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Aloha mai kākou,

On behalf of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo, I would like express our sincerest appreciation to the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium for honoring our organization with the world's first P-12 indigenous accreditation for early education.

It is truly an honor to have a distinguished and respected international organization like WINHEC recognize and acknowledge the work of 'Aha Pūnana Leo over the past 30 years. This full accreditation award now provides the 'Aha Pūnana Leo with a powerful boost forward as our organization continues along the path of continued language revitalization, academic excellence and increased community support.

Again, on behalf of the entire 'Aha Pūnana Leo 'ohana, mahalo nui loa.

E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

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