

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON**

Susan Kazama
Chancellor
Hawaii Community College
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Dear Chancellor Kazama:

Congratulations on Hawaii Community College's designation as a "Top Producing Institution" of Fulbright U.S. Scholars in 2023-2024. This achievement is a testament to your institution's deep commitment to international exchange and to building lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

I would like to commend you and to thank you and your entire team for your hard work in promoting the Fulbright Program to the students and faculty on your campus.

In particular, I would like to recognize Pamela Scheffler for their support of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program as Hawaii Community College's designated Fulbright Scholar Liaison.

The Fulbright Top Producing Institution designations will be announced publicly on the Program's website (fulbrightprogram.org) and in partnership with *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on February 13. To assist you in sharing this achievement throughout your campus and community, we are sending resources to your institution's communications office and to Fulbright Program stakeholders on campus in advance of the announcement.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international academic exchange program. It is funded through an annual appropriation

from the U.S. Congress to the Department of State. Host institutions, as well as participating governments, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in over 160 countries worldwide. Since its inception in 1946, over 400,000 talented individuals from all backgrounds have participated in the Fulbright Program and returned home with an expanded worldview, a deeper appreciation for their host country and its people, and broader professional and personal networks.

As a diplomat, I'm proud of the Fulbright Program because it supports changemakers and fosters global cooperation on issues of shared importance. Fulbrighters strive to make the world a better place in classrooms and countries worldwide.

Hawaii Community College's designation as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution clearly demonstrates your dedication to promoting global engagement and mutual understanding among the peoples and nations of the world. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antony Blinken". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Antony J. Blinken