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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O'AHU FACULTY AND STAFF
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Chancellor's Message

The [March Ka 'Umeke Nōweo](#), UH West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham's monthly message to the campus and community, is now online.

Here's an excerpt from the March message, where she highlights recent recognition of the Cyber Security and Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management concentrations:

"Advancing a community of skilled professionals and leaders is a vital mission of UH West O'ahu (UHWO). To ensure that we meet this goal, our faculty and staff continue to cultivate unique and differentiated learning opportunities through advancing an integrated and interdisciplinary curriculum of dynamic learning and teaching, discovery and innovation, and engagement with community partners. Indeed, we believe that "Learning, Discovering, and Engaging is the pathway to 21st Century leadership!"

Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching

Nominate your favorite UH West O'ahu faculty member or librarian for the Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching. The Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching is awarded by the Board of Regents in recognition of scholarly contributions that expand the boundaries of knowledge and enrich the lives of students and the community.

The recipient will receive a cash award and, in the Fall of 2017, the recipient will receive an engraved Board of Regents medal.

The deadline for submissions is this Friday, March 10, at noon. Select [this link](#) to submit your nominee.

Island Flex Spending

The 2017 Island Flex Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) program open enrollment period is March 6, 2017 through April 28, 2017, for the plan year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This program allows employees to pay for eligible out-of-pocket medical, dental, drug and vision expenses, as well as dependent care expenses (i.e., pre-school tuition, A+, adult day care and/or babysitter expenses), with before-tax dollars. Employees do not pay federal, state or social security taxes on those monies, and this results in more take-home pay.

If you are currently participating in the FSA program, your enrollment will end on June 30, 2017. To continue participation, you must re-enroll during the open enrollment period.

The U.S. Treasury allows you to roll-over up to \$500 of unused amounts remaining in your medical FSA plan to the following plan year. This reduces the risk of losing your FSA healthcare contributions at the end of the plan year.

Informational workshops at UH:

UH Manoa:

Date: March 8, 2017

Times: 8:30 - 9:30 am and 10:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Kuykendall Auditorium 101

Honolulu Community College:

Date: March 28, 2017

Times: 8:30 - 9:30 am and 10:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Building 27, #111/116

Leeward Community College:

Date: March 29, 2017

Times: 8:30 - 9:30 am and 10:00 - 11:00 am

Location: ED 201 A/B

UH Hilo:

Date: March 31, 2017

Times: 8:30 - 9:30 am and 10:00 - 11:00 am

Location: UCB-100

A listing of informational workshops throughout the islands and webinar sessions is available on the [Island Flex flyer](#). You may use up to 1½ hours of work time (this includes travel time) to attend 1 session or 1 hour to view a webinar.

Employees may visit the Comprehensive Financial Planning, Inc. (CFP) website at www.compfinplan.com to learn more about the FSA program, download the enrollment form, and to sign up for a scheduled webinar.

For questions, please contact Comprehensive Financial Planning, Inc. at 596-7006 or toll free 1 (877) 550-5552, or visit www.compfinplan.com.

- [2017 Island Flex Open Enrollment Flyer](#)
- [Island Flex Booklet](#)

Campus Hours

As a reminder, the UH West O'ahu campus is open Monday through Saturday, from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., effective Nov. 1, 2016. The Campus is closed on Sundays and State Holidays. See attachment for additional details.

*Buildings may open later or close earlier based on class schedules.

*Campus/buildings/parking lots may open for authorized special events.

DE Tip of the Week - Blackboard Collaborate

This month we will be learning about Blackboard Collaborate. One of the neat features is that there are many different ways to communicate within the conferencing system. You and your students can use the video feature, which will turn on your camera and allow it to record your face. The system also includes an audio feature, as the instructor or moderator you can decide who can use this tool. It allows you to use your microphone to speak to your class or for members of your class to speak to you. Blackboard Collaborate also has a built in chat feature to allow for both public and private chats. The chat function is also a great way to gather feedback during your presentation or to have a quick word without having to include the entire class. To

read other tech tips or learn about other resources visit uhwo.hawaii.edu/distancelearning or email uhwode@hawaii.edu.

Familiar Faces

View the UH West O'ahu [flickr page](#) to see photos of the [Spring Internship Fair](#).

New in E Kamakani Hou



Nominate an outstanding faculty member for the Regents' teaching award: Nominate your favorite UH West O'ahu faculty member or librarian for the [Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching](#). The Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching is awarded by the [Board of Regents](#) in recognition of scholarly contributions that expand the boundaries of knowledge and enrich the lives of students and the community. [\[Read more\]](#)

Value Colleges ranks UH West O'ahu as one of best Top 50 Best Value Online Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs: The University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu was selected as one of the 50 best value online homeland security and management degrees by [Value Colleges](#). [\[Read more\]](#)

UHWO Bookstore: March Madness: Stop by the [UHWO bookstore](#) for savings throughout (most of) March! The UHWO Bookstore is closed from March 27 through 31. [\[Read more\]](#)

Noted stunt coordinator Brian Keaulana to speak at UHWO, March 6: Brian Keaulana, well-known stunt coordinator, surfer, and life guard from Makaha, will speak about his role in films such as "Point Break" (2015), "Jurassic World," "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," "The Descendants," and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," to name a few, at UH West O'ahu on Monday, March 6. [\[Read more\]](#)

Summer research project provides STEM opportunities: The University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu is looking for talented and motivated students to participate in the [Kikaha Undergraduate Research project](#) - a unique opportunity to create projects that develop and enhance academic and research skills. [\[Read more\]](#)

Events this week

Center your thoughts with Oli, Mele, and Ho'okupu at **PIKO** on Monday, March 6, at 9 a.m. at Hale Kuahuokalā. [More info](#).

Brian Keaulana to speak on Monday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to noon, in E139A. [More info](#).

Yoga class at Hale Kuahuokalā in the Student Organic Garden on Tuesday, March 7, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. [More info](#).

Mala Harvest Day on Wednesday, March 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. in our mala (UHWO Student Organic Garden). [More info](#).

Library Research Workshop featuring Google Fu on Wednesday, March 8, in the [UHWO Library](#) Computer Lab (second floor) at 2 p.m. [More info](#).

Intramural Sports on Wednesday, March 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Great Lawn. [More info](#).

Intramural Sports on Thursday, March 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Great Lawn. [More info](#).

West Sesh on Thursday, March 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Loft by the Student Lounge. [More info](#).

Learn to prepare soil, build compost, install irrigation, sow seed, and harvest produce at the **Second Saturday Garden Work Party** on Saturday, March 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Student Organic Garden. All are welcome. Bring water, sun protection, shoes, and a healthy snack to share. [More info](#).

For the latest UHWO event information, view and submit listings to the [UHWO calendar](#).
Want to include your story in the This Week at UHWO News Bulletin or E Kamakani Hou? Submit
a [Communications Request Form](#) to the UH West O'ahu Communications Department.



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CAMPUS HOURS OF OPERATION

Academic Year 2016 - 2017

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Parking Lots - Hours of Operation

PARKING	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	HOLIDAY
Permit Lot	PERMIT ONLY 5:30 AM – 5:00 PM OPEN to ALL 5:00 PM – 10:30 PM					OPEN to ALL 5:30 AM – 10:30 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Student/Visitor Lot	OPEN to ALL 5:30 AM – 10:30 PM						CLOSED	CLOSED
Overflow Lot	OPEN 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM				CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

WORKING AFTER HOURS

1. Faculty/Staff working *after hours* shall contact Campus Security at 689-2911 to provide the following information.
 - a. Name and department.
 - b. Building and room you are working in.
 - c. Approximate length of time.
 - d. Are you working alone or with another person(s).
2. Upon leaving the building, Faculty/Staff shall notify Campus Security. ***Please remember to secure the office and building exit doors upon leaving.***
3. Non-Faculty/Staff are **not** permitted on campus *after hours* unless accompanied by a University Faculty/Staff member. The accompanying Faculty/Staff member will be responsible for the non-faculty/staff person(s) while on campus *after hours*.

Campus safety reminders and tips can be found at www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/security.