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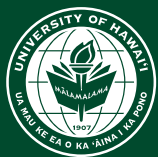
ALOHA! There is an excitement about the beginning of a new school year that enlivens the Mānoa campus, and I am certain you feel the eagerness and enthusiasm at your campuses as well. We are especially looking forward to welcoming you all to the university in a couple of weeks for our annual effort to ensure that our information continues to be current and useful to you. Our School and College Relations Office has re-vamped the program for this year with the goal of improving the Mānoa experience - you are our partners in this endeavor so we look forward to your feedback on this approach.



Chancellor Virginia S. Hinshaw
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

We hope that you will also find the information in this edition of *Compass Point* to be informative and useful as you encourage your students to consider their options for post-secondary education. We include a profile of the UH Mānoa honors program as an opportunity for intellectual challenge and stimulation for your students. There is also new information about financial aid programs to help in that endeavor. And we profile one of our excellent faculty members, an outstanding student at the School of Medicine, and a distinguished alumna – our graduates are a source of pride and inspiration to all of us.

Mahalo for joining us for this event – we appreciate the many contributions you make to the students of Hawai'i and we are excited about your students joining our 'ohana here at UH Mānoa.



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The Honors Program at UH Mānoa – A voyage of learning

Our Mission

The Honors Program provides opportunities for talented and motivated undergraduates to excel in their academic studies. It provides intimate and personalized educational experiences through small classes, dedicated advising and faculty-guided independent projects of research or creative expression. The Honors Program fosters among its students a sense of community and a joy of learning, and promotes critical thinking, commitment to social justice, and the capacity for leadership.

Our motto, *He huaka'i a'o* ("voyage of learning") and Polynesian canoe logo symbolize the journey of intellectual enquiry and self-discovery on which our students embark when they join the Honors Program. This image acknowledges the host culture of Hawai'i and our location at the crossroads of the Pacific and symbolizes the training our students receive under the guidance of experienced teachers and mentors. It evokes the personal commitment and spirit of collaboration that will be necessary to the success of their undertaking and the value of multiple ways of knowing and diverse practical skills that contribute to the voyage. Most importantly, it symbolizes an appreciation of a life-long journey of learning and teaching, and the excitement of discovery along the way.

In many senses the voyage is literal: Honors students engage

in the Study Abroad and National Student Exchange programs, and their research takes them all over the world. But the commitment to excellence begins here, at Mānoa. The Honors Program offers the best of both worlds: it provides a sense of community with peers and professors that one might expect at a smaller liberal arts college; and it provides access to the world and world-class facilities and faculty that one would expect at a large "Doctoral/Research-Extensive" state university.

Our students

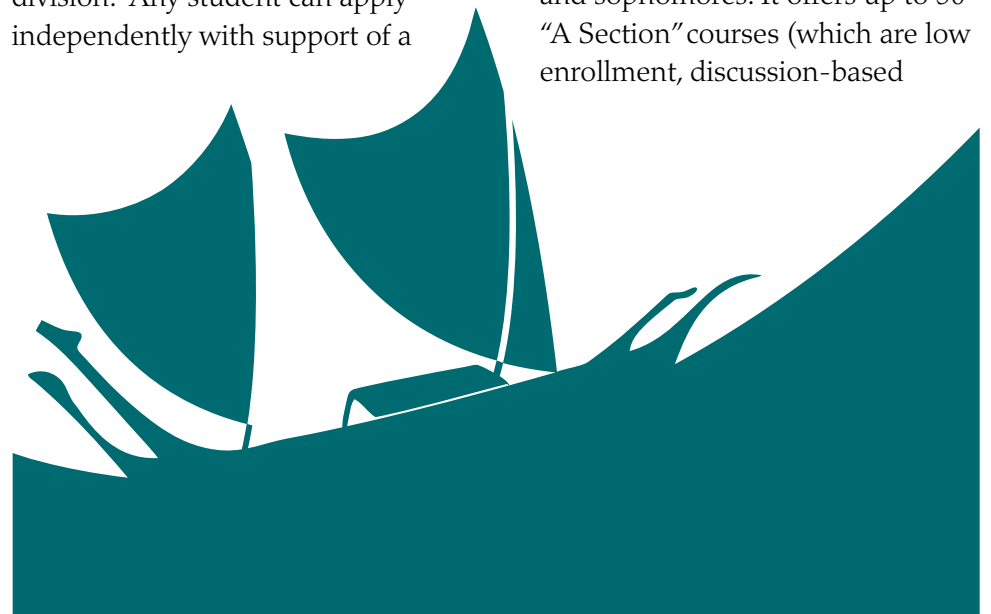
To provide multiple points of access, the Honors Program consists of two components: Selected Studies for lower division students (about 300 in 2007) and the Honors Program for upper division students (about 80 in 2007). All high school students who qualify for the Chancellors Scholarship are invited as freshmen into Selected Studies, and all students who are on Deans' lists are invited into the upper division. Any student can apply independently with support of a

high school teacher and/or college instructors. Our students have a mean weighted high school GPA of 3.69; mean total SAT of 1934.1; and mean Composite ACT of 28.57. Honors participants include a good mix of O'ahu, neighbor island and out-of-state students, and just over half are public school graduates.

Chancellor Hinshaw has expressed strong support for the Honors Program and has recently approved a substantial increase in its budget. With new office space, a new academic advisor, and new courses (including a special seminar on major scholarship preparation), there are exciting plans to expand into fully developed Honors College.

Selected Studies

Selected Studies is the lower division component of the Honors Program designed for freshmen and sophomores. It offers up to 50 "A Section" courses (which are low enrollment, discussion-based



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versions of regular lecture classes), and special Honors courses which are part of an innovative curriculum designed to introduce Honors students to research and creative work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. "A Section" and Honors courses are designed to meet core and graduation requirements, including General Education and pre-major requirements. Students who complete Selected Studies in good standing earn Sophomore Honors, which includes a certificate and notation on their official transcript.

Upper Division

In the upper division component of the Honors Program, students complete a sequence of courses that culminates in the Senior Honors Project. Students work with a

faculty mentor to produce an original thesis or creative work, and thus earn an Honors degree. This experience is particularly valuable to those going on to graduate or professional school, but allows all students to pursue their passion and interest outside of regular university coursework. An Honors degree earns a special diploma, notation on the official transcript, and formal recognition at commencement.

Co-curricular activities

In addition to the academic curriculum, the Honors Program offers special orientation and advising sessions, priority-registration for incoming freshmen, and dorm rooms on reserved Honors floors. Honors students have their own lounge in the Student Success Center and an independent student organization which puts on social events and fundraisers, and publishes a newsletter.

Honors students are encouraged to participate in leadership and mentoring programs, and appropriate forms of professional development and are expected to be engaged in campus and community life.

For more information, requirements and application materials please check our website (<http://www.honors.hawaii.edu>), email (honors@hawaii.edu), call (956-8391) or stop by our office (Sinclair 504B).



New in Academic Affairs, Student Services

IN PREVIOUS editions of Compass Point we have introduced you to the **Student Success Center** and the **ACE** (Access to College Excellence) programs. Both are designed to introduce incoming students to college-level academics, to offer them options for a course of study, and to support their academic journeys. Another program – the **Freshman Seminars** – may be just the right match for still others who are looking for a stimulating start to their college careers.

Freshman Seminar classes are limited to a maximum of ten students that are designed to encourage interactive learning with a discussion-based curriculum. They are led by qualified advanced students under the direction of senior faculty members and are a great way to learn in a small class setting while fulfilling general education requirements.

In the coming semester, Freshman Seminars include introductory classes in Ethnic Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Personal and Public Speech. Seminars

are offered in both the fall and spring semesters. They are an excellent way to supplement an ACE learning community schedule, or they can be taken independent of a learning community cluster.

For more information, visit these sites on the Web:

Freshman Seminars

www.fs.hawaii.edu

ACE Learning Communities

www.manoa.hawaii.edu/fresman/ace

Student Success Center

<http://gohere.manoa.hawaii.edu>

On the Right Track- Gearing up for the High School Counselors Workshop

Friday, September 5, 2008

EVERY FALL, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa invites high school counselors from across the State to visit the campus at the annual High School Counselors Workshop. The purpose of this program is to provide high school counselors with current information on the University's admissions policies and introduce them to what's new on campus so they have this information to share with their students as they prepare for their next step in their educational career.

This year, the event will be held on September 5, 2008 at the Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall, East-West Center. The Office of School and College Services together with Gear Up Hawai'i will sponsor this year's event at this new venue and also introduce an enhanced program.

"The renovation of Campus Center gave us the perfect opportunity to host our counselors at the Hawai'i Imin Conference Center," said Jan Taniguchi, Interim Director of the Office of School and College Services.

"It allows our counselors a chance to visit the other side of our campus. Having the Counselors Workshop there provides us the opportunity to showcase the new Frear Hall and what better way to experience the renovated Gateway Cafeteria than by dining there."

The program starts with refreshments and an Academic and Student Services Fair, followed by an opening session. There will be two breakout sessions that will cover an array of topics from admissions requirements, to career development and student employment opportunities, to academic sessions presented by the College of Education and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to name a few. The third breakout session will include a tour of the new Frear Hall and presentations by campus housing. Lunch will be hosted at the newly renovated Gateway Cafeteria, and the conference will end with the Hawai'i Association of College Admissions Counselors general meeting. Transportation for neighbor island counselors attending this meeting will be provided. Additionally, special event parking for Oahu counselors will also be available at the Hawai'i Imin Conference Center on East-West Road. However, due to limited space, car pooling is highly advised.

For more information on the High School Counselors workshop, please contact Merrissa Uchimura, Events Coordinator, Office of School and College Services, at 808-956-5546 or at merrissa@hawaii.edu.

Financial Aid Updates

The Office of Financial Aid Services announces two new programs to aid students in the upcoming school year:

TEACH Grants

Students interested in pursuing a career in teaching may qualify for grants up to \$16,000 or \$4,000/year that can be used to cover the cost of tuition and other school expenses. The TEACH grants are authorized in the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which was enacted into law in Fall 2007 to recruit teachers into priority subject areas and low-income schools.

Requirements: Must have at least a 3.25 GPA or score above the 75th percentile on at least one of the batteries of an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate school admissions test. The grantee must complete four academic years of full-time teaching within an eight-year period and teach in an elementary or secondary school that is eligible for assistance under

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Other requirements may apply.

Second Century Scholars Program

Native Hawaiian students who demonstrate financial need and are classified as an undergraduate student can receive up to \$8,000 for the 2008-09 academic year. Priority is given to students who are enrolled half-time or greater.

Where To Get Information

If you have any questions relating to these or other financial aid programs, the staff at Financial Aid Services can assist you by phone at (808) 956-7251, in person at Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services (2600 Campus Road, Rm. 112), or via www.hawaii.edu/fas.

*Note scholarships can impact your financial aid award package.

CELEBRATING THE

MĀNOA EXPERIENCE

Saturday, November 15, 2008

COME ONE, COME ALL! This fall, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is opening its doors for their campus-wide open house in an event extravaganza that will celebrate the Mānoa Experience. Every year, the University presents The Oahu Mānoa Experience, which is the premier on-campus recruitment program in the fall semester. In the past, the Mānoa Experience targeted high school juniors and seniors and their parents and invited them to campus to learn more about the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. In its previous format, this program was structured where participants attended a general session and then three academic sessions. There was also an academic and student services fair where students could learn about the various academic and student support programs available on campus. While it was a very successful program, Mānoa will be kicking it up a notch this fall.

This year, Mānoa is venturing into new territory and will be open up the invitation to all Oahu high school students from the 9th – 12th grade and their parents and will present attendees with a less-structured, more free-flowing program that will allow participants to choose where to go and what to see when they want. This will be a campus-wide venture and will feature open houses by our schools and colleges and a fun and interactive student services and activities fair.

"We want to invite the public to visit the Mānoa campus this November and discover the many academic opportunities that are available here," said Dr. Francisco Hernandez, Vice Chancellor for Students, "This event will allow participants to meet with faculty and students from the various academic departments at their school or college's open house and attend the student services and activities fair where they can really learn about student life here on campus."

"We hope to demonstrate to our local community that the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is here to serve them and that we can offer their students a quality educational and collegiate experience."

Mānoa's schools and colleges will conduct their

own open houses at which time attendees will get to visit the various programs and learn more about their curriculum and the many research initiatives their faculty and students participate in. There will be pre-registration for the Mānoa Experience where students can select the open house they are interested in attending.

There will also be campus tours conducted by student guides and housing tours available. Attendees will also have the chance to attend sessions on admissions and financial aid, which will run concurrently with the open houses. This will provide students who attend an open house with an opportunity to also go to an informational session on the university's admissions requirements and learn about the different financial aid options available.

"We are partnering with Gear Up Hawai'i to implement this program," said Jan Taniguchi, Interim Director of the Office of School and College Services, one of the departments tasked with implementing this program. "This partnership will allow us to have a broader reach and get the message out to a new population of students. Early preparation is important and inviting 9th and 10th graders to experience UH will hopefully inspire them to reach for their educational goals."

The event will open at the Stan Sheriff Center and will close at the Quad, located between Hawai'i Hall and the School of Architecture, with the Student Services and Activities Fair. The fair will feature student services programs, student academic clubs, Athletics, the Rainbowtique, and food booths from our campus food services. There will also be entertainment and door prizes.

So this fall, mark your calendar, and come down to check us out and celebrate all the new and great things that the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa has to offer and discover why this is a destination of choice.

For more information on the Mānoa Experience, please contact Merrissa Uchimura, Events Coordinator, Office of School and College Services, at 808-956-5546 or at merrissa@hawaii.edu.



UH Mānoa Launches New and Improved Website

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/>

The UH Mānoa Chancellor's office launched its newly designed UH Mānoa website in July 2008. The new site aims to make information easier to find and improve the overall user experience.

New features include:

- Streamlined navigation
- More areas for dynamic content
- Improved accessibility

Students and counselors are encouraged to explore the new site at <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/> and send us your comments using the feedback link at <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/feedback/>.

We hope you find the new UH Mānoa website an accessible gateway to all our campus has to offer.

Mark Your Calendar: Key Manoa Deadlines

August 25, 2008

First day of instruction for Fall 2008 semester.

January 1, 2009

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

January 2, 2009

Deadline for UHM priority admission applications.

March 1, 2009

Financial aid priority deadline for the 2009-10 academic year.

May 1, 2009

Final deadline for UHM admission applications. Deadline for Intent to Enroll form and tuition deposit.

Student Housing

For information on student housing options and application deadlines, visit www.housing.hawaii.edu.

Frear Hall Student Residence Complex Marks a New Era for On-campus Housing

SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS, excited student housing staff and representatives from our neighboring commu-



Frear Residence Hall

nities gathered last week for the official dedication of the new Frear Hall twin towers that will be home to more than 800 UH Mānoa undergraduates starting this fall

semester. With move-ins scheduled just a few days from now, Frear is a dramatic symbol of ongoing campus renewal and a commitment to enhancing student life on campus.

“This building will serve as our most visible reminder that campus renewal is definitely underway, and that facilities in good operating condition and in good repair are virtually important to a successful academic experience for our students,” said Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw during the dedication ceremony.

Hinshaw added, “Today reminds me of a quote

This is a realization of a dream and this wonderful new facility will support the efforts of our impressive faculty, staff and students who ‘dream it and do it’ every single day

from Walt Disney who said ‘If you can dream it, you can do it.’ This is a realization of a dream and this wonderful new facility will support the efforts of our impressive faculty, staff and students who ‘dream it and

do it’ every single day.”

We look forward to welcoming you for a tour of the new facilities during the counselors’ annual meetings at Mānoa.



Frear Hall Lobby Entrance



One of a variety room styles offered in the new Frear Hall



Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw addresses the crowd



Maile Untying Ceremony. L to R: Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Mike Kaptik (Director of Housing), Virginia Hinshaw (UHM Chancellor), David McClain (UH President), Al Landon (BOR Chair), Sharon McPhee (Chair, Frear Distribution Committee) and Francisco Hernandez (UHM Vice Chancellor for Students)

STUDENT PROFILE:

Gloria Tumbaga

Once homeless, medical school student helps other kids in Hawai'i and other countries



Gloria Tumbaga teaching patients the SHAKA during a medical mission in Josephstaa, Papua New Guinea.

THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

Gloria Tumbaga finds it easy to talk with foster kids in Hawai'i. She was one herself. Before that, she and five siblings were homeless, living out of a car. Gloria's life as a child began to fall apart when she was about eight years old. That's when her mother died of pneumonia. Eventually Gloria and her brothers and sisters became wards of the state. Tragedy struck again when Gloria's younger sister was stabbed by a roommate, and nearly died.

The young woman's survival convinced both her and Gloria that they needed to find a way to help other people who struggle. "It solidified my passion," Tumbaga said. "I knew what it was like to be

"I knew what it was like to be poor, and I want to help people."

treatment center or group home

poor, and I want to help people." Gloria and her sister hope to open a

for foster kids. "I would be the doctor, my sister would be the social worker," Gloria said.

In the meantime, Tumbaga has started her third year toward becoming a physician at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. And she is excelling. At the annual meeting of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), Tumbaga was awarded "Best Oral Presentation." Tumbaga and her classmate, David Ansdell, were invited to present their findings this past May at the national annual meeting of the ACP in Washington, D.C.

Tumbaga's passion is in medicine. She decided to continue her studies after becoming a registered nurse, following training at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

She entered the school of medicine's Imi Ho'ola Program, which helps qualified students from disadvantaged backgrounds prepare for medical school entrance exams. Her motivation towards a career in medicine is deep rooted and based on wanting to help others," said Dr. Nanette Judd, Imi Ho'ola Program Director. Dr. Judd

describes Tumbaga as having a "compassionate and resilient spirit."

Tumbaga says she has no trouble keeping up with her studies. "I love to study," she explained. "Never having books growing up, I want to learn all I can."

Tumbaga has joined medical missions in Micronesia, Laos, Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. At the root of those missions is a desire to empower people. And in Tumbaga's case, she can look those people in the eye and say, "I know what your life is like. I've been there."

ALUMNI PROFILE:

Patrice Tanaka

Top PR executive finds personal and professional success

A TOP PROFESSIONAL in her field, UH Mānoa Distinguished Alumna Patrice Tanaka ('03) has achieved personal and professional success by following a simple saying: To have joy every single day; to be mindful of that joy; and to share that joy with others.

Patrice is a graduate of Castle High School and received her BA in Journalism from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1974. She was working as a reporter with Hawai'i Press Newspapers when the job of public relations director at the Hotel Intercontinental Maui was offered to her. My career in PR chose me, she said. "I loved the resort and that's what made me pursue the job. I didn't even know then what PR was other than that I received press releases from PR people as a reporter so I figured I could write those press releases and, therefore, perform that job."

Patrice has learned a lot about PR since that first job and enough to know that the practice of PR isn't all about writing press releases. After getting her first taste in PR, she moved to New York City to fulfill her life-long dream to live and work in Big Apple.

That was about 30 years ago. Today, she's established herself as one of the leading PR professionals in New York—and the nation—earning top industry awards along the way. In 1990, she founded Patrice Tanaka & Company, Inc. and led it for 15 years to become one of the nation's most well-respected consumer public relations firms. Clients included top brand marketers such as American Express, General Motors, Liz Claiborne, Microsoft, Godiva Chocolatier, Target Stores and Procter and Gamble, among many others. As a result of their breakthrough PR campaigns, PT&Co. won more than 180 PR industry awards, including "#1 Most Creative PR Agency in America," "#1 Best Workplace Among PR Agencies," and was also honored by Working Mother as one of "15 family-friendly workplaces in America."

"The thing that I love about brand marketing PR is the satisfaction of helping clients successfully address marketing challenges and build their businesses," Patrice said. "For me every marketing challenge is like a totally different board game; there are parameters within which you must operate to create a workable



Patrice Tanaka is honored at the 2008 United Cerebral Palsy "Women Who Care" fundraising luncheon. Pictured (l to r) Dan Rather (former CBS Network anchorman and emcee), Loreen Arbus (luncheon co-chair) and Mark Raper, CEO of CRT/tanaka.

solution that successfully addresses the specific challenge whether it is launching a new brand or product in America, building a brand or revitalizing a mature brand and so forth."

In 2005, Patrice partnered with Carter Ryley Thomas, another top PR firm with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Richmond and Norfolk, VA. She is now Co-Chair and Chief Creative Officer of CRT/tanaka. She is also their "whatcanbe" ambassador, a term she coined that mirrors her mantra in life and approach to business. It is an optimistic outlook that involves envisioning and manifesting a bigger, brighter, better future for ourselves and loved ones, the agency, clients and the community at-large, she said.

It can also be applied to students who are just starting their college careers. "Feast upon the smorgasbord of educational offerings of the different colleges at Mānoa," advises Patrice. "Exposure to many domains is key during your college years; don't limit learning to your chosen field of study. This is the time to roam broadly across wide-ranging terrain as part of your educational discovery and journey."

Aside from her busy professional life, Patrice has found "unimaginable" joy through ballroom dancing for the past six years. She started by taking lessons, then by entering contests, which then led to taking first, second and third place awards. "That's how I got into competitive ballroom dancing," she shared. "I dance in competitions primarily to force myself to keep improving."

Patrice is now working on a book that will share how she's found joy and success on the ballroom and how that approach can also be applied in business. She's tentatively titled it, "From Ballroom to Boardroom" and hopes to release it sometime next summer.



FACULTY PROFILE:

Dolan Eversole

UHM graduate and extension agent nationally recognized for leading Kuhio Beach restoration project

CHANCES ARE, if you have visited the shoreline in Hawai‘i you have noticed an increase in coastal erosion and beach loss occurring in many areas throughout the state. This has far-reaching impacts – not just on coastal property owners, but on the residents and visitors alike who enjoy the idyllic white sand beaches and turquoise water Hawai‘i is famous for. Dolan Eversole, Coastal Lands Extension Agent with UH Mānoa’s Sea Grant College Program in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, is working to address this issue and others to maintain the delicate balance between preservation and responsible development of our coastal areas.

One of Eversole’s recent projects focused on restoring Kuhio Beach in Waikiki by replenishing the sand that had eroded due to wave action along the coast. Instead of the old method of trucking sand in from elsewhere around the state, he spearheaded a pilot project which dredged 10,000 cubic yards of sand from 2,000

feet offshore back onto the beach. This process enlarged the beach by as much as 40 feet and inflated it two-to-four feet vertically which keeps the beach dry in areas previously inundated with water. Environmental monitoring for the project included daily water quality, beach profiles and nearshore marine surveys for 2 years and revealed no observed negative ecological or environmental impacts attributed to the sand dredging or placement. It was also cost-effective and, in the long-run, will likely prove to facilitate coral reefs ecosystem restoration in nearshore areas previously smothered by the eroded sand that was brought into the beach area. Eversole was nationally recognized for this work by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association when, in May, Kuhio Beach was awarded a 2008 Best Restored Beach Award.

Eversole is a graduate of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa where he earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in geology. For his graduate degree Eversole specialized in coastal geology, specifically focusing on historical shoreline mapping and sediment transport numerical modeling in Kaanapali Beach, Maui. He studied with Dr. Charles Fletcher, Professor and Chair, Department of Geology and Geophysics at UH Mānoa.



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