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On the cover…

Hibiscus kokio - Malvaceae
This plant is endemic and rare. It grows as a shrub to a small tree in dry and wet forest on Kaua`i. It is a native red hibiscus with variable flower color. The Kaua`i variety has smaller leaves, and longer, narrower petals. Its Hawaiian name is Koki`o `ula`ula.

Kaua`i Community College graduation night! Students Fred Allen Bungcayao Jr., Makai Smythe, Rodney Ikehara, Alex Martin, Allan Duldulao, Marvin Andres, Derek Maeda, Jan Michael Bartolome, Yvonne Garcia, Desiree Navalta, Natasha Nitta, Pua Rossi, Kristie Miller-Cadiente, and Marikit Mariano celebrate with happiness.

Early Childhood Education student Natalie Martin read to children at storytime, and students take advantage of the campus' beautiful grounds and relax in the shade just outside the new cafeteria.

Kaua`i's Native Environment
The Hawaiian Islands offer a rare opportunity for biodiversity in the world due primarily to their isolation in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. On Kaua`i many unique species of plants and animals have evolved which are not found anywhere else in the world. Ancestors of all these species found their way to Kaua`i and due to geographical isolation and the processes of evolution they have evolved into the many endemic species found on the island today. Many of these species are endangered or threatened and only exist in remote locations due to environmental pressure or competition. Kaua`i, like many other island communities, is faced with the dilemma of natural habitat preservation and conservation versus development and the economic pressures for greater land use. In addition, many exotic forms of plants and animals have been introduced to Kaua`i. These species have integrated themselves well into the gardens, landscapes and wildernesses of Kaua`i and compete for habitat with native species. ~ Brian Yamamoto

On the cover and on the pages of this catalog some of these endemic plant species are displayed for your education and for your appreciation and before they disappear from Kaua`i's landscape.

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OUR CREDENTIALS

- Kaua‘i Community College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

- Special accreditation for the “Career-Ladder Nursing Program” has been granted by the Hawai‘i State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

- Kaua‘i Community College is an approved educational institution for education and training under the Veteran’s Educational Assistance Act (G.I. Bill), the Veterans’ Readjustment Act, and the Dependents’ Educational Act.

- This catalog provides general information about Kaua‘i Community College, its programs and services, and summarizes those major policies and procedures of relevance to the student. The information contained in this catalog is not necessarily complete. For further information, students should consult with the appropriate unit. This catalog was prepared to provide information and does not constitute a contract. The College reserves the right to, without prior notice, change or delete, supplement or otherwise amend at any time the information, requirements, and policies contained in this catalog or other documents.

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Several symbols reflecting College and community values have been associated with Kaua‘i Community College. In keeping with being your University on Kaua‘i, the College’s official seal is now the same seal used by all the UH campuses and featured on the cover of this catalog.

The College logo, created by Graphic Artist Suesue Okada in 1988, and the 1980 Bumpei Akaji sculpture at the entrance of the campus both place high value on Kaua‘i’s natural environment. The logo is symbolic of Kaua‘i: “The sun, the winds, the mountain, the ocean — all are important aspects of Kaua‘i. This island world colors our being, affects what we become. In the same way, the College fosters our pursuit of knowledge, awareness, and growth, helping us attain serenity and completeness.” The sculpture is associated with the KCC Foundation: “Nani Kaua‘i: Ke mau nei ke ea o Kaua‘i i Puhi ‘aina malu” (Beautiful Kaua‘i: The spirit of Kaua‘i thrives in the peaceful land of Puhi). The KCC Alumni Association uses as its symbol the kukui or candlenut tree whose nut was used by ancient Hawaiians as a candle; thus kukui means light and the tree symbolizes enlightenment and education.