Members of the Ho'okahua ‘Ai mentorship program did some spring cleaning in early April. The wet lo'i terraces were revealed once again with help from some of our PTA (Pōhakuloa Training Area) military soldiers. In addition to our work day, the Ho'opai ‘Ohana brought heavy equipment to help move earth and uncover a few of our lo'i patches. We were also lucky to have extra help from Yamasaki Motors in clearing out the tall grass around the farm.

Our haumāna particularly enjoyed being in the company of the military soldiers. Our youth enjoyed the privilege and honor of working alongside the men and women who dedicate their lives to fighting for our freedom. At the same time, our youth had the chance to teach our soldiers a few things they learned through working on the farm. Our haumāna were surprised to learn that our soldiers were normal people too.

Through the Crops & Plants sessions of the mentorship program, the haumāna continue to experiment with new varieties of kalo and hone their planting, maintenance, and harvesting skills before eventually eating and sharing the kalo.

The exact same happens for our other plants such as eggplants, beans and peppers. Repetition, practice and consistency is what we need in crops. Our youth are now more fluid in maintaining and repairing irrigation lines on their own to ensure our plants and animals have enough water every day.
To round out the year and switch gears for summer, we will hold a traditional hoʻike. In doing so, the haumāna will celebrate the commitment of our ʻohana and share what they have learned. Of course, this wouldn’t be possible without the hours of planning by the team. From start to finish, every detail that goes into each task ensures that everyone learns something new and that everyone walks away better than they arrived that morning. It is the planning that happens throughout the year, including all the writing, reflecting, evaluating, and talking story, that sets us up for success. We shouldn’t just want to open doors, but knock them down with all the experience and skills we’ve gained. Be ready.

Daysha is part of the original crew of mentees from the beginning. We have been lucky to be witnesses of her vast improvements in the past few years. She started as the youngest haumāna, at age 11, she was hard-working from the start. Daysha was not afraid to take on tasks head on, eager to learn new things and a strong spirit to get her through the challenging tasks. Daysha’s heart is full of joy for her favorite past time, dancing hula with Kumu Hope Keawe of Hula Hālau Manaʻolana O Kohala and also hanging out with friends. When asked what she wants out of her time with our mentorship, she replies, “I want to enjoy what I’m doing.” Well put, it is a consistent goal we all have in common at the farm. It is with great attitudes like hers who can make a long work day seem so easy and fun.

**FEATURED HAUMĀNA:**
**DAYSHA LYNN LOKELANI MARIE TAYAN-GERMANO**

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**KARAMACHIYA (OKINAWAN CHOCOLATE CREPES)**
**BY CHARLOTTE M. ARAKAKI**

3/4 Cup Flour  
3/4 Cup Mochiko  
3/4 Cup Sugar  
3/4 Cup Sweetened Cocoa Powder (Nesquik)  
2 Cups Milk  
2 Eggs  
2 Teaspoons Vanilla Butter to grease skillet

Mix flour, mochiko, sugar and cocoa powder. Add milk, eggs and vanilla. Mix until smooth.

Heat a skillet on medium-low and grease generously with butter. Pour 1/2 cup onto skillet. When bubbles appear, flip over. Cook until done. Roll up like a crepe. Enjoy!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HA Plants & Crops**  
Sat, June 15 8a - 3:30p

**HA Korean Natural Farming**  
Sat, June 29 8a - 3:30p

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