March 1 - 9, 2012
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- Thirty Meter Telescope
- NASA Lunar Science Institute
- University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
- ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center
- Bank of Hawai‘i
- Basically Books
- Big Island Toyota
- Big Island Chevron
- Business - Education Partnership
- Caltech Submillimeter Observatory
- Canada-France-Hawai‘i Telescope
- Carthage University
- Center for Astronomy & Physics Education Research
- Franklin Institute Science Museum
- Hawai‘i Space Grant Consortium, UH Manoa
- Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce
- Hawai‘i Island Economic Development Board
- Hawai‘i Tribune-Herald
- James Clerk Maxwell Telescope
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Joint Astronomy Centre
- KTA Superstores
- KWXX
- Mauna Kea Observatories Outreach Committee
- NASA Infrared Telescope Facility
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- Prince Kuhio Plaza
- PISCES, Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems
- Rotary Club of Hilo Bay
- Smithsonian Submillimeter Array
- Subaru Telescope
- UH Hoku Ke‘a and 2.2 Meter Telescopes
- UH Institute for Astronomy
- UH Hilo, College of Pharmacy
- United Kingdom Infrared Telescope
- W.M. Keck Observatory

www.gemini.edu/journey
WHEREAS, Journey Through the Universe is a national science education initiative developed by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education that engages students, teachers, families and the public through programs relating to space exploration and Earth science; and

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WHEREAS, the 8th Annual Journey Through the Universe program will take place from March 01-09, 2012 on the Big Island of Hawai‘i; now

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“JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in broadening our appreciation of the scientific efforts which better allow us to understand the universe.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this sixth day of February 2012.

Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

Brian Schatz
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i
Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie

"Bringing the Universe to the Classroom"
March 06, 2012

On behalf of the people of Hawai‘i, I extend a heartfelt aloha to all of the participants for the Department of Education Hilo/Laupahoehoe/Waiakea Complex Area Schools and partners engaging students in science, technology, engineering and math learning experiences within and beyond the classroom.

I commend Shawn Laatsch, Planetarium Manager for the ʻImiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i and the Executive Officer in the International Planetarium Society. For more than 24 years, Mr. Laatsch has been actively involved in endorsing planetarium program development and astronomy education in museum, university and K-12 educational settings. In 2010, both he and Richard Crowe had been awarded the Taniguchi Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award for their cooperation instructing introductory astronomy in the ʻImiloa planetarium.

I want to personally thank all the participants from the State and Complex Area Leadership as well as the event sponsors: their dedication to the children of Hawai‘i by taking them on a journey through the universe. Today, children will be empowered with the passion of cultural and historical astronomy.

Again, I would like to congratulate all those who made this event possible and share my deepest appreciation for your hard work. Mahalo.

Aloha,

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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WHEREAS, the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education’s (NCESSE) central objective is to continue America’s legacy as a leader on the frontiers of science and technology well into the 21st century by ensuring a scientifically literate public and a next generation of scientists and engineers; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Hawai‘i fully encourages and supports the educators who perpetuate learning and exploration of our universe in order to excite our youth about the future; and

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai‘i to be affixed. Done this 20th day of January, 2012, in Hilo, Hawai‘i.

Billy Kenoi
Mayor
Thank you letter from Janice Harvey, Gemini Observatory

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*Photo courtesy of Gemini*

*More info about event*
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When completed later this decade, the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) will enable astronomers to study objects in our own solar system and stars throughout our Milky Way and its neighboring galaxies, and forming galaxies at the very edge of the observable Universe, near the beginning of time.

Journey through the Universe is a National initiative that includes local programs for thousands of students and families and includes grade K-12 lessons and curriculum support materials, teacher training, and ongoing teacher support in science content and education. The Journey program brings together local students and teachers with astronomers and engineers who share their passion and knowledge for science and technology and inspires local students to reach for the stars.

Hilo is currently only one of 10 communities around the nation that is designated as a Journey through the Universe site.

This year, Journey through the Universe Week kicks off an exciting week of science and astronomy discoveries starting with a Master Educator and Astronomy Educator Workshop on Thursday, March 1 at 8 am at the `Imiloa Astronomy Center. This workshop helps to improve the impact of astronomers' and scientists' classroom visits.

On Friday, March 2 and continuing through the following week, Astronomy educators make classroom visits to more than eighteen Hilo, Laupahoehoe and Waiakea State Department of Education (DOE) schools. Always a favorite, these classroom visits connect scientists and astronomers to students with cool science and astronomy lessons.
On Saturday, March 3 beginning at 8:30am at Hilo High School, nationally recognized science educator and planetary scientist, Dr. Jeff Goldstein, Center Director for the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education takes the stage as the Keynote speaker at the STEM Education Conference. His address titled, Science-It's Not a Book of Knowledge....It's a Journey will be an exciting time for Hawaii DOE educators and an opportunity to bring STEM learning experiences into the classroom and beyond.

Be sure to mark your calendars for \`Imiloa's 6th Annual KTA Family Free Day with Journey through the Universe on Sunday, March 4. This popular and well attended event gets underway at 9 am with give-aways for the first 500 keiki. There will be exhibits, Planetarium previews, and science talks throughout the day.

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The Hawaii Island business community will have an opportunity to celebrate Journey To The Universe Week on Monday, March 5 starting at 5 pm at Hilo Yacht Club for an Astronomy Educators Reception.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, this reception is an opportunity to thank the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education members and the many astronomers and scientists who deliver exciting STEM programs to our local schools. Contact either Chamber for more info on how to attend.
see: UH Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney's Blog, March 12, 2012

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  Master Educators/Astronomers' Workshop: 8am – 12pm  `Imiloa Astronomy Center
  Astronomy Educators will join the Master Educators 10am – 12pm
- **Friday, March 2 & Monday - Thursday, March 5 - 8, 2012:**
  Astronomy Educators will make classroom visits to Participating Schools
- **Saturday, March 3, 2012:**
  Journey Community Keynote and Workshops: 8am – 3:30pm at Hilo High School
- **Sunday, March 4, 2012:**
  Journey through the Universe Family Science Day: 9am – 4pm at  `Imiloa Astronomy Center with KTA
- **Monday, March 5, 2012:**
  Hawai'i Chambers of Commerce Appreciation Event: 5pm – 8pm at Hilo Yacht Club
- **Wednesday, March 7, 2012:**
  Journey through the Universe Family Science Night: 6pm – 9pm at University of Hawai`i at Hilo
Invitational Event for Hawaii Department of Education
Hilo/Laupahoehoe/Waiakea Complex Area Schools and Partners

Journey Through The Universe "2.0 -
S.T.E.M. EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Bringing the Universe to the Classroom
Engaging Students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Learning Experiences within and Beyond the Classroom

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Featuring

DR. JEFF GOLDSTEIN
DIRECTOR: NATIONAL CENTER FOR EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE EDUCATION

Keynote Address:
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Leadership Session:
Journey through the Universe 2.0 -
Creating 21st Century Learning Opportunities

Special Session:
Student Spaceflight Experiments Program

TEACHER BREAKOUT SESSIONS
✧ Build Your Own Galileoscope: Doug Arion, Carthage University
✧ Integrating the Engineering Design Process (EDP) in the Classroom:
  Lynn Lum and Ryan Saito, State STEM Resource Teachers
✧ Teaching Energy Science as Inquiry; Teaching Electric Science as Inquiry
  Dr. Tim Slater, University of Wyoming; CAPER Team
✧ Exploring the Moon with NASA: Brian Day, NASA
Ambassadors for Journey 2012
Celebrate 'Imiloa Astronomy Center’s 6th anniversary celebration at KTA Family Free Day on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of KTA Super Stores, this celebration is free to the community. 'Imiloa’s KTA Family Free Day starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. The first 500 keiki visitors will receive a special 'Imiloa giveaway to take home. The day’s offerings includes free access to 'Imiloa’s exhibit hall and Journey through the Universe presentations featuring an inspiring keynote speech by Dr. Jeff Goldstein at 1:30 p.m. entitled, “How Big is Big?” For the hungry visitors, KTA Super Stores will be grilling their 1/3 pound beef franks with sweetbread bun for sale and free birthday cake will be served to the first 1,000 visitors.

Special programs include 15-minute planetarium experiences starting at 9 a.m. as the audience will be treated to a night sky presentation and a “sampling” of 'Imiloa planetarium shows. Engaging and awe-inspiring presentations by Journey through the Universe astronomy professionals Dr. Brad Bailey, Dr. Douglas Arion, Dr. Gordon Squires, Scott Fisher, and Dr. Tim Slater will start at 9:30 a.m.

Hands-on activities will be offered by various departments and colleges of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo: College of Agriculture, Forestry & Natural Resource Management, College of Business and Economics, College of Pharmacy, Department of Education, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language and Nā Pua No'eau Center for gifted and talented Native Hawaiian Children. Informative booths by Maunakea observatories and the popular STARBASE Hawaii flight simulators will also be onsite for visitors.
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Journey through the Universe Presentations
UH Hilo Booths & Activities
Exhibit & Garden Tours
Planetarium Previews
STARBASE Hawaii Flight Simulators
KTA Super Stores Cookout

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Goldstein
“How Big is Big?” @ 1:30 pm

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i
www.imiloahawaii.org or 808.969.9703
Journey through the Universe Presentations

9:30 am  Underwater Volcanoes
Dr. Brad Bailey, NASA Lunar Science Institute
Dr. Brad Bailey will discuss the relevance to underground Mars and Europa biospheres in addition to other volcanic activity in the solar system. A NASA Lunar Science Institute Staff Scientist, Bailey directs the NASA Ames Academy, a student research and leadership development program. In the Earl & Doris Bakken Moanahōkū Hall.

10:30 am  The Beautiful End of Stars
Dr. Douglas Aron, Carthage College
Some of the most spectacular astronomical images show the beautiful and intricate gas clouds that surround dying stars. Sometimes the star dies a violent death—a supernova. But most stars, like the Sun, will die slowly, and in that process for a short time are surrounded by the glow of planetary nebulas with amazing shapes and beautiful colors. Come explore these objects, and what their shapes may mean for planets around other stars and the future of our own Solar System. In the Earl & Doris Bakken Moanahōkū Hall.

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12:30 pm  Astronomy on the Big Island, What’s Funding Got to do with it?
Dr. Scott Fisher, National Science Foundation
How are many of the telescopes on Mauna Kea funded? Find out where the money for these projects comes from; and how it makes it way to the basic facilities and observations on the Big Island. ‘Talk story’ about the latest and greatest discoveries and take a tour of the sky and learn more about the cutting edge research happening right in our own backyard. Bring your questions to try to "Stump the Astronomer!" In the Earl & Doris Bakken Moanahōkū Hall.

1:30 pm  How Big is Big?
Dr. Jeff Goldstein, National Center for Earth & Space Science KEYNOTE SPEAKER
It’s a big, often intimidating universe out there. How do we even begin to fathom objects and distances that dwarf anything we’ve ever experienced? You might memorize all the facts and figures—our galaxy has over 100 billion stars, our Sun is 93,000,000 miles away. But where’s the learning? The numbers are big, impersonal—even irrelevant. Instead, you might imagine a simple view with Earth, our Sun, and some neighboring planets and stars adrift in an endless ocean of space. But both approaches do a disservice to the majesty of the cosmos. Earth’s place in space is understandable, and in a way that inspires awe and wonder! The secret is placing the universe in a context that is familiar. You’re not convinced? Come and take this magical journey from spaceship Earth to points unknown.
I promise when we come back home you’ll feel the words of T.S. Eliot: “...and the end of our exploring will be to arrive at where we started and know the place for the first time.” In the ‘Imiloa Planetarium.

3:00 pm  Omens in the Sky: Can Comet Hunters Save the World?
Dr. Tim Slater, University of Wyoming
Since the dawn of civilization, skywatchers vigilantly stood guard for these strange visitors from the outer reaches of the solar system. Comets, asteroids, and meteor showers can leave observers mystified, but today impact predictions leave governments perplexed. In the Earl & Doris Bakken Moanahōkū Hall.
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Journey Through The Universe 2012

By: Janice Harvey, Journey Team Leader, Gemini Observatory

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Astronomy Educators Reception

Sponsored by Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai‘i

Monday March 5, 2012
5pm to 8pm Hilo Yacht Club

- Pupus
- No Host Beverages
- Door Prizes
- JCCIH & HICC members $25
- Non-members & guests $30

We invite you to celebrate Journey Week! Meet and greet National Science Team members plus the many astronomers and educators who are delivering this fantastic educational program to our K-12 schools.

Join the business community in thanking them for their commitment to the Journey Through the Universe program.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2012

No-shows or cancellations after February 28 will be charged the full fee.

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Payments accepted at either Chamber’s offices. Credit card orders also accepted via phone, email or fax.

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2012 Astronomy Educators

Mahalo to our

This Evening's Program

Astronomy Educators Reception
Journey Through The Universe

Welcome to the
Family Science Night

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
Science and Technology Building - Rm 108

Presented in collaboration with Black History Month

Minority Access & Achievement Program
UH Diversity & Equity Initiative
Black History Month Committee

Derrick Pitts

6:00 pm – Doors Open, Displays, Meet and Greet
7:00 pm - The New Moon

Brian Day (NASA Lunar Science Institute, NASA Ames)
Most of us grew up learning that the Moon is a completely arid, geologically dead, and airless world. However, a new generation of robotic lunar explorers is fundamentally changing our understanding of the Moon. Brian Day, EPO for the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) mission, will show how the Moon is a far more interesting place than we had previously thought. He will also discuss how students and interested members of the public can work with NASA to explore the Moon.

8:00 pm - The New Space Race
Astronomy & Space Exploration on the Edge of Tomorrow

Derrick Pitts
(Chief Astronomer & Director, Fels Planetarium, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia)

Tomorrow’s world will see an advent of super-sized telescopes run with international partnerships. Beyond Earth will be a flotilla of space-based telescopes observing the Universe in ways never before imagined. Coupled with a global push for renewed manned space explorations by China, India and Japan (along with the traditional mainstays Russia and the US), we shall witness a global “leap forward” into the Universe!

For Disability accommodation contact 933-0816 (V), 933-3334 (TTY), uds@hawaii.edu
Journey through the Universe
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Classroom visits
& Family Science Night
Journey through the Universe

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Classroom Visits
Exploring the Universe

To infinity and beyond

ABOVE: Fifth-grader Kahiau Kua-Silva, 10, laughs as he and his classmates blow up balloons while learning about dark matter and dark energy, with the University of Hawaii at Hilo physics and astronomy assistant professor Marianne Takamiya (not pictured) at Keaukaha Elementary School on Friday as part of the Journey Through the Universe program. RIGHT: UHH astronomy professor Richard Crowe demonstrates centrifugal force to second graders at Keaukaha Elementary School.
CoP holds workshop on engineering concepts

Twenty-nine local teachers attended a workshop led by the College of Pharmacy (CoP) on the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus over Christmas break. The workshop will help them introduce engineering concepts in their own classrooms.

“Engineering plays an important role in many careers, including pharmaceutical manufacturing.” said Ken Morris, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences who led the one-day workshop that provided tools teachers need to inspire students to look into engineering careers.

“This represents a huge opportunity to address many issues on the Big Island. From energy generation to the observatories, to roads and bridges,” said Morris.

The program is funded via a grant from the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center on Structured Organic Particulate Systems, with UH-Hilo as an outreach partner.

The opportunity to attend the workshop was offered to faculty members at the Hilo Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex who teach in science, technology, engineering and math, known as STEM disciplines. Future plans are to offer the workshop to all Big Island school complexes.

“We hope this will provide a natural link to training students in engineering at the undergraduate level at UH-Hilo and other UH campuses,” Morris said.

The course combined classroom instruction with hands-on activities and laboratory exercises that focused on understanding engineering concepts and methods.

Raj Dave, a distinguished professor of engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology, was both an instructor and advisor for the College of Pharmacy on the engineering-specific content of the workshop. UH-Hilo instructors included Mahavir Chougule, assistant professor in pharmaceutical sciences, and Mazen Harad, assistant professor in chemistry. Xinyan Wang, the undergraduate engineering coordinator at UH-Hilo, organized the workshop with Bess Jennings, one of three state Department of Education STEM resource teachers on the Big Island who attended the workshop.

“The workshop gave teachers a better understanding of the range of careers in engineering and how to interest their students in the subject,” Jennings said. “This is important, because the discipline of engineering is a key aspect of the focus on revitalizing teaching and learning through STEM-based education.”

Janice Harvey, Community Outreach and Education Programs leader at the Hawaii Journey through the Universe project at the Gemini Observatory, helped link the CoP-driven effort with her school system network in an introductory session to principals in the summer. Superintendent Valerie Takata led the effort with the Hilo-Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex area schools.

The collaboration should result in more students understanding engineering concepts and possibly choosing careers in related fields to help build a better Hawaii.
Teacher evaluations for Journey Through the Universe Program - 2012

*Journey is a great opportunity for the students to see and talk to researchers currently working in the field. Lance Tominaga, Waiakea High School.

*Every year the program gets better! Very impressive, leaves a lasting impression on the students. Susan Spencer, Kapiolani.

*Please continue with this worthwhile program to inspire kids. Great job! We appreciate it and students love it! Karen Emerson, Kapiolani.

*JTTU has done an excellent job at educating students. The presentations really spark an interest in learning science. No teacher name, E.B de Silva.

*Wonderful presentation! The kids were interested and engaged. Presentation was interactive and lively!! Michele Cann, Keaukaha Elem. School.

*JTTU is an enriching experience that helps reinforce grade level curriculum. No teacher name, E.B. de Silva Elem. School.

*Awesome! I can tell that you work with youth. The presentation was age appropriate and very engaging! I was impressed with how the information was presented. You tapped into all the different learning styles and created a lesson that included all students! Thank you! Lia Pe’a, Waiakea Inter.

*Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us. You made a difficult subject easier to understand. I think the program is wonderful! Please continue it. No teacher name, Waiakeaawaena Elem. School.

*We were all wowed!! A super awesome presentation!! Everyone loved it - everyone was engaged! What an easy way of learning such difficult concepts. Rochelle Tamiya, Hilo Intermediate.

*The JTTU program allows the students to make additional connections to concepts presented in the classroom. It is a great opportunity for students to learn about science from other people in the community. Kathy Sewake, E.B. de Silva Elem. School.

*Thank you for continuing this wonderful program. The students learn so much valuable information and experiencing this program positively impacts student’s learning! Jacqueline Luna, Kapiolani Elem. School.

*This is such a fantastic program! I loved getting to experience science in such a stimulating and interesting way. The children’s faces say it all – Science is Fun!! Thank you! Roseann Retter, E.B. de Silva Elementary School.
*Very personable and animated. Every student was engaged and fascinated. Fun, interactive – excellent!! Great introduction to our unity on space and the solar system in particular. Students loved it! Carolyn Kuntemeyer, E.B. de Silva Elem. School.

*Great job!! Student impact is tremendous!! Students enjoyed the presentation and it’s real world application. Mahalo! Christin Quinories, Ka Ana La’ahana PCS.

*Please keep coming with these hands–on interactive activities. My students ENGAGE! THANK YOU!!!! Rene Matsubara, Waiakea Elem. School.

*Excellent presentation! Thank you! This is such a worth while and motivating program for the students!! Wendy Gomes, Waiakea Elem. School.

*Excellent presentation! Wow, most involved I have seen a class in 6 years! Stacey Thom, Hilo Union Elem. School.

*JTTU will plant a seed in these curious minds for future scientists or researchers. We hope this program will continue for many years to come. Jill Igawa, Waiakea Elem. School.

*It is such a wonderful program to bring scientists to the classrooms and make contact to build enthusiastic learners for the next generation of scientists. Joanne Yaga, E.B. de Silva Elem. School.
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