

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council in 2012

Building Bridges. Inspiring Young Leaders. Developing Global Citizens.

FORUMS

Engaging the community on Asia-Pacific issues

PAAC cosponsored eight forums, educating over 750 community members on critical international issues. PAAC's forums featured renowned diplomats, government and business leaders, and scholars.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IVLP)

Facilitating professional exchanges & goodwill

In partnership with the U.S. State Department, PAAC hosted 16 programs and connected 107 leaders with their professional counterparts in Hawai'i. Leaders representing 34 countries had an opportunity to bridge political and cultural divides and cultivate lasting relationships, while learning valuable knowledge for their professional career.

COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Promoting global awareness & the arts

PAAC cosponsored five forums and five international festival performances to promote international understanding and cultural diversity amongst college students at HPU, UH-Manoa, and LCC.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Preparing Hawaii's next generation of leaders

PAAC served 1,880 public and private students and 260 teachers through its conferences, clubs, after-school classes, scholarships, teacher trainings, and Chevron Academic WorldQuest competition. Since 1954, PAAC has provided international education to more than 81,000 students statewide.

Highlights:

*On a 5 point scale, 85 percent of teachers rated PAAC teacher-workshops with a "5."

* PAAC expanded its reach by providing the Water Global Vision Summit on 3 islands (Maui, Molokai, and Oahu) and Model APEC on the Big Island. PAAC also put on a conference on Indonesian culture and the Chevron Academic WorldQuest Competition.

*PAAC continued its partnership with OneWorld Now! to provide the only K-12 Arabic language program in the state.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Service Learning in Vietnam

Seven students traveled to Hoi An, Vietnam to participate in PAAC's first intensive service-learning study tour, where they taught English everyday to over 60 elementary students in a fishing village.

Freeman Foundation Scholarships

19 students received full/partial scholarships to travel to Japan for two weeks. Students developed a deep appreciation for Japan, built lasting relationships, explored cultural differences that expanded their worldview, and opened their eyes to overseas opportunities for the future.

Turkish Cultural Foundation Scholarships

Three teachers spent two weeks on a summer study tour of Turkey. As a result of this program, our teachers will enhance their classroom curriculum with Turkish culture and history.

Qatar Foundation International (QFI) Scholarships

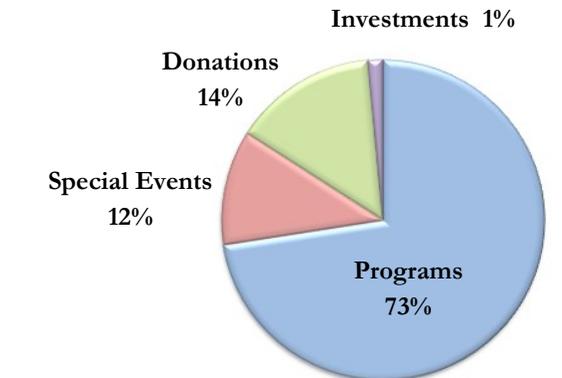
QFI awarded 14 scholarships to further develop students' Arabic language and leadership skills. Students attended Middlebury Language Academy and Concordia University. Seven students travelled to Morocco, two students attended the UN Rio+20 Earth Summit in Brazil and another traveled to Costa Rica.

Frank Boas & Jean E. Rolles Scholarships

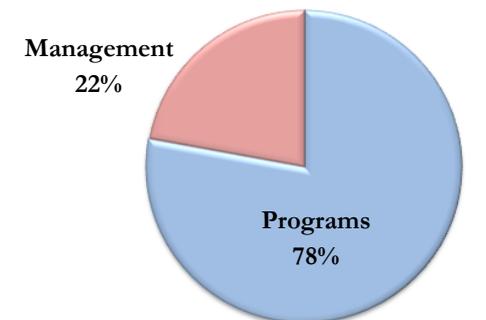
Two students received PAAC Board Member's scholarships to participate in Punahou Summer Study Abroad Program to Japan and China.

FINANCIALS

Revenue: \$553,562



Expenses: \$550,587





“I changed my mindset about how I should treat valuable resources.” **-Global Vision Summit participant**

It was hard for me to push for nuclear energy because I do not personally support it [...] But I was able to learn the benefits of using nuclear power and see another perspective.” **-Model APEC participant**

“From this point on, I will, and must continue my journey of learning about the world.”
-Chevron WorldQuest Competition participant



“I feel loved and accepted with a combination of newfound curiosity and open mindedness from this study tour in Vietnam.” **-Vietnam Summer Abroad participant**

“I was in complete wonder when visiting sacred sites such as the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. Were these built by giants among men? To imagine a blend of religion and art in one place of peace was too much for me to contain that I was overwhelmed.”
-Turkey Summer Study Tour participant



The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) is a 501(c)3 independent nonprofit organization that serves as the World Affairs Council of Hawaii. Our mission is to promote greater awareness and understanding of international affairs, working to strengthen Hawaii’s role in the Asia– Pacific region.



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“Many teenagers are unaware and don’t understand how the U.S. is being affected by the rest of the world. Taking this class is an eye-opener and expands my range of understanding of world economics.”
-Global Studies Class Participant

“I learned to embrace new ways of pointing out that I disagree without attacking others.”
-Leadership & Arabic Class Participant



“ I couldn't imagine what the people are like. My impression after visiting: diverse and friendly!”
-International Visitor Leadership Program

“The presentation was both timely and extremely informative... especially in the post 9/11 world, in which the U.S.-Middle East relations are so complex and misunderstood.”
-Forum participant



“I would have never thought that I would make so many friends in Japan, but by the end of the trip, I was arm wrestling students at a local high school... Before this trip, Japan was just an island country that had a red circle on their flag, but now, Japan is my second home that I will return to see my family again.”
Japan Summer Study Tour Participant