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**Legislators, Teachers and Charter Leaders Join List of Honorees for annual
2013-2014 Hawaii Charter Schools Awards**

HONOLULU – Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN) proudly announced the complete list of awardees who will be honored at the 2013-2014 Hawaii Charter Schools Awards on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

“We are excited to host our third annual Hawaii Charter School Awards dinner and to be able to recognize the direct and meaningful impact that public charter schools and those involved with public charter schools have in their community,” said Lynn Finnegan, executive director, Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network.

The final list includes three peer-nominated categories, Governing Board Member of the Year, Leader of the Year and Circle of Teaching Excellence. Winners are as follows:

HPCSN Legislators of the Year

Senator Jill Tokuda and Representative Ken Ito

HPCSN Community Partner of the Year

Karen Street, First Insurance Company of Hawaii

Charter School of the Year

Na Wai Ola Waters of Life Public Charter School, Mountain View, Hawaii

Most Improved Charter School

Kamaile Academy Public Charter School, Waianae, Oahu

Creating New Best Practices

Kona Pacific Public Charter School, Kealahou, Hawaii

Ke Kula o Nawahiokalaniopuu Iki Lab Public Charter School, Keaau, Hawaii

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Governing Board Member of the Year

K. Kehau Glassco, Ke Kula o Samuel Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School,
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Leader of the Year

Mahina Paishon-Duarte, Halau Ku Mana Public Charter School, Honolulu, Hawaii

Circle of Teaching Excellence

Jonathan Kissida, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science, Pahoa, Hawaii

Leesa Foreman, West Hawaii Explorations Academy Public Charter School, Kailua-
Kona, Hawaii

The dinner is open to the public and tickets can be purchased by phone at 808-380-6403 or
online at 2014hawaiicharterschoolawards.eventbrite.com.

About Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN) is a 501c (3), non-profit organization
established in 2000 to enable, support and unify public charter schools and the charter school
sector in the State of Hawaii. HPCSN links public charter schools in Hawaii to each other and to
national charter efforts and provides information and services to schools and individuals
interested in establishing, supporting and advocating for public charter schools in Hawaii.

HPCSN has gained momentum from a volunteer-led organization and evolved into a support
and advocacy organization for public charter schools and nearly 11,000 students across Hawaii.
By building awareness and support of the charter school sector and providing member services
and resources to strengthen the quality of programs and operations in charter schools, HPCSN
fulfills a necessary role in Hawaii's charter school movement.

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