

OCET Update
September 2014

APPRENTICESHIP

- Wilt Watanabe, the apprenticeship coordinator, reports that this semester there are approximately 159 apprentices enrolled in evening and Saturday classes on our campus, Kealakehe Intermediate, Kealakehe High, Kona Industries and on Oahu. Classes began on Aug. 7th and continue until Dec. 20th. The various trades include masons and plasterers; carpenters; electricians; sheetmetal; refrigeration and air conditioning; and plumbers and pipefitters.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

- The IEP has 18 new students and 14 returning students attending this first session. Students come not only from Japan but also China, Korea, Thailand, Philippines and Brazil.

NON-CREDIT

- Directors of OCET will be convening in Hilo on Sept. 25-26 for a 2-day retreat at the HawCC campus. The theme is “The Future of Continuing Education” and the goal is to work as a UHCC system in non-credit. KapCC OCET recently got audited so each campus will be preparing our unit for future audits.
- OCET coordinators are developing potential partnerships with various industries.
- We are working on short-term international programs with a couple of Super Science high schools in Japan for 2015.
- Ag classes in soil science and natural farming are popular courses that the community is registering for
- Since June, OCET staff proctored over 150 candidates for non-UH , ASE, TEAS, PearsonVue and Iso-Quality exams