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## IN BRIEF

### Parker hosts Neighbor Isle debaters

Fourteen schools from across Hawaii participated in the Neighbor Island Speech and Debate Qualifying Tournament Jan. 13-14 at Parker School in Waimea.

Kealahou High School and Christian Liberty Academy were the other two Big Island schools in attendance, and Christian Liberty

## Galaxy Forum Saturday at Onizuka Space Center



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Astronauts break ground for a proposed observatory on the moon in this artist's rendition for a NASA study into possible manned utilisation of the moon. In the background is the reflector of a giant radio telescope, built into a crater.

### Get a free space poster, intro into International Lunar Observatory Assn.

The International Lunar Observatory Association (ILOA) will launch its new year with a free public Galaxy Forum Hawaii-Kona at the Onizuka Space Center (OSC) from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Get a free copy of the ILOA 2012 Galaxy Poster for 21st Century Education, an innovative global resource representing the next dimension beyond maps of the world and solar system.

The poster will be distributed at no charge to forum participants and associated schools. The poster, intended primarily for classroom use, features a full-

color Milky Way Galaxy schematic developed from the latest research as well as statistical overviews of galaxy dimensions and composition.

Interactive panel discussions will focus on how to best support Hawaii teachers, schools and students in their efforts to achieve excellence in 21st-century education.

Nancy Tashima, space curator at OSC, will discuss the educational resources, programs and materials available through the Onizuka center to Hawaii teachers, schools and the general public.

"As the ILOA looks upward to the stars and forward to the future we ask for your participation and guidance in helping to achieve the highest standards of excellence in Hawaii education, enterprise and exploration," said

a program spokesman.

Hawaii cultural practitioner Koa Rice notes the global pre-eminence of Hawaii education during the time of King Kalakaua in reminding isle communities that islanders need to help keiki "realize they can strive and be anything they want to be, following in the footsteps of our ancestors."

To participate in this special galaxy education gathering, please RSVP to [info@iloa.org](mailto:info@iloa.org) or 885-3474.

The ILOA is an interglobal enterprise incorporated as a nonprofit in Hawaii "to advance human knowledge of the galaxy and cosmos through observation from the moon and supporting lunar base buildout," said ILOA Galaxy Forum coordinators Steve Durst, Joseph Sulla and Phil Merrell.