



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

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Aloha Keck Supporter,

On behalf of the staff and community of astronomers at the W. M. Keck Observatory, I extend our warmest wishes to you this holiday season. We are deeply grateful for our steadfast partners and supporters, who have sustained our mission despite the uncertainty in funding from our federal partners, NASA and the NSF. We remain steadfast in our mission to advance the frontiers of astronomy, share our discoveries, and be good stewards of the privilege of working on Maunakea. We are grateful for your philanthropic support, a powerful force in making this all possible.

Thanks to your commitment, this year has been one of extraordinary scientific achievement. Astronomers using our facilities have discovered fresh insight into worlds beyond our solar system and published groundbreaking research on galaxy formation. NASA also announced the 6,000th confirmed exoplanet – a milestone to which Keck Observatory has contributed significantly over the years.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome the Slicer Combined with Array of Lenslets for Exoplanet Spectroscopy (SCALES) instrument to the observatory early next year. SCALES will enhance our ability to study exoplanets and solar system objects, and additional new instruments are in development to continue our lead. With your support, we are eager to continue driving discovery together.

Our team is also working hard to ensure that Keck has a long and productive future on Maunakea. We are recommitting to our education and workforce development efforts – from curiosity to career – and engaging deeply with the local community and decision makers to develop a new model of governance that invites all those who care for this special place to join in mutual stewardship.

We invite you to stay connected with our journey of discovery, made possible by your generosity. Please follow us on social media, explore our latest findings on our website, attend our special events either in person or virtually, and if you are so inspired, support our mission with a gift.

Your continued involvement makes all this possible. To support Keck Observatory's mission, you may use the printable donation form located at the bottom of the page via the link below or make a gift online at <https://keckobservatory.org/donate>. Simply visit the link, choose your donation amount, and follow the easy steps to complete your contribution.

As 2025 comes to a close, thank you once again for helping us drive our mission of discovery forward, inspiring the imagination of all. We are honored to have you as a partner in exploration.

Mahalo nui loa,

Rich Matsuda
Observatory Director