



## **Our Mission**

**Polestar Collaborative** creates dynamic opportunities that engage the spirit of learning and transform individuals through mentorship, leadership and community.

## **Our Programs**

### **Sports and Fitness Program**

A core value and goal of the Polestar Collaborative is to create dynamic opportunities for Youth that encourage the development of a balanced and healthy lifestyle rooted in physical fitness. By encouraging our Youth to be physically fit, we are building their inherent capacity to live their lives with commitment, discipline, and confidence. Our Youth Sports and Fitness program is designed to instill a strong foundation of understanding of the gift and importance of the human body. By targeting nutrition, strength, and endurance, our programs will help our Youth develop personal goals and positive attitudes, which will ultimately support them to reach for personal excellence.

### **Creative and Performing Arts Program**

The goal of the Performing Arts program is to create original theater. Through the use of a vigorous curriculum, facilitated by knowledgeable mentors who have over twenty years of experience in theater, this process fosters creative thinking, collaboration, and positive communication. Through the use of individual and group activities, discussions, improvisation, and self-reflection, students will not only develop performance skills, but they will also become more confident in being open to express themselves and take risks.

### **Youth Apprenticeship Program**

Our Youth Apprenticeship program addresses the life skills needed to prepare Youth for independent living and the world of work. Our prioritized goal and core value is to provide Puna with a highly skilled, competitive workforce. To support this mission, our Youth Apprenticeship program integrates real-world learning. Students will learn employability skills and occupational skills taught by licensed contractors and experienced, work-site supervisors. Key elements of the Youth Apprenticeship program are: skilled mentors assigned to train the students, hands on curriculum instruction, and exposure to multiple aspects of the industry.

### **Community Service Learning Program**

The Polestar Collaborative is a community of souls striving to awaken students of all ages to their highest potential. Our volunteer initiative is an opportunity to serve, support, and share your talents with your community. Volunteers will design, initiate, and evaluate community service projects.

### **Garden to Table Program**

Our garden to table program produces fruits, vegetables, and herbs for delicious, healthy meals from our organic garden and orchard. Youth will develop the following skills: planning, planting, harvesting, and cooking. The Garden to Table program will teach our Youth how to sustain a healthy lifestyle rooted in diet and nutrition. Our resident chefs and gardeners will teach our Youth all they need to know about nutritious, organic homegrown foods.

### **Digital Arts & Technology Program**

The Digital Arts & Technology program takes advantage of our young people's natural attraction to the digital world surrounding them to teach the practical and responsible use of technology. The program focuses on the appreciation, creation, preservation and presentation of art, music and literature achieved through the use of new and evolving video, recording and computer based technologies. Students are taught real-world, career path skills through a combination of standard classroom instruction, one-on-one mentoring and creative group projects. The program partners with Polestar Interactive, a locally based technology company to give hands-on experience in actual recording, projection, broadcast, print, web, publishing, installation and service projects.