

Camp Manoa 2023 – Message from the Camp Director

Video Transcript

Aloha. My name is Paul. I was the camp director for our recent successful Camp Manoa event where the CSC and DVR brought about ten students together from Oahu and Neighbor Islands for the PAC Rim conference. On Sunday everyone gathered together, we went to the hotel and we started our workshop related to goal building and what goals we have and how we can manage things to better meet our goals.

And then we had a meal, we had dinner, and then that evening we got together to work on communication facilitation for smoother communication. And then we got ready for the next two days of workshops at the PAC Rim Conference. The PAC Rim students learned about communication access, federal funds available for equipment that's available for the deaf community throughout the US.

We even learned about how to do active shooter drills and what to do at the deaf school and how we can have communication access with alarms and fire alarms and other things. And we gave feedback to policymakers. So that was cool. Also, we learned about new apps such as they're working on one that changes ASL to English vocabulary and even signing to spoken English.

Our students learn how to use interpreters to distance technology using Zoom. Instead of a team, maybe they could have two separate screens. There's so many different things they were able to learn about. They were thrilled on Tuesday when I dropped them off at the dorm. They were very excited and ready to get to work on making their presentations.

The next day at school, they presented and explained to the students and everyone is now so excited because they want to go next year. So it was really a successful, enjoyable experience.