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BLOG: An Internship Reflection



by Ashley Nguyen (Summer Intern 2021)

During this pandemic, mental health played a large part in my daily life. A year ago, I was accepted into the Thompson School of Social Work. I've never been more excited about starting this journey, especially knowing that I'm now enrolled in classes that both intrigue and prep me for a future career I'm passionate about. Due to the pandemic, classes were online which affected how I met new people. [Continue reading Ashley's blog here.](#)

Partner Update

MA'O Organic Farms – Palikea Expansion Phase 1

by Brant Chillingworth



It was Christmas Eve 2017 and most people were finishing their shopping before heading home to be with their families and friends. Janis received a call from Gary and Kukui Maunakea-Forth about an exciting opportunity to purchase 21 acres of land at Palikea in an effort to expand MA'O's program reach, land base, and operations. They arranged a meeting that afternoon in the office of their attorney along with Steve Rafferty and staff members from the Trust for Public Land (TPL). [Read more here.](#)