



ANNOUNCING THE 2011 "MY HAWAII" STORY PROJECT WINNERS

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The Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Foundation, Hawai'i Conservation Alliance, and the Pacific Writers' Connection announced the names of the 25 student authors whose submissions were selected for publication in the 2011 "My Hawai'i Story Project" Anthology. Students in grades six through eight across the state were invited to write a story, poem, or essay to reflect their thoughts and feelings about what makes Hawai'i's environment special to them. Now in its fifth year, this inspiring statewide outreach program touches the lives of students who are budding writers and want to share their stories and passion for the environment.

"It is important that our future leaders write about our Hawai'i environment to foster a sense of stewardship for these islands, and we are pleased to again partner with the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance for the fifth year of this creative writing competition," said Dr. Takiora Ingram, President of The Pacific Writers' Connection.

This year 532 students from 19 schools shared with us their thoughts and impressions about our state's natural splendors and the challenges we face in conserving them. The students' stories will be compiled into an anthology that will be distributed to all elementary and middle school libraries in the state.

The 25 students whose writings were selected for publication will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference on August 3, when they will be presented with certificates of achievement and prizes.

For more information on the "My Hawai'i" Story Project, including a list of the winning entries, visit our website at www.hawaiiconservation.org/activities/my_hawaii_project.



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