UH Mānoa College of Education
Mentoring Unique Special Educators (MUSE) / Supporting Our New Graduates (SONG)

“The College of Education (COE) is committed to our partnership with the Department of Education. We share a common goal to support teacher effectiveness. I am confident that our faculty prepare our graduates well and we pledge our continuing support to help each become a confident, successful, and highly effective teacher.”

~Dr. Donald Young, Dean

Who can benefit from these services?

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<td><strong>MUSE</strong></td>
<td>If you are already an emergency hire teacher in a special education DOE classroom or are intending to be and are looking to become licensed in special education, please contact us to see how our program can support you along the way!</td>
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<td><strong>SONG</strong></td>
<td>If you have graduated from a UH College of Education teacher preparation program in the last two years, please contact us about our program and how we can support you in your classroom!</td>
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Mentoring Unique Special Educators (MUSE)

The Mentoring Unique Special Educators (MUSE) Program mentors teacher candidates enrolled in the College of Education’s teacher preparation program while employed by HIDOE as special education teachers. MUSE mentors provide an array of supports designed to accelerate beginning teacher effectiveness and positively impact student learning and teacher retention.

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"I cannot express enough gratitude to the MUSE mentor program for giving the Aloha and support I needed through my journey as a teacher candidate. From highlighting my strengths to advising my challenges, my MUSE mentor has been there to offer the highest level of support. My MUSE mentor has helped shape me into the teacher that I am today."
Jonah Nakaza-Koizumi, PB Grad 2014

"If you plan for a year, plant kalo. If you plan for ten years, plant koa. If you plan for one-hundred years, teach the children."

Supporting Our New Graduates (SONG)

Supporting Our New Graduates (SONG) is committed to teacher success and provides support to UHM graduates in a variety of areas including curriculum, instruction and classroom management in their first 2 years of teaching. Services are free of charge and may be provided in person or on-line by university faculty. SONG support services are in addition to the induction and mentoring guidance provided by HIDOE to all beginning teachers.

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"The support I received from the SONG program was invaluable. The help I received from my advisor has made a dramatic difference in my organization of materials and overall comfort of the room. Just knowing that they are there to support me even though I am no longer a student gives me peace of mind and makes me thankful for attending UH."

~Amy McCann, MEdT 2014 graduate