



June 17- 20, 2024
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

Paradise Based Learning offers deep learning workshops that equip educators with skills to create a transformative learning experience through Experiential Learning pedagogies. Our convening offers workshops designed to help teachers develop critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills amongst their students. With these pedagogies, students maintain academic standards while learning within a culture of innovation, experimentation, and inclusion focusing on individual student needs. Discover the multiple workshop tracks below:

- **Navigating PBL: A Beginner's Guide – For teachers new to Project-Based Learning.**
- **PBL Step II: From Padawan to Jedi – This track provides practical insights, readily implementable projects, and equity principles for educators with foundational PBL experience, who aspire to become PBL experts.**
- **Driving Deeper Engagement in STEM – For educators to transform STEM education by embracing an Experiential STEM Mindset and designing customized strategies for their classrooms.**
- **Beyond the Band-Aid: Authentically Repairing Harm – For educational leaders to explore repairing harm processes and philosophies.**
- **Fractals: An Equitable Approach to Student-Centered Learning – For leadership teams to create student-centered pilot programs that promote equity in learning experiences.**

*Attendees are eligible to earn 2 CEUs in the process of participating in their selected workshop track. Extra charges apply.

This deep learning workshop is limited to 150 attendees to ensure an impactful experience for all.

Paradise Based Learning is a deep learning experience for all participants. Registration fees include breakfast & lunch for each workshop day, attendance at selected workshop track, and all keynote and general sessions. The immersive experience registration includes a structured and immersive experiential learning day on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. The general admission option does not include formal activities on June 19th but allows participants to explore and learn about the Island of Hawaii.

General Admission: \$1399

Immersive Experience: \$1649

Reserve your spot online at www.paradisebasedlearning.org

Why Paradise Based Learning?

We believe educators are the tenacious and conscientious agents who inspire the next generation and deserve the best opportunities to convene, learn, and grow together on their professional journey.

Paradise Based Learning was designed for educators to learn with transformative experts and be moved by a unique place, allowing a safe space to explore the uncomfortable and perhaps unfamiliar paradoxes we face each day.

Embark with us in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i for an impactful workshop that features intimate cohorts, empowered facilitators, and engaging workshop tracks.



At Paradise Based Learning we aim to:

- Create the time and space for participants to explore their practice and the paradoxes we face in education today
- Allow educators to experience experiential education for themselves
- Provide networking opportunities for educators to learn and grow with like minded colleagues
- Have each attendee leave with ready to implement plans and strategies

Keynote Speaker



Whitney Aragaki, PhD

Whitney Aragaki, an educator, parent, and learner hailing from Hilo, Hawai'i, champions a teaching approach rooted in abundance, honoring place, people, and cultures. With a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Swarthmore College and a Master of Science in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Aragaki earned a Doctor of Philosophy in curriculum and instruction at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education. Recognized as the 2022 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year and a National Teacher of the Year Finalist, Aragaki holds National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood Mathematics and has been a two-time state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. In 2023, she was selected as part of the inaugural class of Obama Foundation Leaders USA.

Estimated Costs

West Coast Central East Coast



\$1,399	\$1,399	\$1,399
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\$550 (LAX)	\$775 (DFW)	\$1,050 (JFK)
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\$450	\$450	\$450
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\$1,345	\$1,345	\$1,345
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\$468	\$468	\$468
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Estimated Total Costs



One Attendee

\$4,212	\$4,437	\$4,712
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Two Attendees (Double Occupancy)

\$6,629	\$7,079	\$7,629
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Ready to invest in yourself or your team?

Hawaii is closer and less expensive than you might think.

Professional development costs are eligible for Title II, Part A federal funds for teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators.

Letter / Email to Administrator:

Dear Administrator,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share an exciting opportunity that I believe will greatly benefit our school community and align with our commitment to providing quality education through innovative practices.

I am seeking your support and approval to attend the Paradise Based Learning 2024 conference, scheduled to take place on June 17th - 20th, 2024, in Kailua Kona, Hawai'i. This conference is designed to explore strategies and approaches that promote authentic and student-centered experiences for all students across various contexts.

As educators, it is crucial for us to continuously enhance our skills and knowledge to create meaningful learning experiences for our students. Attending the Paradise Based Learning 2024 conference will allow me to immerse myself in interactive and immersive deep dives into equitable teaching practices, network with influential educators, and learn new ideas and practices that I can implement in our school.

Here are some key reasons why I believe attending this conference is beneficial for our school:

- **Enhancing Teaching Practices:** The conference offers a range of workshops, keynotes, and sessions focused on student-centered competencies, providing me with valuable insights and tools to enhance our teaching practices.
- **Networking Opportunities:** I will have the chance to connect with educators who share our commitment to preparing students for success in college, career, and beyond. This networking opportunity will facilitate knowledge-sharing and collaboration among educators.
- **Contribution to School Goals:** The knowledge and expertise gained from the conference will directly contribute to our school's goals of fostering educational excellence, inclusivity, and creating equitable learning environments.

I attached a detailed budget estimate outlining the expenses associated with attending the conference, including registration fees, accommodation, and travel expenses. I kindly request your support in terms of financial assistance to cover these costs.

I am committed to sharing the knowledge and insights gained at the conference with our teaching staff and implementing best practices in our educational programs. I believe that this experience will not only benefit me professionally but also contribute to our school's success in fulfilling its educational objectives.

Thank you for considering my request. Your support and encouragement mean a lot to me, and I look forward to discussing this opportunity further with you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Position]



Paradise Based Learning 2024

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MONDAY JUNE 17, 2024 WORKSHOP DAY	TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2024 WORKSHOP DAY	WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, 2024 IMMERSIVE DAY JUNETEENTH	THURSDAY JUNE 20, 2024 WORKSHOP DAY
7:00-8:00 WORKSHOP CHECK-IN	7:30-8:45 BREAKFAST	7:30-8:45 BREAKFAST	7:30-8:45 BREAKFAST
8:00-9:15 OPENING KEYNOTE		8:00-8:45 OPENING REMARKS	8:00-8:45 OPENING REMARKS
9:45 - 3:15 DEEP LEARNING WORKSHOP	10:15-10:45 TROPIC TALKS	9:15 - 3:15 DEEP LEARNING WORKSHOP	9:15 - 1:45 DEEP LEARNING WORKSHOP
	12:00-1:00 NETWORKING LUNCH	10:15-10:45 TROPIC TALKS	10:15-10:45 IMMERSIVE DAY REFLECTION
		12:00-1:00 NETWORKING LUNCH	12:00-1:00 NETWORKING LUNCH
		3:15 - 3:45 IMMERSIVE DAY PREP	
4:00 - EVENING EXPLORE KONA	4:00 - EVENING EXPLORE KONA	7:00 - 7:00 IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE DAY	2:30 - 4:00 CLOSING CEREMONIES

