

Exploring careers

Students learn about real life jobs

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Career Day is a long-standing tradition at Hualalai Academy and at elementary schools across the country.

"We were so glad that once again we could host this event and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of the community that came to support our efforts," said Sally Englund, Career Day coordinator at Hualalai Academy.

This year's guest speakers included people from all walks of life: Wendy Laros, from Jack's Diving Locker; Derek Kalan Lee, who is a lifeguard; Felicity Johnson, the founding head of Hualalai Academy and an actress; A.J. Howey, beekeeper at Kona Queens Bee Farm; Kym Kiser, a triathlete; Karen De Silva, veterinary technician from Allie Vet Hospital; Paul Streiter, of Jackie Rey's Ohana Grill; and Officer Paul Mangus, Hawaii County Police Department.

"I loved all the people I saw, the vet, the lifeguard and the policeman, but the police dog Pono was my favorite because he was super smart," said first-grader Hannah Maynard.



ABOVE: From left, Alexander Laros, Ikalka Apilado, Dasha Eremina, Makoa Kaulia, Officer Paul Mangus, Makana Carbonel-Mangus and Cody Evile pose for a picture on Career Day.

LEFT: Veterinary technician Karen De Silva, center, works with a group of students, from back left, Janelle Laros, Fiona McDowell, Justice Heath, and Jackie Payne, front.

