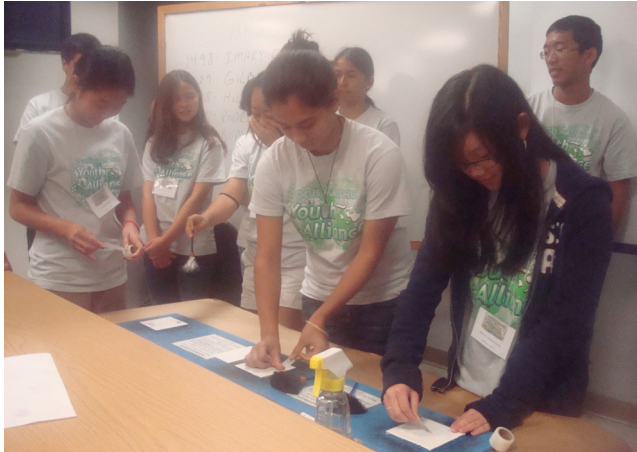


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**Youth Alliance @ MAUI's CSI LAB**



**'CSI Maui Style' was the subject of the March 16th session of the MEDB Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance.**

Nineteen members met during their spring break, all of whom were making their first ever visit to the Wailuku Police Station, for an in-depth look into Maui County's own 'Crime Scene Investigation' unit. Members toured the Wailuku Police Station, built in 1987, with Evidence Identification Specialist Wayland Kunitake. The tour included stops at the chief's office, the holding cells, and visits to different offices in the station. Members learned that our MPD works closely with all of the other county departments as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Kunitake shared that during his active days, cocaine and marijuana were the "big" cases but today crimes involving crystal methamphetamine are the most prevalent and dangerous facing our officers and community.

Following the tour members enjoyed a *CSI Overview Presentation & Tools of the Trade* show-and-tell presentation which included blue-light evidence recovery equipment, print collection techniques via bioluminescent chemicals, DNA collection, electrostatic lifter, and tire mark/footprint casting.

Evidence Identification Specialist Vin Souki explained and provided colorful examples of how he works with forensic entomologists and forensic anthropologists to establish facts. He also went into depth on how vital it is to obtain maternal mitochondrial DNA in cases involving tissue samples. MPD CSI Department recommends viewing *What Every Law Enforcement Officer Should Know about DNA Evidence* at: <http://dna.gov/training/letraining/>

For further information visit:  
[www.co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?nid=122](http://www.co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?nid=122)

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**Each month during the academic year high school participants from across Maui Nui gather to explore key components of our community.**

**This behind-the-scenes look is accompanied by projects and activities that give participants a greater understanding of how our community works.**

**Guided by the Focus Maui Nui vision, values and key strategies for action, Youth Alliance members are empowered with the skills and experiences to truly become leaders for change.**

"Learning about forensic entomology and anthropology fields have inspired a few Alliance members to consider a career in the CSI field."

~ Amanda Matsuda  
 Lahainaluna Freshman

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**Wailuku Police Department**  
 Chief Gary Yabuta  
 Captain Matsuoka  
 Sergeant Hirayama  
 EID Specialist Souki  
 EID Specialist Kunitake

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