



World Language Learning Center

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!Happy New Year!

Bonne Année - ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! - Blwyddyn Newydd Dda - Buon anno - Frohes Neues Jahr - Gelukkig Nieuwjaar - Gleðilegt nýtt ár -
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Introducing students to languages, cultures, the world, and each other

by [Juliana Tabura](#) on January 5th, 2021

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Moanalua World Language Learning Center! 2020 was full of some amazing projects and wonderful collaborations. The WLLC welcomed more friends and colleagues from outer schools into meetings and events, and successfully held its first Learn a Language Program sessions in December! In 2021, we continue to work toward our first virtual Culture Week, as well as our potential first virtual Speech Festival. Despite the many challenges and changes that we will need to adjust to and work around, we will also continue to give our all to making each experience as memorable and enjoyable as we can!

WLLC Learn a Language Program

This year's big project brought five fantastic language sessions from Moanalua High School to Moanalua Middle School, Waipahu High School, Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, and Pearl City High School.

Hold! こんにちは! 你好! Bonjour! Aloha! 안녕하세요! Hello!

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT A
NEW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE?
★ CHECK OUT THE MOANALUA WLLC'S

**LEARN A
LANGUAGE
PROGRAM**

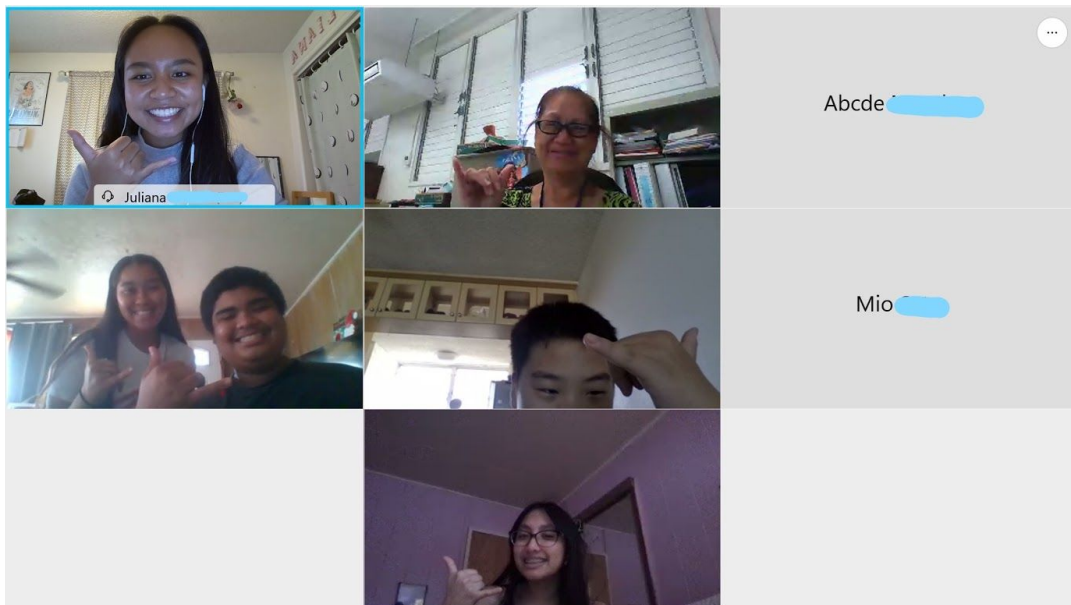
Learn high school intro-level language content, enjoy
fun activities, and make new friends!
Sessions will take place from **3pm-4pm** on
December 4 & December 11,
and are completely free!

★ THE SIGN-UP FORM HAS BEEN SHARED BY YOUR TEACHERS,
AND CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE HOMEPAGE OF
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After months of discussion and weeks of volunteer preparation, the World Language Learning Center successfully kicked off its first Learn a Language Program sessions on December 4th, 2020 and December 11th, 2020. Students from all languages and language levels at Moanalua High School came together to teach their target languages--Hawaiian, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Korean--to new friends from several outer schools, which included Moanalua Middle School, Nanakuli Intermediate and High School, Pearl City High School, and Waipahu High School. In the sessions, students got to learn more about the languages that they signed up for, as well as some fun facts about different

cultures from around the world and the opportunities available for multilingual people in diverse environments.

As with many of our events this year, these sessions were held virtually over WebEx, and much of the coordination took place online. None of it would have been possible without our remarkable volunteer student teachers, who worked together to form their own lesson plans for their sessions and took charge of the instruction of those who attended. It was amazing to see them all exercise great collaboration and leadership, and be so adamant and ambitious to share their knowledge with more people. Session attendance numbers may have been on the smaller scale, but I believe that I speak for the officers, volunteers, and attendees when I say that the impact of networking, teaching and learning, and relationship building was greater than we could have asked for. As we move into this new year, we hope to be able to hold more Learn a Language sessions with a farther reach to more schools and languages!



Hawaiian Learn a Language Program session



Spanish Learn a Language Program Session

Upcoming 2021 Events

January 11th - January 15th

Moanalua High School Culture Week

January 13th, 5:00pm

First WLLC Advisory Board Meeting of the year!

January 21st, student lunch time

First WLLC Student Representatives Meeting of the year!

February 18th, student lunch time

WLLC Student Representatives Meeting

CULTURE WEEK January 11th - January 15th



Each school year, the Moanalua WLLC hosts an annual, ever-eventful Culture Week upon our return back from Winter Break. This week provides Moanalua language students with exposure to new cultural experiences shared by volunteer presenters from our local community, including the friends and relatives of students, as well as representatives from the

University of Hawaii (for more about student experiences with culture week, links to student blurbs have been included at the bottom of this section). It has also provided students with opportunities to share their own cultures with the entire student body and school through exciting and dazzling performances, such as Latin dance and salsa, Korean nanta drumming, and Filipino tinikling.

Due to the current conditions of hybrid/distanced learning and COVID-19, this year's Culture Week will be held quite differently from our typical in-class group activities and live lunch time entertainment. All sessions will be online, with presentations and activities shared over virtual calls or pre-recorded videos hosted and made by presenters. Student performances will also be pre-recorded and shared with the school virtually, along with some games and activities in store for all to play distanced and from home.

While there will be no in-person elements as usual and expected this time around, Culture Week can still be the wonderful week-long event that students look forward to and enjoy each year. The WLLC is still looking for volunteer presenters to join on virtual classes or create activities and lessons to share in place of live presentations, as well as student performers to share cultural displays and activities to share with the school. If you and/or someone you know would be interested in volunteering as a class presenter or student performer, please contact the WLLC and we will be more than happy to communicate and work with you!



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Student Blurbs

Isaiah G.B., [Japanese](#)

Abcde M.L., [Hawaiian](#)

Jade C., [Japanese](#)

Kuualoha S., [Hawaiian](#)

Sanae F., [Spanish](#)

Janelle T., [Chinese](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to get in touch with our director or any of the officers, our information can be found in the 'CONTACTS' section on our website (link at the end of this newsletter). Our [website](#) also has information on the different events that we organize and attend, as well as where/how you can sign up to participate in some of them!

The year of 2020 has passed, and 2021 has finally arrived! We wish you all safe and prosperous entries into your new years, and hope to share more with you soon!

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