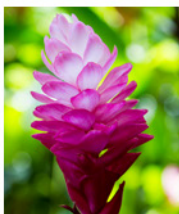




The 114th Annual **Commencement Exercises**



University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Stan Sheriff Center
Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. Ceremony

College of Arts, Languages & Letters
College of Natural Sciences
College of Social Sciences
College of Tropical Agriculture and
Human Resilience
Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge
Interdisciplinary Studies
School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology

3:30 p.m. Ceremony

College of Education
College of Engineering
John A. Burns School of Medicine
School of Architecture
School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
Shidler College of Business
Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health

Message from the President



Aloha to Our UH Mānoa 'Ohana—Family & Friends,

Mahalo for joining us in celebrating the remarkable achievements of our graduating students! We are thrilled today to honor the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that our graduates have demonstrated throughout their academic journey. Their success is the result not only of their own effort, but also the unwavering support, encouragement, and love that you, their friends and family, have generously provided.

The University of Hawai'i has always been a place where dreams are nurtured and aspirations are given the wings to soar. Our graduates have walked the path of knowledge and inquiry, embraced challenges, and emerged stronger and wiser. They are now equipped with the academic foundation, values, and experiences that will guide them in their future endeavors.

Today, we stand together to honor their accomplishments and to recognize the incredible potential that lies ahead. The world awaits their talents, their innovations, and their leadership. We have great confidence that they will make a significant impact, not only for themselves, but also for the betterment of our global community.

To the families and friends of our graduates: thank you for being the pillars of strength and sources of inspiration for our graduates. Your role in their success cannot be overstated, and you share in this celebration of their achievements. Thank you for being their champions – today and always.

Let us join in a collective cheer for the Class of 2025! May their futures be filled with endless possibilities and boundless success.

With warmest aloha,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wendy Hensel".

Wendy F. Hensel
President

University Alma Mater

In green Mānoa Valley our Alma Mater stands
Where mountain winds and showers refresh her fertile lands;
The flag of freedom beckons above her shining walls,
To larger truth and service our Alma Mater calls.
Hawai'i, we have gathered within thy wide-flung doors,
As sons and daughters claiming her freely offered stores;
Our loyal praise we tender, and pledge to hold thy aim,
Till ocean's far horizons shall hear thy honored name.

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Above All Nations (2005)
(Commissioned by the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa)
Donald Reid Womack, *Professor, Composition and Theory*
University Wind Ensemble
Jeffrey Boeckman, *Director of Bands*

Academic Procession
Shana J. Brown and Kekeha Solis, *University Marshals*
Scott Sinnett and Lori Yancura, *Floor Marshals*

Student Marshals
Representatives:

Advanced Degrees

Arts, Languages & Letters – Master’s
Maggie Nakamura McGehee

Natural Sciences – Master’s
Amanda K. Nitta

Ocean and Earth Science and Technology – Master’s
Lee Miller

Social Sciences – Master’s
Ka‘ōnohikaumakaakeawe Kananiokeakua Holokai Lopes

Undergraduate Degrees

Arts, Languages & Letters
Anne Marie Di Martino and Krysten Yumie Nakamura

Hawaiian Knowledge
Mana‘o Kekoa Connors and Keokapukoa Kaohelauii

Natural Sciences
Kayla Grace Lum and Rey-Joseph de los Reyes Dinulong

Ocean and Earth Science and Technology
Hope Hālānā Māliē Kā Lēo Alōhā Kanoa

Social Sciences
Tulabelle May Roderick and Rizu Saisu

Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience
Johnell Ladera and Makena Tozzer

Presiding
Wendy F. Hensel, *President, University of Hawai‘i*

Oli: Welina Mānoa I ka Lehu Aloha
Spring 2025 Graduating Class of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge
Katrina-Ann R. Kapā‘anaokalāokeola Oliveira, *Interim Vice Provost for Student Success & Flag Bearer*
Oli: Eia Hawai‘inuiākea Ē
Ka‘ōnohikaumakaakeawe Lopes, *Candidate for Master of Arts in Communication*

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī
University Wind Ensemble
Director Boeckman
Kylie Kwak, *Soloist and Candidate for Bachelor of Arts in Music*

Presentation of Colors
Joint ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner
University Wind Ensemble
Director Boeckman
Soloist Kwak

Welcome Remarks
President Hensel

Announcement of Honors

Laura E. Lyons, *Interim Vice Provost for Academic Excellence*

Introduction of Graduate Address

Nikki Kāhealani Chun, *Vice Provost for Enrollment Management*

Graduate Address

Quentin Shores, *Candidate for Bachelor of Arts in Communication*

Introduction of Commencement Address

President Hensel

Commencement Address

Carissa Moore, *5X World Surfing Champion and 2020 Olympic Gold Medalist*

Presentation of Advanced Degree Candidates

Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree
Julienne Maeda, *Interim Dean of Graduate Division*

Candidates for the Master's Degree
Interim Dean Maeda

Conferring of Advanced Degrees

Michael Bruno, *Provost* and President Hensel

Advanced Degrees Name Readers

Interim Dean Maeda
Dean Jonathan K. Osorio, *Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge*

Presentation of Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Arts, Languages & Letters
Dean Peter Arnade

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge
Dean Osorio

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies
Interim Vice Provost Lyons

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Natural Sciences
Acting Dean Philip Williams

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology
Interim Associate Dean Judy Lemus

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Social Sciences
Dean Denise Eby Konan

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience
Dean Parwinder Grewal

Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees

Provost Bruno and President Hensel

Undergraduate Degrees Name Readers

Tammy Hailiʻōpua Baker, *Associate Professor of Theatre & Dance & Kumu ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi*
Craig Howes, *Director of the Center for Biographical Research and Professor of English*

University Alma Mater

University Wind Ensemble
Director Boeckman
Soloist Kwak

Recessional

University Wind Ensemble
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Academic Procession
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Katherine Finn Davis and Wayne Shiroma, *Floor Marshals*

Student Marshals
Representatives:

Advanced Degrees

Doctor of Architecture
Trinh Tran

Doctor of Medicine
Jeffrey Hayashi and Jordan Petersen

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Emma Kay Gregory

Architecture – Master's
Zoe Angelopulo

Business – Master's
Adesola Adepegba

Education – Master's
Elerose Apple Cordero

Engineering – Master's
Kian L. Viernes

Medicine – Master's
Jaymie Bilog-Mina

Nursing – Master's
Benjamin Newton

Social Work and Public Health – Master's
Sara Masuda Riggs

Undergraduate Degrees

Architecture
Kenneth Morrow and Beatrix McLean

Business
Brandon Reed and Rachel Lu

Education
Ariel Medeiros and Abbygail Cinena Vilorio

Engineering
Travis M. Nitta and Jordan R. Okumura

Nursing and Dental Hygiene
Sandra W. Xiao and Lydia Niebuhr

Social Work and Public Health
Gloria Kwon and Troy Sensano

Presiding

Wendy F. Hensel, *President, University of Hawai'i*

Oli: Welina Mānoa I ka Lehu Aloha and Welina Mānoa Ua 'Ike 'Ia
Marina La'akea Choi, *Candidate for Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing*
Katrina-Ann R. Kapā'anaokalāokeola Oliveira, *Interim Vice Provost for Student Success & Flag Bearer*

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Dean Mo Zell

Candidates for the Doctor of Education Degree
Dean Nathan Murata

Candidates for the Doctor of Medicine Degree
Dean T. Samuel Shomaker

Candidates for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree
Dean Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep

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Dean Zell

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the Shidler College of Business
Associate Dean Elizabeth Davidson

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Education
Dean Murata

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the College of Engineering
Dean Brennon Morioka

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the John A. Burns School of Medicine
Dean Shomaker

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
Dean Ceria-Ulep

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees from the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health
Dean Alex Ortega

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University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa was founded in 1907 as a college of agriculture and mechanical arts on the island of O‘ahu. With the establishment of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1920, the College of Hawai‘i became a university, and in 1972, the flagship campus officially became the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Today, Mānoa is a land-, sea- and space-grant research institution. There are 14 colleges & schools with 243 degree programs. The campus continues to be one of the nation’s most diverse with 122 countries and regions represented and an ethnically heterogeneous student population, unparalleled by any institution on the continent and rooted in the traditions and values of its host culture.



Academic Procession

The academic regalia worn by scholars at commencement dates back to the early European institutions of the Middle Ages. Today, the color and design of the hoods and tassels worn by graduates reflect the level of degree, field of study and institution from which the degree is earned. At the University of Hawai‘i, the doctor’s hood is slightly longer than the master’s, and the trimming around the neck is wider. The lining is green with two white chevrons and blue trim.



Ceremonial Ko‘o

Maces in the Western academic tradition denote authority, and are carried by the academic officer in charge of academic processions. In a manner common to Hawaiian and Pacific island cosmology, two complementary ko‘o (meaning support, brace, or wand), supporting symbolic male and female mana replace the old university maces. The male ko‘o represents water, knowledge, and humility, while the female ko‘o represents fire, empowerment and wisdom. Today, the ko‘o are displayed in front of the stage where the degrees are conferred.

Ceremonial Kāla‘au

At the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, faculty marshals usher Mānoa graduates into the commencement exercises holding wooden batons called kāla‘au that were created by student artist Richard Kupihea Romero using the hala tree as his inspiration. In the Hawaiian culture, hala is a symbol of passing and passage. Whether from womb to birth, from life to death, or from apprenticeship to mastership, the hala has been used by Native Hawaiians for generations to mark rites of passage. In his rendering, Kupihea has produced one male and one female kāla‘au. The feminine aspect of the hala is indicated by the female, pineapple shaped hua atop a cluster of hala leaves. The hinano flower depicts the male aspect of the hala and it also sits atop a cluster of hala leaves. The handles of the kāla‘au are carved in a moena pattern (woven hala leaves) for the female, and ulehala (stripped and pounded hala root used for cordage) for the male. Both the material (koa) and carving of the kāla‘au reflect the connection to the ceremonial ko‘o.



Welina Mānoa

Tracie and Keawe Lopes

Welina Mānoa i ka lehu aloha
Aloha ua Tuahine
Mai Luahine a i Waikīkī
Kia‘i ke Kahaukani
Kani nō nā leo
Eō kama‘āina
‘Āina aloha ē
Mānoa ē

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī

King David Kalākaua, comp. Henri Berger

Hawai‘i pono‘ī
Nānā i kou mō‘ī
Ka lani alii
Ke alii

hui (chorus)

Hawai‘i pono‘ī
Nānā i nā alii
Nā pua kou muli
Nā pōki‘i

hui (chorus)

Hawai‘i pono‘ī
E ka lāhui ē
‘O kāu hana nui
E ui ē

hui (chorus)

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key, comp. John Stafford Smith

Oh, say, can you see
By the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hail’d
At the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O’er the ramparts we watch’d
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket’s red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

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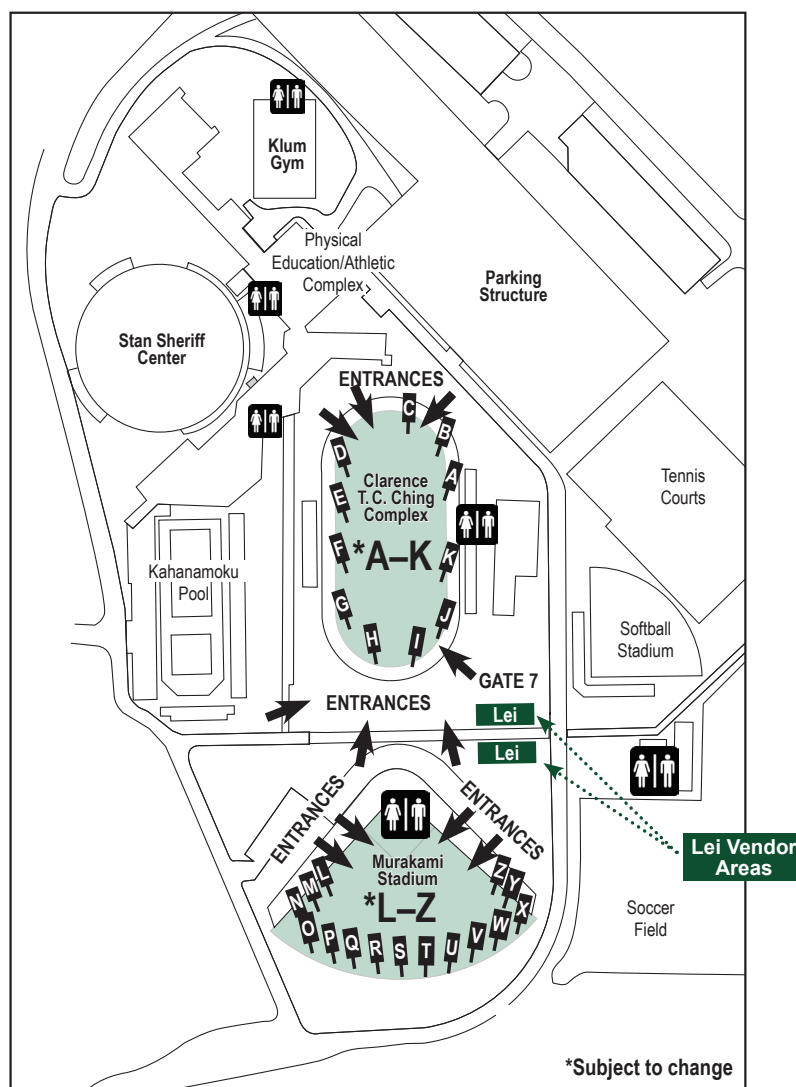
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Members of the audience are asked to remain in their seats while photo/video-graphing individual candidates and to remain in their places until the end of the recessional. Color photographs are taken as each graduate receives a diploma cover. A proof will be sent to graduates by email. Direct all questions to PictureMan of Hawai'i at cs@pmoh.com.

Friends and family members may greet graduates near the appropriate alphabetical signs at the Clarence T.C. Ching Complex and/or the Les Murakami Stadium. Please observe that this is a smoke-free campus.



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