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## Misaki Takabayashi Recommended to be KCC's Next Chancellor

By Cameron Enomoto | Staff Writer

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Misaki Takabayashi has been recommended to assume the role of KCC's next chancellor, the University of Hawai'i announced on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Chancellor Louise Pagotto, who has served at KCC for almost 33 years, will be retiring on December 30, 2022. Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Maria Bautista will be appointed interim chancellor effective January 3, 2023, and will serve until Takabayashi assumes the chancellor position.

Takabayashi's effective date of appointment is March 1, 2023.

"Hawai'i is stepping into a new era with important lessons learned through the pandemic and novel opportunities ahead. Kapi'olani Community College is the jewel of higher education in Hawai'i and will be a key partner in empowering the future educated workforce here and abroad," said Takabayashi in a University of Hawai'i press release.

"I am truly humbled to be entrusted to lead and support Kapi'olani Community College in our next chapter. Together with all faculty and staff on campus, I look forward to innovating learning experiences where we draw the best out of every student firmly grounded in Hawaiian values and help them kulia i kanu'u, reach their full potential of global significance."



(Photo by Cameron Enomoto)

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Takabayashi is currently the associate vice president of graduate school at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University in Japan and has more than 20 years of higher education experience.

She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in marine science from the University of Queensland in Australia, a Master of Science in biology and Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Sydney in Australia, and an Associate of Applied Science in Hawaiian studies from Hawai'i Community College.

## Voices & Views



(Photo by Shawna Takaki)

Jalen Lee is a 20-year-old student attending Kapi'olani Community College. He's majoring in Liberal Arts and is in his second year here. He has yet to decide on what he wants to do in the future and is exploring it here, slowly trying to find his path.

"I'm just hoping maybe I can find something, someday, that I'll be interested in," Lee said.

Lee grew up in Japan, attending elementary and middle school there. As a half-Black, half-Japanese student, it was a tough experience at first. Eventually, he made friends and did sports during his school life in Japan, but he decided it wasn't the best fit for him and decided to come to America for high school. Lee enjoyed meeting people of many different cultures.

"It's so good to learn about other people's experiences, because you can use it," Lee said.

He entered high school in Wisconsin. During his freshman year, he at first struggled due to English being new to him. The classes overloaded him because it was too much English for him at the time.

Lee went to another high school in search of a better place for him and moved to California. His grades skyrocketed, and his high school life improved, but just as things began to settle, Covid-19 hit. Lee ended up moving back to Japan and continuing his studies through online school, graduating virtually.

His mother previously came to Hawai'i for college, and he decided to follow in her footsteps and get immersed in the culture here.

He loves the nature, beaches, and seafood here, among other things.

"After coming to Hawai'i, I've learned that my life has so many things ahead of me, and I was rushing too much," said Lee. "I realized I should take it step by step."

# UH Esports Program Offers Opportunity to Understand Gaming Industry

By Cameron Enomoto | Staff Writer

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The UH Esports program began in 2019 and is recognized for winning the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Rampage Invitational Tournament in August 2022 and ranked among the top four in the nation for "Valorant." The program was nominated for the best collegiate program in the nation, and the "League of Legends" team earned a runner-up finish in the Mountain West division in 2022.

[Editor's note: The UH Esports team won the title for the best collegiate program in the nation at Esports Awards on December 13.]

While the results of the teams have been among the best in the nation, the focus on the competition itself is minimal.

"My goal is not necessarily to be a championship program," said Sky Kauwelo, the UH Esports director. "I want to create a program where students are engaging with the larger video game industry. Often esports is a huge part of that. It's an industry that many students want to go into."

Kauwelo, who earned a PhD in Communication and Information Sciences from UH Mānoa in Spring 2022, has been nominated for the collegiate Esports Ambassador of the Year through the Esports Awards. His work as the head of the UH Mānoa Esports Task Force in the College of Social Sciences has helped to program to become one of the top 10 programs in the country since it was established.

"I want to offer a competitive cycle but also



The UH Esports program provides students with opportunities to compete in tournaments and learn about the intricacies of the video games industry. (Photo courtesy of Ethan Nguyen)

ensure that the more casual side of the program feels inclusive," Kauwelo said. "We have different activities that students can take part in that are not solely focused on the competitive sphere, like [roleplay games] Genshin Impact."

The UH esports teams are modeled after a traditional varsity program. Students will register for tryouts in different games and are notified if they are accepted. The competitive varsity games include "Valorant," "Overwatch," "League of Legends," "APEX Legends," "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege," "Super Smash Bros.," "Call of Duty," and "Rocket League."

Students are able to receive coaching to improve their skills as well as participate in various circuits and leagues. On the competitive side, there are around 70 students on varsity teams, though the broader esports community at UH Mānoa has over 1,000 students on Discord (@UHEsports).

Tryouts are held at the beginning of every school year in August and are open to all UH Mānoa

students. The UH Esports page (<https://www.hawaii.edu/esports/>) has more information on tryouts and each team.

"We find another team to practice against online and play from our own computers at home," said Ethan Nguyen, a third-year Math major who has been on the "Overwatch" team since Fall 2020.

Kauwelo stated that students who do not make the team often find other means to be a part of the community through Discord.

"I want the students to get as close as possible to reaching their goals in gaming," he said. "If they can't reach those heights I want them to know that there's a larger industry behind esports that's completely viable and exciting to take part in. My hope is that students will understand that they could have a future in this field that's not just about competition."

According to Kauwelo, the myth that a technical background is required in order to become a part of the video games industry is false. While a technical background may be helpful, the industry is communication-oriented and depends on people skills.

"For the video games industry overall, they're looking for people who are not just about video games," Kauwelo said. "Like life in general, when you form friendships, you're not necessarily looking for someone who is a hardcore freak on a certain topic. You want to have diversity in thought and background. I think that those people are the ones who will become the most successful candidates in this industry."

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# Opinion: Must-Have Discounts That Can Help Students Save Some Much-Needed Money

By Juri Dagio and Mathew Pascua | Staff Writers

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We know. College can be very expensive, especially for some who live independently. Despite today's sky-high prices, there are brands and retailers that offers discounts to students up to 90% off regardless of whether it's the holiday season. Here's a discount list for your needs from trusted sites like UNiDAYS, Student Beans, SheerID, and ID.me.

## Music and Media Student Discounts

### Amazon Prime Student

Prime Student offers all exclusive shopping, savings, and entertainment benefits for \$7.49/month (50% off standard membership). Prime Student members can enjoy free movies and TV shows with Amazon Prime Video, ad-free listening to millions of songs with Amazon Music, more than 3,000 books, magazines, and comics with Prime Reading, free games with Prime Gaming, and many more. New features are also included such as free Grubhub+ Student membership for free food deliveries.

### Chegg

Learning on your own for an online class is pretty challenging. Get 25% off your first month Chegg subscription through Student Beans. The Chegg subscription includes access to verified practice exams, quizzes and study guide, and free premium membership on Calm for sleep and relaxation. Get 20% off Chegg Study Pack and up to 90% off textbooks through UNiDAYS.

### Spotify Premium Student

Aside from the on-demand playback of millions of songs of your favorite local and international artists, Spotify Premium Student also includes access to Hulu (ad-supported) plan and SHOWTIME Streaming Service for \$4.99/month (save \$5/month from the original \$9.99 standard Spotify subscription). That's a pretty good deal for 60,000 minutes of Jack Harlow a year. You know who you are.

### YouTube Premium Student

With similar benefits to the standard individual YouTube Premium (\$11.99/month) subscription, save \$5 with YouTube Premium Student for only \$6.99/month. YouTube Premium membership benefits including ad-free and background play, including save and download videos, and includes an ad-free Music app that can be downloaded separately on your phone.

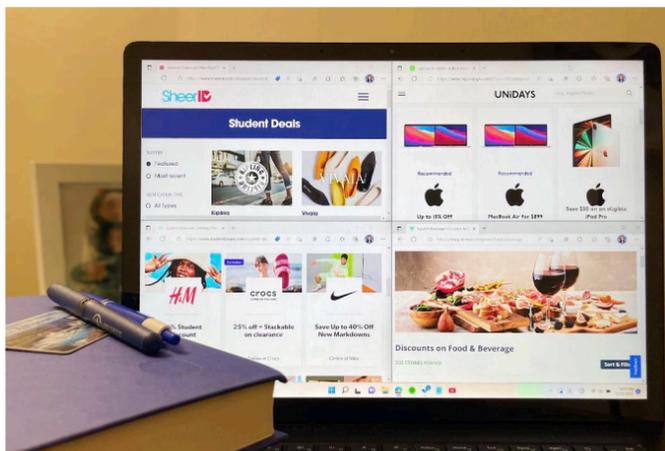
## Tech and School Supplies Student Discounts

### Apple

Get up to 15% off refurbished MacBook Air or MacBook Pro, save \$100 on an eligible MacBook Air or Pro, save \$50 on an eligible iPad Air or Pro, and sign up to Apple Music student plan for \$4.99/month (50% off standard Apple Music plan).

### Best Buy

Get up to 50% off Outlet Deals at Best Buy. Save \$55 on AirPods Pro for \$164 (from the



Broke and in search for student discounts? We've collected some of the best deals and discounts to use for your next online and in-store purchases. (Photo by Juri Dagio)

original price of \$219), time to get rid of those wires on your earphones.

### HP

Save money on HP PCs, tablets, printers, computer accessories and more. Get up to 63% off selected products and up to 35% off on gaming products through UNiDAYS, and up to 45% student discount at HP with Student Beans.

### MUJI, U.S.A.

MUJI is a Japanese retail store that sells apparels, cute stationery products, electronics, furniture and more. Get a 10% student discount off these products online at MUJI.

### Redbubble

In support of undiscovered artists from around the world, Redbubble sells arts from different mediums like drawings, paintings, and digital arts. Get 15% off wall arts, phone cases, hoodies, stickers and many more. Buy a collection of stickers for less than \$1 to show off what you're about on your laptop.

## Food and Entertainment Student Discounts

### Dave and Buster's, Honolulu

Get up to 50% off on games prices with these active promos and coupons updated daily for college students. Eat, drink, play games, watch sports, and enjoy other activities with your friends all night (21 years old+).

### DigiMarCon (Digital Marketing Convention)

Gain insights on how to improve and start your business by learning from the most inspiring speakers in the digital marketing, media, and advertising industries at DigiMarCon from July 13-14 at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa. Only a limited number of students are eligible to attend DigiMarCon Hawai'i 2023 at lower rates, so make sure to buy a ticket and get a chance to network with knowledgeable professionals.

Among the speakers will be Christi Olson of Microsoft, Elizma Nolte of Facebook and Kevin Jonas of Jonas Brothers.

To be eligible, students must be attending college full time and must be at least 18 years old.

### Domino's Pizza

Gather your friends and enjoy \$7.99 for all pizzas.

### DoorDash

Homework and exams can be time consuming. Have someone deliver your dinner after a long day every day with DoorDash' "DashPass" student plan for \$4.99/month through Student Beans. Save \$5 from the

standard subscription of \$9.99/month.

### Mānoa Valley Theater

Let's get away from electronics and enjoy the beauty of plays and musicals from mainstream to off Broadway. The Mānoa Valley Theatre is one of the most celebrated theatres on the island. It's offering a student discount for just \$20 per ticket with valid student ID.

Here's some of the 2023 upcoming shows:

January 12-29 | Charles Dickens' unfinished novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"

March 9-26 | Autobiographical musical by Jonathan Larson, "Tick, Tick... Boom!"

May 11-29 | Based on the antics of the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society, "The Play That Goes Wrong"

### Pacific Skydiving

Experience the thrill of skydiving over the island of O'ahu — and pay less. Save \$15 with the student special of \$239 (from the original price \$254) with a valid student photo ID.

Pacific Skydiving is located in Mokulē'ia and runs daily from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Starbucks

Exhausted? Enjoy a free coffee after joining Starbucks Rewards with Student Beans. Earn free food and drinks, access exclusive offers and many more without paying a buck at Starbucks with a Starbucks Rewards account.

### Uber Eats

Get \$20 off the first food order through UNiDAYS.

## Fashion Student Discounts

### Adidas

Get 15% off and up to 60% off clothing and shoes. \$35 for a pair of adidas Stan Smith, not bad right?

### Converse

Looking to take it back with the classic Chuck Taylors? Save 15% (\$28) off those recognizable black-and-white kicks and more at Converse.

### Foot Locker

Order your kicks online from their variety of shoe brands like Puma, Vans, Champion, and many more. Get a 20% student discount off \$99 online order.

### H&M

Unlock 15% student discount off trendy women and men's clothing at H&M. This is the only price-friendly clothing store in Waikiki Business Plaza (it's the only affordable store there).

### Nike

Save up to 40% off clothing and shoes. Shop Air Maxs for \$80 and Air Force 1s for \$72 online at Nike.

### Ray-Ban

The beauty of the Islands of Hawai'i can't go unseen; however, the sun can be a little bit too strong in our eyes especially if you stay out for the whole day. Get yourself a new pair of sunglasses with 50% off with Student Beans.

# Word on the Street

We asked the Kapi'o News staff: What is your new year's resolution?

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**Juri Dagio**

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Hometown: Tarlac, Philippines  
Major: Journalism

"For my New Year's resolution, I will work more on self-improvement. I see the new year as an opportunity to improve time management and self-care that hopefully will help me for many years to come."



**Cameron Enomoto**

Age: 19  
Hometown: Hawai'i Kai  
Major: Secondary Education

My New Year's resolution is to exercise more and be more organized with my schoolwork. I plan to do that by training for the Great Aloha Run in February and keeping a planner of all my assignments and the dates that they're due.



**Shawna Takaki**

Age: 17  
Hometown: Honolulu  
Major: Liberal Arts English

"I plan to drink more water this year! I've not been drinking enough water this past year."

## Tips On Thriving as a 1st-Gen College Student

By **Micah Tutuvanu** | Staff Writer

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The challenges that first-generation students face are hard. They're told to navigate the college experience by themselves—often receiving little to no help from others.

When I first entered college, I was clueless as to what to do. I didn't have a sense of awareness about the college experience and I did not know who to talk to. As I look back at my experiences in college, I think about the rights and wrongs of my actions. If you question yourself asking "Where do I start off?" I am here to help you. I am a first-generation student who has done a lot of learning in my first semester (plus summer classes) at KCC. Here are a few tips for the first-generation students struggling to navigate the college experience.

### 1. Meet with your counselor

A lot of people might stray away from meeting with their counselor. It might be a fear of your counselor not knowing you or maybe you're opposed to doing so because you deem it "useless." Meeting with your counselor at your institution is a must. Whether it be your academic advising counselor or your major-specific counselor, it's good to build a foundation of support with people who are knowledgeable in the college experience and to get notified on opportunities that might benefit you in the near future. Especially as a first-generation student, some of the opportunities you might get can change your whole college experience for the better.

You can find out who your counselor is through your school's website. For Kapi'olani Community College, the counselors are major specific that range from culinary to sciences. Email your major-specific counselor about any questions pertaining to academics or class schedules. Get into contact with them because they'll be a great resource.

### 2. Apply! Apply! Apply!

Apply in what? I could be talking about applying yourself more in your academics, applying for scholarships, or even applying yourself more in extracurriculars. This is what I refer to as the three A's, and it's how I get by in my college life as a first-generation student. Apply yourself in your academics to succeed and achieve the desired grades you want. As long as you try your best and make an attempt, know that you're doing well.

Financial insecurity is the harsh reality for many college students and many first-generation students too. Apply for as many scholarships as you can to avoid the debt later. Scholarships can be found via a Google search or through your counselors. There are many scholarships out there for everyone.

One scholarship to note is the UH System General Scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship is March 1, and anyone in the UH system can apply. There

Apply yourself more to extracurriculars; it'll offer a vast amount of opportunities. This can include internships or leadership positions, anything to build your résumé.

### 3. Don't be discouraged.

At one point, I didn't think college was right for me. I remember my high school teacher pulled me aside once and told me I wouldn't be a good fit for college. Instead of moping around and believing what I was told, I used that as motivation. If someone doubts you or doesn't believe you can pursue an educational path, never believe them. Their thoughts do not dictate what you're capable of doing. The fact that you're in college and making an effort to receive a higher education proves that you're smart enough and motivated enough to do anything as long as you put your mind to it. Never give up, especially when others try to discourage you and bring you down.

### 4. Advocate!

It's important to advocate for yourself. Opportunities are there, but it is important on your end to reach out to others. There is always someone on campus who knows the answer to your question. Someone willing to assist you. Keep in mind that staff and faculty on college campuses are very busy. Do not wait for someone to reach out to you; instead reach out to them. During the summer, I knew I wanted to join Student Congress. Instead of waiting for someone to contact me about this opportunity, I reached out to them. I emailed the SC advisor Romyn Sabatchi. Now I am the Public Relations officer of Student Congress and I love every minute of it.

How can you reach out to them? Email is best, but if they do not respond to emails, then drop by their office. Introduce yourself, and discuss with them what you need to discuss. If you need anything, you have to reach out to others. It might get uncomfortable at first, but it's a part of human life. It does not hurt to try. Email professors and staff about scholarships, internships, educational opportunities and anything in that nature.

### 5. Don't overload yourself with too much.

It's OK to know your limit. Never do too much at the cost of your mental well-being. A lot of college students make the mistake of underestimating the amount of work they'll get from classes. If you add on extracurricular activities, that's another commitment. It's good to be proficient and achieve the best grades possible. It's also good to make time for yourself and know when enough is enough. Only you know your limit.

I struggle with this because I take any opportunities that come my way. First-generation college students do not know about the rigor of college. It's a rigorous experience with a lot of opportunities that come along the way.

Being a first-generation college student is difficult. A lot of people might think of it as a curse, but over time, I learned that it's a blessing. You're making history in your own family by breaking the norms of education and making a difference in your family. As you go forth on your journey, know that it won't be easy because some days you'll be pushed past your limits and you'll want to give up.

If you have any questions or want to discuss tips and advice about being a first-gen college student, please feel free to contact me at [mtutu@hawaii.edu](mailto:mtutu@hawaii.edu).