning environment have barely kept up. Proceeds from the Pa'ina will help ULS provide a safe, healthy learning environment for its students and faculty whose work and research will benefit students and educators far outside its small campus.

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