An Oli for CTAHR

Composed by Dr. Mehana Vaughan, originally for a group of undergraduate students conducting summer research on the island of Kaua‘i, this oli was shared with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources on the occasion of CTAHR’s Silver Anniversary Awards Banquet on May 3, 2013.

The oli honors the communities and places in which we learn and work. Dr. Vaughan encourages its use to welcome, ask permission to enter, or request guidance for educational and research efforts, that they may bring pono for Hawai‘i’s ʻāina and people.

Hear the oli at http://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/Portals/57/CTAHR%20oli.mp3

He aloha no ka ʻāina uluwehi
Wehi ke aloha o nā kūpuna e
He pūnāwai ʻike kau i ka hano
Hanohano wale o Hawaiʻi e
E hō mai ka maopopo pono
Pono mai uka a i kai e
Aloha e, Aloha e, Aloha e

Aloha for the abundant / verdant land
Adorned with aloha of the ancestors,
a spring of honored knowledge placed above
Just majestic is Hawai‘i
Grant us understanding
That brings balance and thriving from mountains to sea
Aloha