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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O'AHU FACULTY AND STAFF
This Week at UH West O'ahu
Week of Nov. 9, 2020

Bulletin No. 26 from Chancellor Maenette Benham

E ala! E alu! E kuilima!
Awaken! Come together! Join hands!

There are two parts to the Chancellor's message this week (1) COVID-19 related matters and (2) Update from the UHWO Task Force.

COVID-19 Reminders

I know that we are all fatigued by what is now mind-numbing repetition of shut-downs and the up and down nature of frustrating numbers. I was reminded when I met with Dr. Mays Imad, that it is important to pause and reflect, breath, and then make intentional choices that can help to regulate emotional responses during times of stress. I have found that asking myself this question helps: "Given what's going on, what's the best thing for me to do or not do in this situation?"

Here are some reminders:

- When you come to campus please remember to check-in using the [LumiSight App](#).
- Please follow all protocols when you come to campus. See our [Pueo Safety Promise](#).
- Please stay alert to email postings regarding the health and safety of our campus community.
- Should a co-worker or student report to you that they have tested positive please remind them to alert our campus COVID Response Team through the hotline at 808-689-2525 or covidwo@hawaii.edu.
- Please note: although your student or co-worker may be fully online or working remotely respectively, they should contact the hotline so that we can ensure we provide support and services if needed.
- For more information or questions please see our [campus COVID-19 site](#).

UHWO Task Force

Update on task force membership:

- ASUHWO: Jenna Marie Marcos and Caton Liang
- Faculty: Ka'iulani Akamine, Loea Akiona, Ross Cordy, Alphie Garcia, Mary Heller, Louis Herman, Ed Keaunui, Frank Kudo, Monique Mironesco, Kamuela Yong, Reed Young
- Staff: Michelle Cohen, Lori Foo, John Murakami, Therese Nakadomari, Princess Soares, Marnelli Ulep
- A representative from UHPA and a representative from HGEA

Update on the work of the task force:

- The Task Force has generated five recommendations for FY21. These deal with Facilities Efficiencies, Operational Efficiencies, and Increasing Instructional Efficiencies.
- The TF has developed a survey to invite all UH West O'ahu stakeholders--students, staff, faculty, and leadership—to provide feedback on the recommendations. They anticipate that the survey will be disseminated early this week. Surveys must be returned by the end of business day, Friday, November 13. The task force wants everyone to remember that this is the first of several feedback surveys to the campus community for the purpose of increasing opportunities to gather and give voice to the collective wisdom of our stakeholders.

I would like to mahalo the task force for meeting the immediate challenge to recommend cost efficient tactics that keep us stable and enable us to invest in those programs and actions that will have an immediate high return. If we can capitalize on these opportunities we will be able to reinvest in a next tier of growth and support opportunities!

E mālama pono!
Chancellor Maenette Benham

University of Hawai'i COVID-19 resources

Remember to visit the [UH West O'ahu COVID-19 page](#) and [University of Hawai'i System COVID-19 site](#) for information and updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

COPING THROUGH COVID

How are you maintaining your mental, physical, and emotional well-being while practicing social distancing? We'd like to hear about your coping mechanisms or personal stories of how you are managing as we navigate these challenging times. Have unique tips to share? Fun activities? Email uhwoomm@hawaii.edu to submit your survival strategies.

Here's a submission from Olivia George, associate professor in Biology:

Coping through COVID is challenging for everyone and when times get tough, I refer back to a family trait – humor. I am extremely close with my family and we have always had a sense of humor about life's many challenges and this trait allowed us to build our resilience and strengthen our bond as a family. I have taken the lessons I have learned from family and found groups of friends and colleagues here on the island that I consider my 'Ohana. We all communicate through texts, social media, and the occasional Happy Hour Zoom, and we often talk about frustrations, news, jokes, and funny memes. What I love about this is that I not only do this with my O'ahu 'Ohana but my own family as well on the mainland. On my downtime at home I still make sure that I am still laughing, by watching all my favorite shows on rotation for a couple of hours a day or listening to stand-up comedy or favorite comedy podcasts, especially before I start class prep and/or grading, it puts me in a wonderful mood. Often you would find me watching IT Crowd, The Office, Friends, Community, Bob's Burgers, The Chappelle Show, and episodes of Mystery Science Theatre 3K or listening to my favorite podcast Time Suck with stand-up comedian Dan Cummins. I will end with my favorite quote: "Laugh as much as possible, always laugh. It's the sweetest thing one can do for oneself and one's fellow human beings." – Maya Angelou

'COVID-19 Telework' reminder

If you were approved for telework, please remember to complete your online leave with the new "COVID-19 Telework" code; please do so every month by the 10th. Note that you do not have to redo your telework forms every month. Also, if you are working a hybrid schedule, input only your telework days in the system. For paid sick and vacation leave, please request as usual. If you have any questions, email janice.sunouchi@hawaii.edu.

Revised EP8.200 Policy on Contracts and Signing Authority

Since its inception on Nov. 1, 2017, EP8.200, Policy on Contracts and Signing Authority ("Contracts Policy") has been annually updated to respond better to the University of Hawai'i's needs and to address changing risks. Read the full policy at <http://go.hawaii.edu/KTJ>, and see your email on Nov. 2 from the Office of General Counsel titled, "Revised EP8.200 Policy on Contracts and Signing Authority" for a summary of updates.

Innovations for the New Normal conference, Nov. 9, 10, 12, and 13

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Hawai'i will be hosting Innovations for the New Normal — a virtual conference Nov. 9, 10, 12, and 13 via Zoom — that will highlight our efforts in the areas of resilient food systems, health care and digital infrastructure — vital areas for the state in its recovery and economic diversification efforts. The event is sponsored by the [University of Hawai'i Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation](#). Sessions:

- Session 1: Resilient Food Systems in the COVID Era, 8-9:45 a.m. Nov. 9
- Session 2: COVID Propelled Innovations in Health Care, 8-9:35 a.m. Nov. 10
- Session 3: Digital Innovations for the New Normal, 8-9:30 a.m. Nov. 12
- Session 4: Next Steps to a Resilient, Healthy Innovative Recovery, 8-9:55 a.m. Nov. 13

Click [here](#) for more information, including the event agenda and keynote speakers, or to register. Registration, which is free, is limited to the first 1,000 registrants and is for all four sessions.

Distinguished Service and Maintenance Awards deadline is Nov. 13

Nominations are being accepted for the Willard Wilson Distinguished Service Award and the Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance. The deadline to submit nominations is by 4:30 p.m., this Friday, Nov. 13, 2020.

The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Willard Wilson Distinguished Service Award recognizes an employee whose commitment and performance has made a significant impact on the UH System.

The UH President's Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance is a systemwide award that recognizes the dedicated efforts of an individual from any facilities management office who has exhibited sustained superior performance in a maintenance, landscaping, custodial, shop or trucking position.

The eligibility, criteria and nomination form can be found at:

Willard Wilson Distinguished Service Award:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/about/awards/wilson.php>

President's Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/about/awards/bng.php>

Information about past award winners can also be found on these sites. For more information, please contact Courtney Domingo at cmdnd@hawaii.edu.

Nominations welcome for UH Teaching Excellence Awards until Dec. 4

Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to nominate any faculty member — full-time or part-time — or librarian for the 2020-2021 University of Hawai'i Teaching Excellence Awards. All nominations must be completed by 5 p.m., Dec. 4, 2020. You may nominate more than one person but use a separate form for each nominee and do not nominate the same person more than once. For more information about the awards or to submit nominations, go to <http://go.hawaii.edu/9Q3>. The [OPDAS microsite](#) also has a page that has more information about faculty and staff awards. All questions should be emailed to tawards@hawaii.edu.

Campus Center renovation to bookstore and outdoor seating area

The Campus Center outdoor seating area, north of the dining room, will be under construction as the building will be expanded to create a permanent space for the UH West O'ahu Bookstore. Construction fencing has been installed and all persons in the vicinity are advised to respect all barricades and posted safety/detour signs. Please be advised that intermittent noise will be generated as part of the construction work. Thank you for your patience as UH West O'ahu continues to improve its facilities. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UH West O'ahu project manager at 689-2546.

PIKO Outdoor Learning Space construction barricades

Multiple construction deliveries continue for the PIKO Outdoor Learning Space project. When there are deliveries, please expect temporary disruptions to pedestrian access at the roundabout and entry ramp. Also, the plywood fencing around the PIKO Outdoor project has been removed and replaced with more transparent fencing and/or caution tape. Regardless of barrier type, all persons in the vicinity of this project are advised to respect all construction barricades and all posted safety/detour signs. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UH West O'ahu project manager at 689-2546.

Honouliuli (Ho‘opili) Station update

A recent view of the Honouliuli (Ho‘opili) rail station. Photo courtesy of Nan, Inc.:



Distance Learning Tip of the Week – Lulima Checklists Tool

Help students stay on track by adding checklists to your Lulima lessons. If you missed our edtech together workshop on building checklists, watch this short video, [Lulima Checklists Tool](#) (3:03). We also invite you to subscribe to our YouTube channel, UH West O‘ahu Distance Learning, where you‘ll find the complete edtech together playlist.

News from [Ka Puna O Kalo‘i](#)



[Monthly Mental Health Moment – Smiling](#) - Clinical psychologists Dr. Steven Taketa and Dr. Analu Sing, with the [Mental Health Clinic at UH West O‘ahu](#), offer monthly mental health tips to students, faculty, and staff to cope through COVID-19 and these trying times.

[Students create fliers for One Health Day, Nov. 3](#) - One Health Day, celebrated on Nov. 3, brings attention to the approach that recognizes that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment. To bring attention to One Health Day, University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu students created digital fliers to share.

[UH West O‘ahu Virtual Career & Internship Fair](#) - Are you a University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu student looking for a job, internship, practicum, or other career-related experience? The economy has taken a major blow this year, but there are still opportunities for you. Find out what those opportunities are at the UH West O‘ahu Virtual Career & Internship Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10.

[‘Ulu‘ulu contributes to HIFF with ‘Visions of Hōkūle‘a’](#) - [‘Ulu‘ulu: The Henry Ku‘ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai‘i](#) at the University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu is contributing a program honoring the Hōkūle‘a voyaging canoe to this year’s [Hawai‘i International Film Festival](#).

[UH West O‘ahu to hold commencement ceremony virtually](#) - The University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu is conducting a virtual commencement to honor ALL 2020 graduates, replacing the traditional ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The deadline to include your item in the next This Week is Thursday night. Please submit your item using the Communication Department’s [Communications Request Form](#).



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