



W. M. KECK OBSERVATORY  
Maunakea, Island of Hawai'i

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Aloha,

On behalf of the staff members and astronomers at the W. M. Keck Observatory, I want to wish you the happiest of holiday seasons. As we look back at another scientifically productive year at the observatory, it is my pleasure to express our collective thanks for your past support of the observatory's mission.

Our previous holiday letters have featured details of the many scientific discoveries made using the Keck telescopes or our newest instruments seeing First Light. This year, as I close my first full year as the director of Keck Observatory, I want to bring attention to an often-unsung asset of the observatory: our dedicated staff members.

Keck Observatory, with about 130 full-time employees, is a relatively small organization in contrast to the size and significance of our mission. We achieve cutting-edge science each night because of the tireless efforts of our work 'ohana. Each day Keck staff maintain the telescopes and instruments, design and build new technologies, manage a complex scientific enterprise, and provide leadership for all the observatories sharing the summit of Maunakea.

Their work would be impossible without supporters such as you. Your gifts help build new instrumentation and fuel education and outreach programs. We count you as an extended member of our observatory family.

Please consider continuing your support by making a year-end gift. You may use the printable donation form located at the bottom of the page via the link below or, if you prefer, you may make your gift online at <https://www.keckobservatory.org/donate/>

Best Wishes for a Marvelous Holiday Season,

Rich Matsuda  
Observatory Director

