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Read about the administration's efforts toward school empowerment and innovation in this issue of the Capitol Connection forwarded from the Governor's office.

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TWO HAWAI'I TEACHERS HONORED WITH MILKEN AWARDS

The national Milken Educator Awards have been called "the Oscars of education" and come with a \$25,000 cash prize. But this year's winners say the real reward happens every day in their classrooms. ([Read more](#))

'EDUCATION IS AT THE HEART OF OUR FUTURE,' SAYS GOVERNOR

School Empowerment and innovation aren't just buzzwords. They're part of Gov. David Ige's long-held belief that our school system needs to direct more resources to those closest to the students. That's why education is his priority in the state's 2017-2019 biennium budget. "Improving education pays

dividends for everyone in Hawai'i," says the governor. "The students' success can have ripple effects for generations to come." So how do empowerment and innovation translate in the real world for students, teachers, schools and communities? This issue provides some answers – and insight on the governor's long-standing commitment to education reform. ([Read more](#))

EARLY COLLEGE PROVIDES HEAD START ON COLLEGE DEGREES

Early College is an innovation that works. That seems to be the takeaway, based on success stories, data points and, most of all, the heartfelt words of the students in the program and their proud parents. They call the program "life-changing" because it offers students a way to save money on college courses and build confidence while they're still in high school. ([Read more](#))

EMPOWERMENT AND INNOVATION: THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

Empowerment and innovation go hand in hand. Just ask Waipahu High School's student Early College "Olympians" who are on their way to college degrees. Or the Milken award-winning teachers who empower their students through creative, innovative projects. Or the budding entrepreneurs at UH and in the Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism business accelerators. ([Read more](#))

KAMA'AINA BRING TECH TALENTS BACK HOME

For some of us, "high tech" sounds like something nerdy people do while the rest of us just try to survive with the same old, whatever we've always done routine. Except that's not the age we're living in or the world where the next generation of students will find careers. ([Read more](#))

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN: HELP THE TAX DEPARTMENT HELP YOU

When you have to process paperwork from more than 700,000 income tax filers, even the smallest details matter. So what can people do to expedite their returns?

The advice from Damien Elefante, deputy director of the state tax department, is simple but important to avoid delays: ([Read more](#))

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