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Summer Intern Spotlight - Mahalo Will Sanders

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Creating a path toward a brighter future means investing in our youth. This summer, we partnered with Abilities Unlimited to offer an internship program for nine of Oahu's high school graduates and college students.

One of our summer interns, Will Sanders, is a communications major at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM). Here's what Will had to say about his experience interning with IHS:

"Because I am vulnerable to the threat of COVID-19, like many of you nowadays, I work from home. From working for IHS throughout the summer, I was able to learn about the issue of chronic homelessness on our island. I learned veterans who are dishonorably discharged are likely to be homeless because they aren't eligible to receive VA benefits and what IHS does to support and look after Veterans. Through IHS's Urban Agriculture Program, I also had the opportunity to discover how crucial reviving the agriculture industry is to the growth of our state, especially during this trying time. IHS remains deeply committed to the success of our community."

"Working as a volunteer at IHS provided me the opportunity to further hone my writing and research skills. And though I have a disability, the partnership between Abilities Unlimited and IHS allowed me to continue developing my writing skills and show the world and our community what I have to offer others. Non-profit organizations like IHS are all about creating opportunities for people that have unfortunate circumstances and guiding them on the right path. I am thankful for being a part of this."



Will enjoys writing, reading, watching TV, and exercising in his free time. One of Will's long term goals is to write and publish a novel.

IHS would like to give a warm mahalo to Will for his work during the summer internship. We are wishing him well as he continues his studies at UHM.

With gratitude,



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