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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O'AHU FACULTY AND STAFF
This Week at UH West O'ahu
Week of Feb. 8, 2021

Bulletin No. 37 from Chancellor Maenette Benham

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

***Statement of Gratitude:**

"People say that walking on water is a miracle, but to me, walking peacefully on Earth is a miracle. Each step is a miracle. Taking steps on our beautiful planet can bring real happiness."
- Thich Nhat Hanh, spiritual leader, poet and peace activist.

Update on the State Legislative Session

Should you wish to provide testimony on and House or Senate Bill, here are some templates to follow:

OFFICIAL TESTIMONY

Official University of Hawai'i testimony regarding the UH's position on specific University-related proposals is provided by the President, the Board of Regents, the President's Senior Management Team, the Provost/Chancellors, or their designees.

UNOFFICIAL TESTIMONY

Faculty and staff of the UH have the academic freedom and freedom of speech rights to express their opinions to the State Legislature. In doing so, faculty/staff should not use the letterhead or logo of the UH for testimony unless authorized to do so. Personal testimony should be printed and submitted on plain white paper. Faculty/staff may state their qualification and association as part of the text of their personal testimony, but they should also clearly state that they are speaking as an individual and not as an official University spokesperson.

These guidelines are consistent with the State Ethics Code, Chapter 84, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). Section 84-13, HRS, prohibits State employees from using or attempting to use their positions in State government to obtain unwarranted advantages or preferential treatment for themselves or others.

The State Capitol is currently closed to the public and additional information on remote testimony can be found here <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/docs/RemoteTestimony.pdf>.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Nothing has changed from the announcement provided last week. The University of Hawai'i is working with the State DOH to roll out our vaccinations. Please note that ALL UH Campuses and UH System are following a sub-prioritization list that prioritizes frontline employees, those who are working on-campus, and everyone else (those working primarily remotely). We anticipate that vaccinations for UH employees will begin to ramp up in March, so, please be patient and be safe – I will try my best to keep you updated. Any queries, please send to Chris Neves at cabralch@hawaii.edu

Update on our Campus Work Groups

[Work Groups](#) have begun to meet. Should you have any questions or would like to learn more about their efforts please contact their facilitators:

- Business Model & Mindset: Dr. Walter Kahumoku and Professor Ed Keaunui
- Student Recruitment & Retention: iVC Jan Javinar and Professor Reed Young
- Student Learning: VC Jeff Moniz and Dr. Mary Heller
- Campus Efficiencies: VC Kevin Ishida

You can also catch up on our 2020-2021 planning processes on our [website](#).

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 uhwocomm@hawaii.edu to submit your survival strategies.

Here's a submission from Dr. Analu Sing, clinical psychologist at UH West O'ahu:

Managing stress for our 'ohana has been discovering ways to follow interesting recipes in the kitchen. COVID-19 has really been a blessing in this respect, when we cook at home. My wife and I recently made lau lau! Growing up, my parents created these opportunities for my family and so I decided to use our time at home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to recreate the experience with my own family. Cooking at home not only is enjoyable, it is cost effective — not to mention delicious!



Photos courtesy of Analu Sing

Call 798-4363 to reach Campus Security

The UH West O'ahu Campus Security radios are temporarily out of service. Anyone calling 689-2911 will not reach Campus Security at this time. Please call 798-4363 for any campus emergency or if you need to reach campus security. Call 911 in the event of an emergency.

February 2021 anniversaries

The University of Hawai'i celebrates [February 2021 faculty and staff anniversaries](#), including UH West O'ahu's Jan Javinar, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (40 years), and Jason Levy, Professor (10 years). Congratulations!

Important: IRS Form 1095-C for Employees

A message from [System Office of Human Resources](#) to University of Hawai'i employees:

As a requirement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the university is required to provide a Form 1095-C to ACA "full-time" employees. The Form 1095-C includes information on whether your employer offered you health insurance coverage. If you were an ACA "full-time" employee during the 2020 calendar year, you will be receiving a Form 1095-C no later than March 2, 2021.

To learn more about the Form 1095-C, please view the "ACA Information Sheet for Employees":

<https://www.hawaii.edu/ohr/documents/6144>

Questions should be directed to your respective HR representative: <https://www.hawaii.edu/ohr/about-us/contact-us/directory/>

Send valentines to kūpuna via special library project by Feb. 9

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and here's a wonderful opportunity to show some special seniors lots of love. The [James & Abigail Campbell Library](#) has partnered with ['Ilima at Leihano](#) senior living community in Kapolei to send valentines to its kūpuna, many of whom are still in isolation due to COVID-19. UH West O'ahu students, faculty, staff, and their 'ohana (including keiki!) are encouraged to participate in the project, "Aloha i nā kūpuna," and write letters/postcards or draw pictures for the kūpuna at 'Ilima at Leihano.

The deadline for the valentines tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 9. Drop-off locations are on campus at the library or [Nāulu Center](#). Those who can't make it to campus can mail their valentines to:

Aloha i nā kūpuna
c/o UHWO Library
91-1001 Farrington Highway
Kapolei, HI 96707

Project organizers will then deliver all valentines received to 'Ilima at Leihano for Valentine's Day distribution.

Yearlong webinar series celebrating stories of all UH campuses continues at UH Hilo, Feb. 10 and 24

He Ukana Aloha Kā Kīlauea is a special yearlong webinar series celebrating the stories of our islands and our campuses. The series features music, dance, and storytelling from the ten University of Hawai'i campuses. The next sessions on Feb. 10 and 24 will feature song and storytelling from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. All webinars are noon to 1 p.m. The webinar link is <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/91499916950> (password: ukana). The He Ukana Aloha Kā Kīlauea series, which kicked off Sept. 23 and 30 from UH Maui College, is presented by the [Hawai'i Papa o Ke Ao Committee](#) at UH. Please see attached flyer for more information.

[Archived videos](#) from the previous sessions — UH West O'ahu hosted on Dec. 9 ([Mele Honouliuli](#)) and Dec. 23 ([Christmas in the Islands](#)) — can be found on the [Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao YouTube channel](#).

Bookstore construction activities changed to Friday, Feb. 12

Construction activities for the UH West O'ahu Bookstore project will impact entry into the campus loop road west of the roundabout on Friday, Feb. 12, from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Entry into the parking lot and any delivery vehicles will be rerouted through the entry near Tokai University. It is advisable that deliveries for that date be rescheduled, if possible. Concrete trucks will be staged north of the Campus Center and pedestrian access will also be impacted. Please note that the roundabout will remain open for vehicular traffic.

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.

UH System Common Scholarship Application now open

The University of Hawai'i System Common Scholarship Application is still available online for the 2021-2022 academic year. Students attending any University of Hawai'i campus are encouraged to apply in order to be considered for system and campus scholarships.*

Please encourage your students to apply by the March 1, 4 p.m. (HST) deadline.*

If you have been asked to serve as a reference, please remember that March 8, 4 p.m. is your deadline to complete the student's online recommendation.*

Students are also encouraged to complete their 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 in order to be considered for the maximum amount of scholarships.

More information and application information can be found at: www.hawaii.edu/scholarships

Please email scholars@hawaii.edu with any questions, or call (808) 956-6203.

*Refer to the UH Mānoa New Warrior & Presidential website for details and deadlines:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/fas/info/nws.php>

All other UH Mānoa scholarships require separate applications. Refer to the UH Mānoa Scholarships page for more information: <https://www.hawaii.edu/fas/info/scholarships.php>

Miles among speakers at online presentation on food systems education, March 3

Albie Miles, assistant professor of Sustainable Community Food Systems at the University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu, will be discussing UH West O'ahu's SCFS program as a guest speaker at a presentation that is part of a quarterly lecture series hosted by the University of California at Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems.

The March 3 webinar, "Critical and Equity-Oriented Pedagogical Innovations in Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems Education," seeks to serve as a platform to share recent pedagogical innovations for Sustainable Food Systems Education (SFSE), building on the associated [Frontiers journal SFSE Research Topic call](#), for which many of the panelists are co-editors and contributors. Click [here](#) for details or to register for the event.

Keone'ae (UH West O'ahu) Station update

A view of Keone'ae (UH West O'ahu) rail station. Image courtesy of Nan, Inc.:



Distance Learning Tip of the Week – New! Lualima Rubrics

Considering adding Lualima's new Rubrics tool to your course? Watch this short video, [Rubrics](#), which explains how to fill out the rubric template and connect it to Assignments, Forums and the new Gradebook. Once in place, Rubrics make grading fast and efficient, while also allowing for comments and points adjustments. Need help? [Request for STS / SIDA Class Support](#)

UH West O'ahu in the News

Hawai'i News Now Sunrise (Feb. 4): The morning news program broadcast live segments that showcased the Academy for Creative Media at UH West O'ahu's new facility. There were five total segments filmed throughout the building, highlighting spaces such as the E-Sports and Emerging Media rooms, and featuring interviews that included ACM System Founder and Director Chris Lee, Chancellor Maenette Benham, and ACM at UH West O'ahu Director Sharla Hanaoka:

- [UH West Oahu celebrates new state-of-the-art building](#): UH West O'ahu is celebrating its new state-of-the-art building for the Academy for Creative Media. Billy V has a sneak peek.
- [A new UH West Oahu building, allows students to get creative](#): Students have access to a studio and various equipment to film projects and learn basic on-set skills, such as setting up lights and constructing sets.
- [Students can get real life experience, using technology that can be found in Hollywood](#): The surround sound theater is open for students to screen and edit their work using a mixing panel.
- [Student says she is able to achieve her dreams at this new facility](#): "When I first saw this building I was in awe. I am having so much fun, and it's definitely a great experience," she said.
- [Graduate student invents new technology as part of the Academy for Creative Media](#): She explains how she came up with the idea and how it works.

UH News (Feb. 4): "['Niu' initiative promotes food sustainability, Hawaiian cultural practices](#)." Story about the Uluniu Project at UH West O'ahu.

KHON (Feb. 7): "[UH West O'ahu opens new building for Academy for Creative Media](#)." Brief featuring the Academy for Creative Media at UH West O'ahu's new facility.

News from [Ka Puna O Kalo'i](#)



[UH West O'ahu connects niu initiative with traditional practices](#) - The Uluniu Project — an effort to engage in the practices of food security, cultural dissemination of knowledge, and the growing of student leadership through aloha 'āina work — continues to move forward at the University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu with the recent placement of 264 niu (coconut)

seedlings in its Niu Nursery. Preparations have also begun for the first 'ulu (breadfruit) and niu plantings in its Uluniu Grove after the digging of 20 ditches for their placement.

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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HE UKANA ALOHA KĀ KĪLAUEA

The Inter-island Steamer Kilauea is Freighted With Aloha



In the spirit of Kamehameha V, we celebrate community through song and storytelling from the 10 UH campuses. Please join us for this webinar series.

ALL WEBINARS ARE 12PM TO 1PM

September 23 and 30 (UH Maui College)

October 14 and 28 (Hawai'i Community College)

November 4 and 25 (UH Mānoa)

December 9 and 23 (UH West O'ahu)

January 13 and 27 (Kaua'i Community College)

February 10 and 24 (UH Hilo)

March 10 and 24 (Honolulu Community College)

April 14 and 28 (Windward Community College)

May 12 and 26 (Kapi'olani Community College)

June 9 and 23 (Leeward Community College)

Webinar link:

<https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/91499916950>

Password: ukana



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