Unit III: Ko‘u ‘i‘ini—Self Determination

Student Pages
Ōlelo Noʻeau 3:

Kūlia i ka nuʻu

*Translation:*
Strive to reach the highest

*Manaʻo:*
*Motto of Queen Kapiʻolani*
Kekoa Cazimero Chooses to Go Pro, College Later
Adapted from a story by Alyssa S. Navares
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In 2006, Kekoa Cazimero was a Kaiser High School senior chasing a career in professional surfing after graduating in June. But if that doesn't work out, then he has a backup plan - to attend college.

"I have always been really focused on surfing, but I think it's also important to have good grades in high school," Cazimero said. He graduated with a 3.9 grade-point average - and 21 out of 233 seniors in his class.

Cazimero hopes to one day become a world champion surfer, but said his priorities will always be family and education - and then surfing. He was selected out of the state's top junior surfers, to represent Hawaii and his hometown of Waimanalo.

It's a tough decision to put college on hold," his father said, "especially because he could probably go to any college he wanted."

When he goes to college later, Kekoa wants to major in business or technology and still wants to work with the surfing industry.
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