Dear Third Western Regional IDEa Conference Participants!

It is with great pleasure that I would like to welcome each of you to the conference, Honolulu, and the state of Hawai‘i. This is an exciting time and place for researchers, faculty, and students who are directly and indirectly involved in the strengthening of biomedical and overall biological science related disciplines. I believe that the conference will serve as a forum not only to advance knowledge but also to develop networks to promote regional collaboration in biomedical science.

Although we are a community college and therefore do not have research as a primary part of our work, we fully subscribe to the notion that applied research provides our students opportunities to engage with the challenges facing their community and is an integral part of our mission. Should any of you wish to extend your stay and visit our college, we will be happy to show you the research taking place here on campus.

On behalf of Kaua‘i Community College and as a part of the larger University of Hawaii System, I wish you a successful conference and a wonderful time in Honolulu. In addition to this, I would like to thank the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and National Institute of Health (NIH) for providing support for this important conference.

Aloha,

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