FY 2019-20 TAAC Committee Summary Report

Committee: Programs - Teaching As A Career (TAAC)

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Goal(s)/Objectives:
TAAC’s goal is to motivate and encourage high school students to pursue a career in teaching. The objectives of the program are:

- To provide grants to support the projects and activities of the TAAC clubs at participating schools.
- To encourage and support professional learning by convening an annual one-day symposium for TAAC advisors, in partnership with the HI DOE and local universities.
- To form a special HEA Committee to support efforts to promote teaching as a career and advocate for teaching as a profession.

Activities/Accomplishments in FY 2019-20:

1. Revised TAAC brochure.
2. Convened a very successful fourth HEA TAAC Symposium, “Sustaining a Vibrant Teacher Education Program”on September 14, 2019 at Chaminade University, Ching Conference Center. The Symposium was co-sponsored by Pi Lambda Theta (PLT) Beta Zeta Hawaii Chapter, HIDOE Career and Technical Education Section, OCISS, and Chaminade University. Seven teachers and two administrators participated in the event that was offered as a HIDOE PDE3 non-credit workshop
3. To date, awarded $200 grants to TAAC clubs at James B. Campbell, Waipahu, and Leilehua High Schools.

Next Steps:
Continue to expand and strengthen the TAAC Program by:

1. Convening the fifth annual HEA TAAC Symposium - date and location TBD.
2. Forming a special HEA Committee that includes interested PLT Beta Zeta Hawaii Chapter and HEA members to support the TAAC Symposium and other efforts that promote teaching as a career and advocate for teaching as a profession.
3. Forming partnerships with the HIDOE and local universities to align and complement efforts to promote teaching as a career at the secondary and post-secondary levels.
4. Providing opportunities for pathway teachers to establish a professional network to share their expertise and talent as instructors, trainers, coaches and mentors.
5. Seek grants to help support the TAAC Symposium and other seminars.
6. Expand TAAC to include grades at the elementary, middle, and post-secondary levels.
7. Offer one $500 scholarship to a graduating TAAC student from a sanction club.