

WHS Early College and Career Academies

The WHS Early College program seeks to expand vertical articulation agreements with Career Pathways, Career Academies, Institutions of Higher Education and business and industry partners.

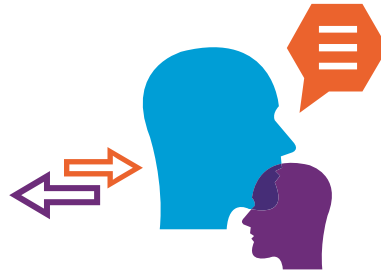


“ Through hard work, effort, and growth mindset, the WHS Early College Program enabled me to realize my highest academic potential. ”

ROVY DIPAI SA, WHS EARLY COLLEGE AA DEGREE OLYMPIAN

Mahalo Nui Loa

First and foremost, we would like to express our deep appreciation to the **McInerney Foundation** for funding the birth of the Early College High School Initiative in the State of Hawaii. Thank you for believing that high school students can rise to extraordinary levels of achievement when given opportunities equal to the challenge.



MISSION

To **increase college and career readiness** by providing lower-income youth, first-generation college goers, English language learners, students of color, and other underserved populations in higher education with accelerated learning opportunities and Early College classes — at no cost to the student.

GOAL

In concert with the **Jobs for the Future** (the nationally-recognized umbrella organization for the Early College High School Initiative), the University of Hawaii System, the Department of Education and the State of Hawaii 55 by 25 goal, *the primary goal of the Waipahu High School Early College program is to afford lower-income youth, first-generation college goers, English language learners, students of color, and other underserved populations in higher education the opportunity to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor's degree.*



Waipahu High School Early College

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**Preparing for
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Dare to Climb the Highest!

Early College ALPS Accelerated Learning Program Services (ALPS)

The Waipahu High School Early College **Accelerated Learning Program Services (ALPS)** is an Open Entry/Open Exit (OEOE), self-pace course of study designed to improve Math and English skills through the University of Hawaii, Online Learning Academy (OLA).

The OLA offers free online math and science tutoring for all Hawai'i Department of Education (K-12), community college and UH Mānoa students state-wide. Tutors are available to help with class work or homework during their hours of operation.

EdReady Hawai'i is an initiative managed by the Online Learning Academy at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The goal of the initiative is to provide access to online math and English readiness content for secondary (grades 6-12) and higher education students in Hawai'i statewide.

Early College Options

EARLY COLLEGE NON-DEGREE

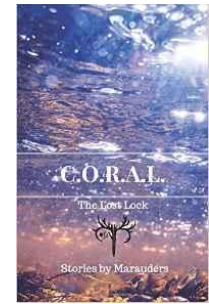
According to the Community College Research Center at Columbia University (Cho and Karp 2012), students who accrue 15 or more college credits are more likely to persist in college. The non-degree option maximizes **student choice** in terms of extracurricular activities (e.g., student government, council, sports, band, clubs, etc.) while increasing college readiness, future cost of higher education and college readiness.

EARLY COLLEGE OLYMPIAN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

To be an Olympian means to discipline and dedicate one's self with regard to a supreme "top-level" goal: an Associate in Arts degree by the time one graduates from high school. Early College Olympians maximize dual credit; that is, satisfying high school course requirements by taking college classes instead.

EARLY COLLEGE OLYMPIAN ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

STEM Olympian Early College students are grit paragons who aspire to become scientists, technology innovators, engineers, medical professionals and mathematicians, to name a few. Through intense individual effort and collaborative teamwork, their goal is to complete college chemistry, physics, four semesters of calculus and much more in order to earn an Associate in Science/Natural Science degree by the time they graduate from high school.



C.O.R.A.L.: The Lost Lock Stories by Marauders

Waipahu High School Early College students worked collaboratively in their Creative Writing, English 204 class to author a creative fictional story of five employees who are trapped under the ocean in an aqualab where an explosion threatens everyone's life. This novel was published by Create Space and is listed on Amazon

Waipahu High School Early College – a bold approach to strategic enrollment management for the University of Hawaii System that improves on-time graduation of underrepresented students



Benefits

- Save thousands of dollars on future costs for college.
- Smaller Learning Communities
- Boosts your GPA above 4.0 through weighted 5.0 classes.
- Earn an Associate of Arts or Associate in Science degree.
- Join Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
- Helps you stand out and get noticed on your scholarship personal statement, applications for premier universities and promotes honors recognition.
- Fosters a "college-going" culture at the high school.
- Earn dual credit (i.e., college classes that take the place of high school classes).
- On average, Early College completers earn higher GPAs after high school.



Student-Centered Astronomical Research

Team students (left to right) Stuart Martin (Leeward Community College), Diana Castaneda, Cathrina Ramos, and Linsey Daclison (Waipahu High School Early College) Published in the Journal of Double Star Observations