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**COLLEGE CONNECTIONS HAWAII ANNOUNCES FURLOUGH FRIDAY TUTORING  
TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND TEACHERS**

HONOLULU – October 13, 2009 – College Connections Hawaii is now offering Furlough Friday tutoring at selected Honolulu locations to help continue providing educational opportunities for Hawaii’s public school students during the economic recovery period.

With teacher furloughs set to begin on October 23, many parents are worrying publicly that the lost of instructional days will hinder student achievements. The decrease of school days also means a lack of income for teachers. To lessen the negative effects of Furlough Fridays on students, families and teachers, College Connections will offer morning tutoring sessions from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon sessions from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sessions will be taught by certified teachers and College Connections is still hiring for the current school year.

These special Furlough Friday tutoring sessions will be held at the College Connections office located at 320 Ward Avenue, Suite 210, as well as other locations to will be announced. Lunch will be included with each session.

Especially in the face of budget cuts and teacher furloughs, College Connections is determined to ensure Hawaii’s students do not lose out on opportunities to reach their educational goals. Kina Mahi, Executive Director of College Connection Hawaii said, “We ALL need to band together to help. At College Connections, we believe partnerships are the best answer. We work with more than 60 schools to offer free tutoring for those in need. We’re committed to partnering with schools and youth organizations to ensure Hawaii students are ready for higher education, professional success, and community leadership.”

For more information on College Connections’ Furlough Friday tutoring sessions, please visit [www.collegeconnections.org/tutoring](http://www.collegeconnections.org/tutoring).

**About College Connections Hawaii:**

*The mission of College Connections Hawaii is to help Hawaii's students gain access to college and achieve their potential.* College Connections Hawaii, a local non-profit organization, has been dedicated for more than 10 years to expanding educational opportunities statewide. Each year its team of professional educators works with more than one thousand students and their families, both after school and on weekends, to help them achieve their highest potential. It offers affordable and accessible services, including: Tutoring, Test Preparation Classes and College Advising. College Connections Hawaii recently refined its brand identity in September 2009 with the help of local design firm OrangeRoc. The new look better illustrates the organization's mission and brings more attention to its services for families interested in helping their students achieve their dream of a college education.

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