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Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School, Miloli'i Hīpu'u Receives Hiki Nō Award

Today HIKI NŌ Executive Producer Robert Pennybacker visited Kua o ka Lā Public Charter School Miloli'i Hipuu Virtual Academy to present the 2015 HIKI NŌ Best News Writing Award for the "Mauna Kea TMT" feature story.



The story is about one student's struggle between his love of science and his deep respect for his Hawaiian culture. The story followed him as he explored different perspectives on the conflict surrounding the construction of the thirty meter telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea. Written and edited by student Hoku Subiono with the assistance of fellow students Dazza Kuahuia, David Watai-Simeona & Quinton Kuahuia, the story aired in Episode #611 on 19 February 2015 - <http://video.pbshawaii.org/video/2365430462/>

Hiki Nō is PBS Hawaii's statewide student news network. HIKI NŌ is the first and only weekly student news show with a statewide network of schools. Under their teachers' guidance, students from over 80 public, private and charter schools from across the islands share stories from their communities to Hawai'i and the world.



Kua o ka Lā Public Charter School was established in Puna in 2002. In 2011 the school established a Hīpu‘u program which is a virtual online program around Hawai‘i Island. The Hīpu‘u site in the Village of Miloli‘i was established by Kaimi Kaupiko & Leivallyn Kaupu in 2011. In 2012 Kaimi Kaupiko started the Hiki Nō program at the site. Today Kaimi and Leivallyn oversee the program with the help of volunteer instructors Eric Edwards and Laurel Schultz.

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