

*Because Every Student has a Story*

# Storyline



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**H**i, my name is Jackie and I am a graduating senior at Kailua High School. Before I began CTL, I possessed a low self-confidence not only in my public speaking abilities but also in my leadership. Throughout my childhood and teenage years I was never characterized as someone who is a leader and because of that I never thought I could be one. Being in the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders program has helped me immensely. CTL has enabled me to grow in understanding my identity as a leader and has also taught me how I can use my leadership to help others.

One of the leaders we interviewed, Susan Page, gave some valuable guidance about learning from life's experiences, and most importantly, being a leader. She said that "by doing and going, others will follow." What sounded like such a simple phrase to others actually meant a lot to me. Susan Page's wisdom had totally changed my perspective on leadership. I began to truly examine the role that I play in group projects both in school and in church and realized that I am the Do-er and Go-er in these settings. Although I was never designated as a leader, I became one just by using my creativity and ambitious attitude to accomplish what needed to be done.

With all of the skills and knowledge that I have acquired through CTL I plan on achieving great things. CTL has made a significant difference in my life that even those around me have recognized. Because of this program I now carry the confidence that a leader should possess. I extend special thanks to the founders and staff of CTL. They have all done an amazing job shaping Hawaii's future. Taking part in the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders program was an important component of God's plan to shape me into the person he wanted me to be and for that I am grateful.