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TEDxHonolulu Inspires a “Paradigm Shift” on March 28, 2015
Conference looks at the Aha! moments that inspire world changing action

TEDxHonolulu brings a paradigm shift to its 5th annual conference on March 28th at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa College Center. TEDxHonolulu, a local independently organized event licensed by TED, that features innovative speakers from a diverse range of fields, including: technology, sustainability, education, and community.

“‘Paradigm Shift’ is all about those transformational Aha! moments when everything changes and there’s no turning back,” said Genesis Leong, TEDxHonolulu’s Lead Curator.

Speakers will share their ideas, their stories, and their desire to make the world a better place. Scheduled speakers include: Oceanit founder **Patrick Sullivan**, GoFarm Hawaii Director **Steven Chiang**, non-profit Network Enterprise duo **Vicki Johnson** and **Jennifer Dotson**, Energy Excelerator Director **Dawn Lippert**, and many more.

TEDxHonolulu is organized entirely by volunteers who donate their time and talents to create a new kind of conference experience with concurrent programs that feature:

- Artist In Residence Program
- Award winning Sustainability Program
- Scholarship Program
- Collaborative Partnership Opportunities

Tickets are available for purchase online at the TEDxHonolulu website, www.tedxhonolulu.org

For more information about the speakers and this year’s event join the TEDxHonolulu Facebook at www.facebook.com/tedxhonolulu.

About TEDx / TEDxHonolulu

In the spirit of "ideas worth spreading," TED has created TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxHonolulu, where x = independently organized TED event. At TEDxHonolulu, TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organized.

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown to support those world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The TED2015 Conference will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, along with the TEDActive simulcast in neighboring Whistler.

TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed; and TEDBooks, short e-books on powerful ideas. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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