



# Governor's E-Newsletter

November 2-5, 2004



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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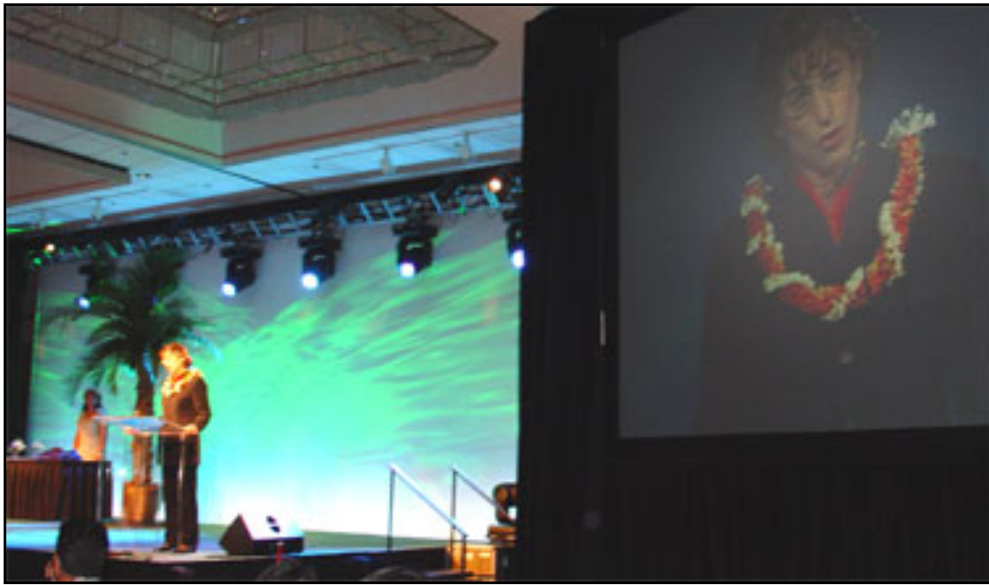
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Governor Lingle presented closing remarks at the annual Business Leadership Hawai'i awards ceremony.

### **Business Leadership Award Winners Praised by Governor**

The 25 finalists and five winners of the 2004 Business Leadership Hawai'i awards were praised by Governor Lingle for their contributions to the state's booming economy. The Governor emphasized her Administration's pro-business philosophy that government and private enterprise should be partners in promoting economic growth.

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Governor Lingle was seated at the head table during the ninth annual Governor's Ball for the March of Dimes. With the Governor in the front row are (from left) Sue Landon; Dr. Carla Nip-Sakamoto, HMSA board member; Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, trustee, March of Dimes National Board; Shera Tamanaha; and Audrey Karr. In the second row (from left) are Al Landon, president and CEO, Bank of Hawai`i, Governors' Ball chair; Rick Sakamoto; Carmella Hernandez, state director, March of Dimes Hawai`i; Robert P. Hiam, president and CEO, Hawai`i Medical Service Association, 2004 honoree; Howard Karr, HMSA board member; Frances Lui-Kwan and Ivan M. Lui-Kwan, March of Dimes Hawai`i chapter chair, director of Budget and Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu.



Governor Lingle and Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, March of Dimes national trustee and granddaughter of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, presented Bob Hiam, president and CEO of HMSA with the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Community Service.

### **HMSA Presented with Community Service Award**

In recognition of the Hawai`i Medical Service Association's (HMSA) long history of providing quality health care for the people of Hawai`i, Governor Lingle presented the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Community Service to Bob Hiam, president and CEO of HMSA. The occasion was the ninth annual Governor's Ball for the March of Dimes. During her remarks, Governor Lingle announced that she had proclaimed November 2004 as March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Month, and commended the organization for increasing public awareness about pre-term births and raising funds for research.

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Governor Lingle joined (from left) Dr. David McClain, interim president, University of Hawai'i; Dr. Patricia Lee, chair, UH Board of Regents; and Dr. Karla Jones, state director, Office for Career and Technical Education; in welcoming U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Sclafani to Hawai'i.



U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Sclafani (left) is pictured with Dr. Gail Awakuni, principal of Campbell High School. In September, the National Association of Secondary School Principals named Dr. Awakuni "Principal of the Year," the first educator from Hawai'i to receive this honor.

**U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education and Principal of the Year Honored**  
Governor Lingle joined the University of Hawai'i, state Department of Education and state

Board for Career and Technical Education in honoring U.S Assistant Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Sclafani. She was among the speakers at the 2004 Career and Technical Education conference, entitled "Pathways in Motion." Also honored was Dr. Gail Awakuni, principal of Campbell High school, who was named national "Principal of the Year." The event was designed to provide leadership in educational improvement, workforce preparation and economic development.

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Governor Lingle delivered welcome remarks during the 2004 Hawai'i Distinguished Schools award luncheon honoring more than 100 schools for outstanding achievement.

### **Hawai`i's Distinguished Schools Recognized**

In her remarks at the 2004 Hawai`i Distinguished Schools award luncheon, Governor Lingle congratulated students, principals and teachers representing more than 100 schools that have been recognized for outstanding achievement. Three of these schools will receive national recognition through the 2005 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Governor Lingle noted that President Bush says the No Child Left Behind Act is based on the assumption that every child can learn, and emphasizes that schools need to "raise the bar and raise the standards." The awards program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

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Governor Lingle commended Admiral Thomas Fargo and his wife Sarah for their contributions to Hawai`i during a dinner held in their honor. Photo courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai`i.

### **Community Honors Admiral Thomas Fargo of PACOM**

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona joined the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai`i in thanking Admiral Thomas Fargo and his wife Sarah for their many contributions to the state's business and military community. Admiral Fargo, who plans to retire soon, is senior commander of U.S. Pacific Command, headquartered at Camp H.M. Smith on O`ahu. He oversees U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force operations in the Asia-Pacific region, an area encompassing nearly 60 percent of the world's population and the world's six largest armed forces.

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Governor Lingle and District Court Judge Joseph Florendo (right) presided over the swearing-in ceremony of several new members of state boards and commissions from the Big Island. Stephen C. Green (center) from Waikoloa was sworn in to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

### **New Boards and Commissions Members from Kona Sworn In**

Sixteen Big Island residents were sworn in as new members of state boards and commissions at a ceremony conducted by Governor Lingle and District Court Judge Joseph Florendo. The Governor spoke about the rewards and responsibilities of public service, and emphasized her Administration's reliance on volunteer boards and commissions to form and revise legislation. Residents interested in serving in this capacity can obtain more information at the Governor's Web site: [www.hawaii.gov/gov](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov).

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### **Windward Nazarene Academy Students Visit Capitol**



A kindergarten class taught by Sauni Wright (in pink) and assistant Jackie Rosete from Windward Nazarene Academy joined Governor Lingle in the executive chambers.



Governor Lingle received hugs from kindergarten, first-grade and second-grade students from Windward Nazarene Academy. The students had the opportunity to meet with the Governor and ask her questions.

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Captain David F. Bowers, assigned to the Joint Intelligence Center at Pearl Harbor, is currently deployed to the Nasr Base Complex in Baghdad in support of the Multi National Force Iraq Campaign Plan to help prepare for a successful 2005 Iraqi government election. "When deploying, people said this would be the most important thing I have ever done in my life and it has been just that," Bowers said. "We are building a nation from the ground up and will succeed in our mission, regardless of the cost." Photo courtesy of Jennifer Bowers, sister of Capt. Bowers.

### **Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site**

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of men and women serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as our citizen soldiers in the Reserve and National Guard. Please visit the photo album, "Dedicated to Our Hawai`i Troops." To submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country overseas, please e-mail [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).

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## Department of the Week - Attorney General



State Attorney General Mark Bennett.

### **Victim's Rights Affirmed by Attorney General and Voters**

The state Department of the Attorney General, headed by Mark Bennett, joined law enforcement and victims'rights advocates in working to gain passage of four constitutional amendments. Voters in the November 2nd General Election approved all the measures, which had wide bipartisan support. The first amendment helps bring to justice persons who continuously sexually assault children, even if the victims are too young to remember specific dates. The second amendment improves public safety by making it easier for the state to post information about registered sex offenders on the Internet. The third amendment allows communications between crime victims and healthcare professionals or psychological counselors to remain confidential. The final amendment permits felony criminal charges to be initiated by filing written information, thus enabling victims and other witnesses to avoid multiple court appearances.

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### **In the News**

#### **State leading Taiwan mission**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#)

#### **Hawai`i jobless claims down**

Read more in [Pacific Business News](#)

#### **More visitors tying the knot here**

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## National guardsmen recount their time...in the line of fire

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#)

## Quote of the Week

**"We'll be focusing on those issues where we think there's broad community support, such as affordable housing, economic development, transportation, early childhood education and the University of Hawai`i."**

- Governor Linda Lingle, looking ahead to the 2005 legislative session.

## Thought of the Week

**"It's time for both sides to move forward in a spirit of political accommodation. It's time to get to work on the people's business."**

-The Honolulu Advertiser, editorial on the outcome of the General Election, November 5, 2004.

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## Key Upcoming Events

**November 6** Governor Lingle will deliver keynote remarks regarding her Administration's education priorities during the Hawai`i State PTSA Legislative Conference, McKinley Adult Learning Center, 9:10-9:40 a.m.

**November 6** Governor Lingle will deliver the commencement address at the Wayland Baptist University fall graduation ceremony, Hickam Air Force Base, Officer's Club, 10:10-11:15 a.m.

**November 6** Governor Lingle will participate in the pinning ceremony for Brigadier General Peter Pawling, Hickam Air Force Base, 154 Wing, Hangar 3400, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

**November 8** Governor Lingle will deliver keynote remarks during the Organization of Women Leaders annual membership meeting, Hale Koa Hotel, Banyan Tree Showroom, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**November 10** Governor Lingle will host the awards ceremony for the Hawai`i Leader for a Day Essay Contest, State Capitol, Executive Chambers, Ceremonial Room, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**November 10** Governor Lingle will deliver remarks during a reception for the Hawai`i Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth reception, Washington Place, 11:30-11:45 a.m.

**November 10** Governor Lingle will deliver congratulatory remarks during the Hawai`i Business Top 250 luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom, noon-1:30 p.m.

**November 11** Governor Lingle will deliver remarks during the annual Governor's Veterans Day ceremony at the Hawai`i State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, 1:05-2:30 p.m.

**November 11** Governor Lingle will attend the Veteran's Day Sunset Ceremony, Battleship Missouri, Pearl Harbor, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

**November 14-17** Second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition. Join security experts from the Asia-Pacific region, including U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Philippine National Security Advisor Hermogenes Ebdane, Jr., to discuss how the world is responding to the threat of terrorism. Share ideas on practical solutions for making the region more secure. **For more information or to register, please visit the Web site at [www.hlssummit.hawaii.gov](http://www.hlssummit.hawaii.gov).**

**November 17-19** International Women's Leadership Conference. Speakers for the women's leadership conference will include Michelle Peluso, president and CEO of Travelocity; Melinda Bush, president and CEO of Hospitality Resources Worldwide; Ella Gera, executive director of the Israel Women's Network; and Merle Okawara, chairman and CEO of JC COMSA Corp. in Japan. These and other women, including Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer via videotape, will share their experiences as leaders in areas such as government, business, travel, communications, health and humanitarian services. **To register, please visit the Web site at [www.iwlchi.org](http://www.iwlchi.org).**



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