



Fashion-oriented mentorship program targets Oahu middle schoolers

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Designed to inspire and support Hawai'i's youth, the Reach the Runway program creates mentorship opportunities for O'ahu middle school students who are interested in journalism, photography, fashion design, magazine design, hair and makeup, styling or modeling. In addition to expanding their technical skills in specific fields, the program will develop students' confidence, determination and passion for their future endeavors.

Lennie Omalza, Executive Co-Director of Reach the Runway explains that the long-term goal of Reach the Runway is to provide students with a broader understanding of careers in the local fashion industry while equipping them with tools to start building their own paths in this field. The ultimate mission is to grow the Island fashion community, so that future professionals can thrive and expand the way the world views Hawai'i fashion.

Reach the Runway is the official nonprofit of HONOLULU Fashion Week presented by Hawaiian Airlines, an annual HONOLULU Magazine event. It is a program of the aio Foundation. More at <http://www.honolulumagazine.com/reachtherunway/>.

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