

OCET Update
August 2015

- On August 14, 2015 ten participants completed a 2-week "Meat Processing Operation" program learning basic skills to obtain entry-level positions in supermarket meat departments. Of the ten participants, 5 are looking for job placements and are being assisted by the C3T1 grant staff. We were able to partner with the Culinary Program which had an electrical upgrade to the cafeteria and now has new equipment to incorporate into their curriculum including a meat grinder, meat saw, vacuum tumbler, and vacuum skin packaging machine. We plan to offer this program again as research shows that there are meat cutter positions available in the community.
- OCET was awarded funding to support Jason Santos, HawCC Database Administrator and Cisco Networking Academy instructor, with a professional development activity funded by a Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT) grant. Jason attended a CISCO conference in San Diego from June 7-11 where he was able to glean valuable information on cyber security, data storage solutions, and network segmentation.
- A very exciting and successful inaugural event occurred this summer on our campus servicing 18 middle school students. OCET and the faculty of the Natural Sciences Department (Michelle Phillips, Denise D'Haenens-Luker and Lisa Kaluna) with the support of Dean Chris Manaseri and the DOE STEM Coordinator offered a Summer STEM Camp. The Camp incorporated math with the use of EdReady, offered various hands-on activities and field trips to Imiloa Astronomy Center and Panaewa Zoo. This program was funded through the Hawaii P-20 grant
- We have recently partnered with the Rural Hawaii grant to utilize Business Program Coordinator, William Tehero, as a part-time OCET Outreach Coordinator. William will seek industry and employer input throughout the Hawaii Island community to identify training needs that OCET can provide. The goal of having this new position is so OCET can be more strategic in the types of training that are offered.