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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O'AHU FACULTY AND STAFF  
**This Week at UH West O'ahu**  
Week of July 31

### **Help Welcome Our New Employees**

Vice Chancellor Kevin Ishida is welcoming new staff to the West O'ahu 'Ohana at a gathering from 2 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in Room C-225. On hand will be new hires Sheri Ching of the Business Office, Wayne Fredericks of Security, and Michelle Myrie of Emergency Management. Refreshments provided!

### **Campus Dig near Great Lawn**

Students taking a one-week intensive workshop in forensic anthropology and medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine traveled to UH West O'ahu Wednesday for hands-on training in recovery of (replica) human remains. Fieldwork for the 36 students was led by UH West O'ahu assistant professors Bill Belcher and Jennifer Byrnes and included the unearthing of a cow carcass (shown below).

Cow 4a.jpg



### **Thinking about Retiring? Pre-Retirement Workshop Scheduled for UH Employees**

Employees who are contemplating retirement in the next few years are encouraged to attend a Pre-Retirement Workshop scheduled for 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, August 11 in Room A101 of the Business Administration Building, UH Mānoa campus. Representatives from the Social Security Administration (SSA), Hawaii-Employer Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) and Employees' Retirement System (ERS) will present information on the various benefits and retirement options. Deadline to register is August 7, 2017. Information regarding visitor parking may be found at <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/commuter/visitor.php>.

### **Better access to employee-specific HR content on the way**

The Office of Human Resources for the University of Hawai'i System is updating its website. The office has redesigned it to allow employees to use their UH login to view employee-specific content and will send out information on how to log into it when it premieres on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The existing OHR site at [www.hawaii.edu/ohr](http://www.hawaii.edu/ohr) will be redirected to the new site on that date.

### **WorkLife Hawai'i's Latest Employee Assistance Newsletters**

The July 2017 editions of *and* Hawai'i Supervisor, monthly newsletters from WorkLife Hawai'i, UH West

O'ahu's employee assistance program provider, are available. The Hawai'i Employee newsletter includes brief articles on fighting procrastination, what to do when you make a mistake at work, and emotional intelligence. The Hawai'i Supervisor newsletter includes answers to questions regarding employees who work too much, staff who come to work smelling of alcohol, and bullying.

### **Courtyard monkey pod tree removal, August 17**

UHWO Planning and Campus Operations has scheduled the removal of the center monkey pod in the courtyard for Friday, August 17.

In early July, PCO grounds crew detected an irrigation line leak and was unable to locate the source of the leak due a heavy root system. To ensure the integrity of courtyard planter boxes and pavers, this specific monkey pod tree will be removed. Unfortunately, PCO is not able to remove the entire tree at one time, as it cannot use large removal vehicles (they would crack our pavers). The grounds crew will remove sections of the tree, then chip the wood for use throughout our campus. Monkey pod trees, while providing great shade, are not native to our pae'āina – and will continue to grow and cause anticipated problems in the future. Chancellor Benham has asked facilities to look for future alternatives using suitable endemic/indigenous planting/trees if possible. Should you have questions please feel free to contact Bonnie Arakawa ([bonniea@hawaii.edu](mailto:bonniea@hawaii.edu)).

### **North Campus Center Restroom Work Scheduled**

Restrooms throughout North Campus Center will be closed for floor work the week of August 7.

The women's restrooms on the first floor will be closed on Monday, August 7. The men's restrooms on the first floor will be closed on Tuesday, August 8. The restrooms on the second floor will remain open during this time.

The women's restrooms on the second floor will be closed on Thursday, August 10. The men's restrooms on the second floor will be closed on Friday, August 11. The restrooms on the first floor will remain open during this time.

Questions and/or concerns? You are invited to call Planning and Campus Operations at 689-2535.

### **UH West O'ahu in the News**

For those who missed it:

- UH West O'ahu's early college summer education program was featured on the [Hawai'i Department of Education's website](#), under the student success stories section. The article noted 62 10th graders from Wai'anae and Nanakuli high schools attended the Early College Summer Scholars Program while earning college and high school credits.
- UH West O'ahu Director of Indigenous Education Manu Meyer and her family were profiled in Honolulu magazine as part of a feature on 11 Hawai'i families who make the state great. The article notes "Manu is a Harvard-educated synthesizer of influences as disparate as quantum mechanics and Native Hawaiian cultural practice."
- An editorial in the Friday, July 28 edition of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser noted UH West O'ahu and Kaua'i Community College are the only campuses in the UH System where enrollment is not dropping.
- Former UH West O'ahu assistant to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Melinda Wood penned a [column for Civil Beat](#) that efforts to urge Hawai'i residents to shelter in place in the event of a nuclear attack might be better focused on urging Congress to insist on negotiations between the U.S. and North Korea.

## Six Hires joined UH West O'ahu in July

Welcome to the campus:

Nicole Amarin - Assistant Specialist (Wellness & Allied Health Educator)

Genevieve Aken - Assistant Specialist (Coordinator of Pueo Service Learning Project)

Camille Hampton - Assistant Specialist (Coordinator of Pueo Education Pipeline Pathway Project)

Barbara Jean Kahawaii - Assistant Specialist (Program Specialist of Pueo Education Pipeline Pathway Project)

Lynette Paglinawan - Assistant Specialist (Community Engagement Specialist)

Princess Soares - Academic Support (Scheduler/Data Analyst)

## New in E Kamakani Hou



**UHWO Summer Bridge Programs Growing:** UH West O'ahu's efforts to better prepare incoming freshman for the rigors of college paid off this summer with more high school students than ever attending Summer Bridge programs. [[Read More](#)]

**UHWO Student Receives Credit Union Scholarship:** UH West O'ahu student Pearlana Stone is a recipient of a University of Hawai'i Federal Credit Union scholarship for 2017-2018. Stone, who is studying healthcare administration, was one of five students who were awarded the \$2,000 UHFCU scholarships recently. [[Read More](#)]

**C&C Recognizes UHWO Graduate:** Chloe Lontayao, a Spring 2017 UH West O'ahu graduate, was honored for her work as a Po'okela Fellows Intern for the City and County of Honolulu. Mayor Kirk Caldwell presented Lontayao with a certificate of recognition for her work during an internship that ran from January to May. [[Read More](#)]

*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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