



# THE KA'I PROGRAMS

## Kūkulu Alaka'i 'Iolani



**The KA'I Programs are committed to the long-term empowerment and positive growth of Pālolo Valley youth.**

Since 2010, KA'I has grown as a community partnership between 'Iolani School and Pālolo Valley and now includes the KA'I Keiki early childhood education program, the KA'I Kūlana postsecondary program, and the School Year Tutoring Program.

Through a **single community focus** on Pālolo Valley, the KA'I programs have been able to build strong partnerships within the community, respond to real needs as they arise, retain nearly every student enrolled through the 6-year summer program, and have educational outcomes that far exceed state and national averages.

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 96%

High School Graduation Rate

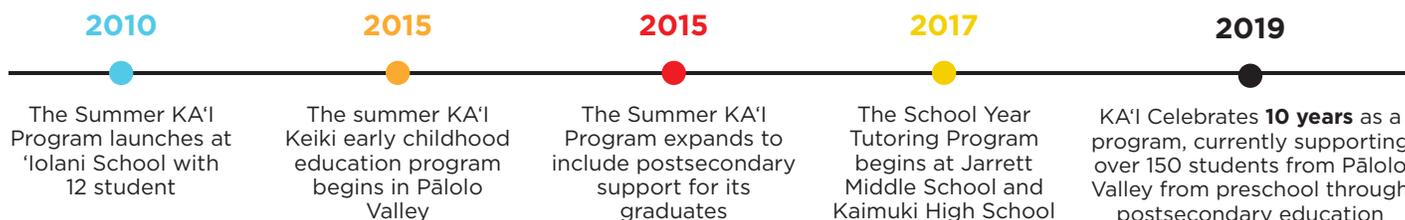
# 85%

College Enrollment Rate

# 325+

Students from Pre-K to Postsecondary have been served by the KA'I Programs

## KA'I TIMELINE



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100%

of KA'I graduates in college receive full gap scholarships from the KA'I Program

\$161,500

in scholarships will be awarded to KA'I graduates in college for the 2021-22 school year



# 4 Components of the KA'I Program

## 1 SUMMER KA'I PROGRAM:

The **Summer KA'I**, Kūkulu Alaka'i 'Iolani ("The Creation of Leaders"), **Program** is a partnership between 'Iolani School and Jarrett Middle School that is designed to counteract the learning loss that underserved youth experience over the summer by engaging students in a free, high-quality, 6-summer program at 'Iolani School during their middle and high school years. The KA'I Program is heading into its 12th summer, supporting 72 current 7-12th grade students along with 63 graduates. The summer program includes 2 meals a day, academic enrichment courses, DOE-credit courses for KA'I high school students, a leadership class, and college and career counseling. The KA'I Program has an overall 94% retention rate of its students over the past 11 years and an overall attendance rate of 98% during the summer.



## 2 KA'I KEIKI PROGRAM:

The **KA'I Keiki Program** is a partnership between 'Iolani School and the Pālolo 'Ohana Learning Center that was created to provide early childhood education to preschool-aged children living in the Pālolo public housing. Programming focuses on developing social, emotional, and cognitive skills necessary for school readiness in a welcoming and joyful school environment. This program has served over 190 2-5 year olds in the past 6 summers and also works with Head Start and the new Preschool program at Pālolo Elementary to help families register their children so they can continue their learning during the school year. The KA'I Keiki Program fills a critical education gap in Pālolo Valley as it remains the early childhood program that serves the greatest number of preschool-aged children from the Pālolo public housing.



## 3 SCHOOL YEAR TUTORING PROGRAM:

The **School Year Tutoring Program** provides personalized weekly academic tutoring and support for all KA'I students during the school year. Through this tutoring program, KA'I students receive an additional 150-175 hours of academic tutoring throughout the school year, particularly in the areas of math, reading and writing. The objective of this program is to improve students' academic skills and personal resilience, thereby better preparing them for success in high school, postsecondary education, careers and beyond.



## 4 KA'I KŪLANA PROGRAM:

In 2015, KA'I expanded its reach to support its high school graduates through the critical next phase of their educational journey through the **KA'I Kūlana Program**. The program's mission is to appropriately match students with a postsecondary option with minimal or no debt, and support them to and through their pathways to completion. KA'I meets 100% of the financial need for each graduate in postsecondary education, ensuring that its first generation students are able to access and succeed through higher education. Compared to the Hawai'i state averages, KA'I has been significantly more successful in helping students graduate from high school and especially in supporting students in postsecondary matriculation.

