

MEDIA ALERT
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HAWAI'I TO RALLY FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Lights On Afterschool Celebration

On Wednesday, October 25, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance, in partnership with afterschool programs across the state, will join the 24th annual *Lights On Afterschool*, a nationwide series of rallies for afterschool organized by the Afterschool Alliance.

To kick off the *Lights On Afterschool* rally, students will waive signs to demonstrate their appreciation for afterschool programs on Beretania Street. The event programming will include afterschool students showcasing their talents in arts, dance, STEM, and music, student testimonials, and remarks from legislators. Hundreds of students, parents, educators, and community members are expected to attend.

- **What:** Hawai'i *Lights On Afterschool* Rally
- **When:** 2:45 PM Sign Waving | Program starts 3:15 PM, Wednesday, October 25, 2023
- **Where:** Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda
- **Who:** Hundreds of students, parents, educators, and community members.

The Aloha Tower will be lit as a celebration gesture in support of afterschool programs.

- **What:** Aloha Tower Lit Up
- **When:** 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023
- **Where:** Aloha Tower

The Board of Water Supply will be also joining the celebration by lighting up its building in yellow.

- **What:** Board of Water Supply Lit Up
- **When:** 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 24, 2023
- **Where:** Board of Water Supply | 630 South Beretania Street | Honolulu, HI

Last year, 1 million people participated in more than 8,000 *Lights On Afterschool* events; the Afterschool Alliance expects the same level of participation this year. The events give youth a chance to showcase the skills they learn and talents they develop at their afterschool programs and to send the message that millions more children and youth need quality afterschool programs. (A growing list of events is at <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaFindEvent.cfm>.)

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance is working to inspire, empower, and connect individuals and organizations to create a statewide system of afterschool and out-of-school-time programs that support learning. Paula Adams, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance, is an [Afterschool Ambassador](#) for the State of Hawai'i, selected by the Afterschool Alliance to promote the benefits of afterschool programs and speak out about the need to make more programs available to the children and families that need them. To arrange interviews with speakers, contact Paula Adams at 808-351-0761.

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