



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII®

MĀNOA

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To fulfill UH Mānoa's potential for greatness, I have three goals for our University to pursue. The following describes advances we've made towards achieving those goals.

Taking Steps to Greatness to ensure that UH Mānoa serves as:

A destination of choice for great students, faculty and staff, the citizens of Hawai'i and beyond

- Campus repairs and renewal:

Major reconstruction is underway in the basement at Hamilton Library and on an adjacent new structure for utility equipment; Sinclair Library and several other buildings are undergoing overdue re-roofing projects.

Substantial work was begun at the music complex over the summer, and in August we completed the first phase of Campus Center renovations which provides more mall-level space where students can gather for study and to socialize. We are looking forward to additional major renovations there in the months ahead.

While these larger projects continue, literally dozens of smaller but no less important and necessary fix-ups have been underway as our facilities crews complete long-deferred projects, and in some cases, accelerate and increase the kinds of cleaning and painting jobs that begin to put the sparkle back into our classrooms and labs. More than 90 classroom cleaning and building washing projects prepared the campus for students this semester.

- Opened the Student Success Center at Sinclair Library offering a variety of online and in-person services plus referrals or on-site connections to other campus programs with the common goal of helping students gain the skills, knowledge and resources they need to succeed in college
- Initiated volunteer "Mānoa Makeover" projects by administrators, students and staff to beautify and clean up the campus
- Opened the new Frear Hall, including an academic floor for Japanese language majors. Begun renovations of existing Hale Aloha residence halls
- Improved new student orientation and student housing move-in programs
- Initiated a regular e-newsletter ("*Compass Point*") to high school counselors to inform them of UH Mānoa news and programs of interest to potential students
- Conducted a highly successful Counselor's Conference in September, where 130 high school counselors were provided valuable information about the Mānoa campus

- Providing Mānoa Chancellor's email updates to campus, alumni and supporters
- Will institute first "Mānoa Experience" Nov. 15 – a campus-wide open house with 100% participation from colleges and schools for potential students and their families
- Received a \$3.4 million grant to increase the number of students from Hawai'i who qualify for college admission
- Started a new pilot effort to provide online tutoring to high school students using UH Mānoa students as tutors
- Added additional funds for financial assistance for Hawai'i students
- Expanded student health services
- Launched a newly designed UH Mānoa website (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/>)
- Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation, through a \$5 million donation and combined with \$1.2 million from the Legislature, will help transform our makai campus, creating a space for intramural competition, band and cheerleading practice. It will serve as the back-up football practice field, host track and field competition and welcome community events.

A leading, global research university that meets society's needs around the world

- Hired the first Dean of the Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, Maenette Benham
- Hired a new Dean for the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Dr. Jerris Hedges
- Generated \$210 million in grants and contracts
- Made significant progress toward groundbreaking for the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i
- Opened a new visitor center for Lyon Arboretum and began construction of new classroom facilities
- Leading efforts in Biofuels: UHM leads research into algae (Maui project), jatropha trees, sugar and other plants as possible biofuel crops
- Starting a new aquaculture initiative

A respectful, inclusive community that welcomes and nurtures diversity

- Reduced electricity usage by 6% in 2007 (and by an average of 3% per year for past 5 years); is installing building meters to monitor usage; installing low-energy lighting indoors and outside
- Supported "Sustainable Saunders" - a collaborative effort among UHM faculty and students to pursue workplace sustainability. Among the new projects: installed Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs); obtained a small high-tech Vertical Axis Wind

Turbine through donation to provide an opportunity for study of the potential of wind-generated power in an urban environment; conducted a de-lamping survey of Hamilton Library for possible energy savings through reduced lighting.

- Initiated “Conversations with Chancellor Hinshaw” gatherings in which small groups of UHM faculty meet with Chancellor for informal discussions
- Enrolled UHM students from all 50 states and about 100 foreign countries
- Participated with campus groups to celebrate Homecoming 2008 with school reunions and campus gatherings