



**EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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To All Hawai'i 2010 Graduating High School Seniors

Aloha students,

It is with great excitement that I am announcing an outstanding opportunity for members of Hawai'i's 2010 graduating class of students. In partnership with Governor Joe Manchin of West Virginia, I am glad to announce Hawai'i's participation in the National Youth Science Camp this summer in West Virginia's magnificent Monongahela National Forest.

Two students from Hawai'i who have shown exceptional science and mathematics skills as well as excellent leadership abilities will be selected to attend this rigorous, month-long summer camp as representatives of our state. The camp centers on a lecture series, hands-on research, education activities and challenging outdoor adventures and encourages the youth of our nation to pursue high-level scientific careers and to embrace scientific leadership.

I encourage each of you to apply for this nationally recognized honors program, of which only 100 students nation-wide will participate. Each state will initiate a competitive process to select two delegates and two alternates. Applications and additional details will be made available online at my website, www.hawaii.gov/gov. Hawai'i's delegates will be announced on February 22, 2010.

As you know, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education is a major focus for my Administration. I am incredibly proud of Hawai'i's students and hope you will take this opportunity to further your STEM skills which will be a tremendous asset to you regardless of your career choices.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE