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The Hawaii Math Lab Cohort Team from Maunawili Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii, joins Learning Forward Executive Director Stephanie Hirsh, left, and Deputy Executive Director Frederick Brown, right, to receive the Shirley Hord Teacher Learning Team Award at Learning Forward's Annual Conference in December. The award honors a school-based team that successfully implements a teacher-led cycle of continuous improvement.

Hawaii elementary wins Learning Team Award

Congratulations to Maunawili Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii, winner of the 2018 Shirley Hord Teacher Learning Team Award.

Maunawili's Hawaii Math Lab Cohort Team received the award at Learning Forward's Annual Conference in Dallas in December. The annual award, named for Learning Forward Scholar Laureate Shirley Hord and sponsored by Corwin, honors a school-based team that successfully implements a teacher-led cycle of continuous improvement and provides funds to support conference attendance for team members, \$2,500 to support collaborative professional learning, and a gift of Corwin books for the school's library.

Hawaii Lab Cohorts (www.hawaiilabcohort.com) are teacher learning communities that offer an ongoing, job-embedded, differentiated

approach to professional learning for teachers to keep them renewed and accountable to continuous learning and growth in their profession.

Following their initial learning in the lab, the Maunawili math team set a goal to provide targeted professional learning on facilitating mathematics discourse. The team engages in a 10-week cycle of professional learning that supports teachers in conducting action research.

Team members create teaching goals, engage in professional learning to support their goals, apply new instructional strategies, collect evidence of student learning, and provide peer coaching and feedback to each other through observational visits and collective reflection.

Cohort teachers are now expanding this model of deep learning, leading schoolwide professional learning to develop others' collective knowledge and responsibility in their practice.

The Maunawili team was selected from a record number of applicants for the award.

"What sets this team apart is the intentionality of their learning," said Learning Forward Executive Director Stephanie Hirsh. "With their intentional study, goal setting, sharing of practices, observation and feedback, use of data, and collective responsibility for their own learning and their students' learning, this team exemplifies the learning that leads to improved teaching and increased student results."

Teams from across the United States submitted applications for the award. Applications included documentation of each team's work and its impact on teaching and learning, as well as a video showcasing the team engaging in the cycle of continuous improvement.

Located on the island of Oahu, Maunawili Elementary School serves 360 students from preschool to grade 6.