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a bulletin for UH West O'ahu faculty and staff



Week of May 12

UH West O'ahu celebrates spring commencement

UH West O'ahu celebrated its second spring commencement at the Kapolei campus on a beautiful Saturday morning, May 10. Chancellor Rockne Freitas presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees with the help of Vice Chancellors Lui Hokoana, Donna Kiyosaki, Linda Randall and Associate Vice Chancellor Eun Ahn. The UH West O'ahu Band, led by Band Director Chad Kamei, performed Pomp and Circumstance and other numbers while Dr. Jon Magnussen's University Chorus provided musical accompaniment to Dr. Leilani Basham and her student's lovely oli. UH Board of Regents' Vice Chair James H.Q. Lee and UH System Interim President David Lassner addressed and congratulated the graduates.

Keynote Speaker Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa reminded graduates to never forget where they are from while UHWO student speaker Roxane Bruhn inspired others with her remarks on living with an attitude of gratitude. After receiving degrees, the graduates entertained the crowd with a flash mob dance performance to Pink's "Raise Your Glass." Proud family and friends of UHWO graduates hugged and congratulated their loved ones on the Great Lawn following the ceremony. The spring commencement was streamed live on the [UH West O'ahu](#) website. View the [Honolulu Star-Advertiser commencement images](#).

The National Park Service to consider Honouliuli Internment and POW Camp for potential inclusion in National Park System

The National Park Service recently released a draft study proposing that Honouliuli Internment and POW Camp in West O'ahu, where Japanese and European American residents from Hawai'i were incarcerated during World War II, be added to the National Park System as a National Historic Site or National Monument. Research from 10 UH West O'ahu faculty members and community partners about lessons of democracy and social justice from Honouliuli POW and Internment Camp is showcased in the forthcoming UH Press book *Breaking the Silence*. A public meeting will be held at UH West O'ahu to discuss the Honouliuli site as a National Historic Site or National Monument on Tuesday, May 27 from 2-4 p.m. in E132. For more information on the National Park Service's draft study and how to submit comments, visit the [study website](#).

UHWO in the news

View the MidWeek West O'ahu Islander article about Dr. Franklin Kudo and Mark Weisbrod's UH West O'ahu student team wins in business competitions ["UHWO Wins Academic Tournaments."](#)

Another MidWeek article highlights Dr. Jon Magnussen's Summer Music Works program for select O'ahu high school students in ["UH West O'ahu Music Course Offers Jump-start to College."](#)

Familiar faces

View [photos](#) from the May 2 [Talk Story with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors](#) event in the Campus Center Multipurpose Room.

Upcoming events

Fire Alarm Testing is happening today. As the system is being tested, the following will occur

- Audible testing of the system. The alarms will be triggered by building.
- Visible alerts may be activated. The strobes may be going off in conjunction with the alarms.
- The elevators will shut down normal operations temporarily in accordance with safety measures.
- Campus Security will escort the vendor through campus buildings during testing.

UHWO Campus Services encourages you to review fire evacuation procedures with office mates during testing. For questions, contact Carlton Ho at 689-2534.

[Hawaiian Grown Kitchen](#) is closed for the summer and will re-open in the fall.

[The UH West O'ahu library](#) summer hours are

- Monday, May 12 - Friday, May 16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Monday, May 19 - Friday, May 23, CLOSED
- Tuesday, May 27 - Friday, August 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The library will be closed on weekends throughout the summer.

Summer Session I begins on Tuesday, May 27.

For the latest **UH West O'ahu event information**, view and submit listings to the UHWO [website calendar](#).

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