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### **BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION HELPS NEW GENERATION SHIFT HAWAII TO RENEWABLE SOURCES OF POWER**

The Blue Planet Foundation is helping energize a new generation of leaders for Hawaii's renewable energy movement by giving three University of Hawaii students free trips to Power Shift 09, a national youth summit on renewable energy being held in Washington, D.C., Feb. 27-March 2.

"Our addiction to oil makes our bad economy worse. But we can tap into a new generation of clean energy solutions by tapping into a new generation of leaders. These students represent the next generation of power," said Jeff Mikulina, executive director of the Blue Planet Foundation. "Power Shift 09 is an exciting opportunity for Hawaii's young leaders to network with others serious about change. They will learn how to implement their vision of a clean energy future for Hawaii. The Blue Planet Foundation is excited to make this investment in these young Hawaii leaders."

Based on essays describing their leadership skills, their vision for clean energy in Hawaii, and ways they would engage young people in the clean energy movement, Blue Planet Foundation selected three students from UH Manoa to serve as Hawaii's energy ambassadors:

- Daniel Alexander, 24, is pursuing his Masters in urban and regional planning;
- David Aquino, 21, is a senior studying environmental policy; and
- Ivory Kealani McClintock, 21, is a junior majoring in political science.

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“I want to be on the front lines of the sustainable movement, educating and training the next ‘green’ army,” said Alexander. “I am committed to putting Hawaii at the forefront of sustainability action nation wide.”

## **About Power Shift 09**

In the middle of the new administration's first 100 days, Power Shift 09 will bring 10,000 young people to Washington, D.C., to hold elected officials accountable for rebuilding the economy and reclaiming the future through bold climate and clean energy policy. Power Shift participants will push for immediate action to reduce emissions, create jobs and re-engage globally to tackle the climate and economic crises. Participants will spend three days in workshops on climate policy, green jobs, environmental justice, and other topics, culminating in visits to lawmakers and a rally on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

## **About Blue Planet Foundation**

The Blue Planet Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization formed in 2007, aims to make Hawaii a role model for clean energy solutions as part of its mission to change our world's energy culture.

For more information on the Blue Planet Foundation, visit [www.blueplanetfoundation.org](http://www.blueplanetfoundation.org).

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