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This weekend, 11 Finalists to Present Their ‘Ohana Story *2015 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai‘i Final Presentation*

The Organizing Committee for the *2015 Letter to My Parents™ Contest* (**Kalamansi Books & Things, Sariling Gawa-Youth Council, Inc., Read 2 Succeed Foundation and Reiyukai America**) invites everyone to join The Final Presentation where the eleven finalists will be presenting their letter dedicated to their parents.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2015, 4pm, at the Executive Dining Room, Campus Center, UH Mānoa. Admission is Free.

“This is our 3rd occasion celebrating ‘Ohana. It makes us happy that we are reaching out to more different ethnic groups every year,” says Rose Churma, as one of the co-organizers of the event, representing Kalamansi Books and Things.

Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai‘i is open to Hawai‘i residents ages 15 to 22 years who would like to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants were encouraged to submit work illustrating examples from personal ‘OHANA life; reflecting family relationships and interactions. Each of the finalists won a \$50 certificate courtesy of Reiyukai America and a **Yearlong test-prep course subscription**, courtesy of BenchPrep!

The finalists for the 2015 contest are:

Florence ANDRES, Chimako ANITOK, Abigail BADUA, Rosario JOAQUIN, Sheena JULIANO, Headrick LETULI, Angela LIN, Brandon LOREZCO, Janica PASCUA, Bell SHIRELL, and Stephanie YASAY (Names in alphabetic order by their last name.)

The above eleven finalists will be presenting their letters in front of the judges, the public, and their family members. Among the eleven contestants, the judges will be selecting three outstanding letters based on three categories: Reflection, Bravery, and Proposal.

“We hope that these letters will become the magnet that brings the families together by improving their family relationships,” comments Toshiro Obara, co-organizer, Reiyukai Ameirca.

Letter to My Parents is also supported by Budget Color Litho, Inc., Filipino Association of University Women, BenchPrep and La Raza Unida.

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