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Leina'ala Fruen  
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Welina mai e Leina'ala,

As a Kumu here at 'Ehunuikaimalino, I would like to extend a heartfelt Mahalo, to you for the program that you head, within our local community, for adult Hawaiian Language Education known as Hāleo. It is through the generosity of your time and knowledge that I am able to sit the position I am in today. After committing two sessions of your class (Hāleo I & II), I had enough knowledge to teach at the Hawaiian Immersion School as a part-time teacher assistant. After completing the Hāleo III, IV, and V, I was offered full time Educational Assistant and after completing Hāleo VI & VII, I was offered a full time teaching position by the Office of Hawaiian Education (OHE). This year I am a full time science teacher. Because I don't have a degree, this is a really big step as it is hard to fill position at a Hawaiian Immersion school due to the extremely low amounts of Hawaiian Language speakers in Kona. This makes me a unqualified teacher in the state of Hawaii but like my journey through all the steps of the Hāleo classes, starting with nothing, I will continue my education through the University of Hawaii (UH), including my State approved Teacher Education Program (SATEP), required by the DOE, to become a highly qualified Kumu. This letter is to exhibit how much your program has helped me as well as the future generations, in more than just the Hawaiian Language but in the Hawaiian Lifestyles and in Hawaiian Prospective.

I appreciate your generosity and continued support of my exploration for knowledge.

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Me ke ha'aha'a

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alapa'i H. Kaulia".

Alapa'i H. Kaulia

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