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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O‘AHU FACULTY AND STAFF
This Week at UH West O‘ahu
Week of Nov. 30, 2020

Bulletin No. 29 from Chancellor Maenette Benham

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

The Makahiki Season in Hawai‘i is marked by the rising of the Makali‘i (*Pleiades star cluster*) on the horizon at sunset. This is the time of Lono when we reflect and renew – re-energize! It is also the time of celebrating our pilina/relations giving thanks for the cordage that binds us as ‘ohana/family. I am deeply grateful for the joy that you bring to the lives of our students and for the many life lessons we, as the UH West O‘ahu ‘ohana, have experienced together!

*Every project, big or small, leads to new experiences and teaching moments that enable us to continue to do what we love—
and for that we are so grateful. (Gratitude Statement)*

E mālama pono!
Maenette Benham, Chancellor

UH Giving Tuesday 2020

UH Giving Tuesday is an online giving event, bringing the University of Hawai‘i community together for one day to support the university and its students. The event will be held in conjunction with the national day of giving movement – Giving Tuesday – on Tuesday, December 1. It will last 24 hours and feature targeted digital appeals, social posts and call center outreach. UH Giving Tuesday 2020 will emphasize scholarship and student aid for all ten campuses, athletics, and the law school.

Update from the UH West O‘ahu’s Pueo Stewardship Task Force: Reframing & Budgeting

The members of the Task Force have diligently worked for the last five weeks determining cost efficiency and revenue generating investment recommendations for Fiscal Years (FY) 21-24.

They are preparing to survey the campus community regarding their recommendations for FY’s 22-24 Cost Efficiency [CE] and Revenue Generating Investment [RGI]. The survey will assist the Task Force to complete their final report/recommendations for campus leadership. A note from the Task Force: Due to the projected budget shortfalls expected in each year (FY22, 23, and 24) of \$2.7-2.8 million, the campus leadership may institute a list of their own CE and RGI recommendations to ensure that UH West O‘ahu is prepared for the upcoming system budget discussions.

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. Among the announcements UH recently shared:

- Nov. 23: [Give thanks, not COVID-19](#)

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 Robyn Tasaka, Tutor Coordinator at the No'eau Center:

I used to love my fitness classes at the Y and haven't found my way to any online fitness; instead, I try to get outside with my kids and/or husband every day. During our "outside time," I've gotten better at cartwheels than I've ever been (though still not as good as my 9 year old), we've introduced the kids to freeze tag, and we do a lot of sidewalk chalk (including positive messages, mazes, and hopscotch). Like a lot of folks, we've been doing more cooking than usual, including making our own pizza dough, trying out candy sushi and other things the kids have seen online, and trying new recipes. The other thing I try to find time to do every weekend is sit outside and read. Getting away from the kids' competing YouTube channels, I enjoy being outside where it's a bit quieter, and I can get my vitamin D and just be in a new space.



Photo courtesy of Robyn Tasaka

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.

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.

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

Images courtesy of Nan, Inc.:



Artist's rendering of Keone‘ae (UH West O‘ahu) rail station (pre-construction).



Recent photograph of Keone‘ae (UH West O‘ahu) Station.

Distance Learning Tip of the Week – Lulima Polls & Questions

Lulima's Polls tool lets you put questions to students and allows participants to view the distribution of responses. Polls can be a complement to lectures, lessons, and discussions. Or use as an icebreaker. Lulima's Question feature can be paired with Lessons content and linked to the Gradebook. To find out how to add these interactive elements to your Lulima course, watch [Lulima Polls & Questions](#) (video 6:14).

UH West O‘ahu in the News

Here's a roundup of coverage following a UH News (Nov. 20) [story](#) on UH graduation rates:

- Hawai'i News Now (Nov. 22): "[University of Hawaii reports promising graduation, retention rates](#)"
- Honolulu Star-Advertiser* (Nov. 27): "[University of Hawaii graduation rates rise even during coronavirus pandemic](#)"

Pacific Business News (Nov. 20): "UH West Oahu's 'personal touch' boosts student enrollment for 2020." See attached article. PBN also posted a [list \(Nov. 23\)](#) of colleges and universities ranked by fall 2020 enrollment; a PBN subscription is

required to view the list.

*UH West O'ahu students, faculty, and staff have complimentary access to the Honolulu Star-Advertiser's digital subscription via a new program exclusive to the campus. To activate, enter your hawaii.edu email at staradvertiser.com/academic-pass.

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



[UH West O'ahu students' research paper published in Native Science Report](#) - Native Science Report recently published a paper by University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu students Diana Le and Pashyn Morimoto, along with faculty advisor [Dr. Bradley O. Ashburn](#), as part of its annual Student Research Showcase.

[UH West O'ahu 'ohana share reasons for gratitude](#) - Thanksgiving Day may not be what most of us hoped it would be, but there are still so many reasons to celebrate: The love of family and friends. The support from school and work. The blessings of food and health.

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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CONTINUING EDUCATION

UH West Oahu's 'personal touch' boosts student enrollment for 2020

THREE UNIVERSITIES ON THE LIST SAW INCREASES IN ENROLLMENT - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-WEST OAHU, BYU - HAWAII, KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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While there might not have been any drastic changes from last year's Colleges & Universities List, three schools saw increases in enrollment - University of Hawaii - West Oahu (3,049 in 2019; 3,168 in 2020); BYU - Hawaii (3,038 in 2019; 3,148 in 2020); Kauai Community College (1,373 in 2019; 1,461 in 2020). The rest of those surveyed declined by about 100 to 200 students each.

PBN reached out to all of these universities that saw an uptick in students this year, but only received responses in time for the publication date from the University of Hawaii-West Oahu.

UH West Oahu Chancellor Maenette Benham told PBN that the school attributes its increase in enrollment to its emphasis on "ongoing student support with a personal touch."

"As soon as we closed the campus in March 2020 due to the pandemic, we amplified an 'all hands on-deck' approach, providing sustained high-touch, personal interactions with students as all our courses and student services pivoted to online platforms ... [This] continued throughout the summer and into the current fall semester," Benham said.

The university transitioned to a virtual operation, extending the application deadline to August 2020 and waiving the application



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Students studying out on the lanai.

fee for fall 2020, while improving the way recruitment effort partners with the university's financial aid team.

Other highlights from the year included strengthening high school partnerships, targeting outreach efforts, and, for freshmen already enrolled, fostering first-year persistence with mandatory advising. CARES Act funding and student emergency relief funds helped fund these efforts.

"Using our CARES funding and our extramural funds, we are hiring more students to work as tutors, mentors, IT support staff, student service employees and academic

assistants, Benham said.

PBN was curious if universities were rethinking the careers they train Hawaii students for, given the declines in tourism. Benham said there will always be a tourism industry in Hawaii and is focused on what that looks like.

"Our hospitality program, under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Holly Itoga, is grounded in a systems-thinking and innovation approach that grounds students in general business acumen," Benham said. "So, think 'engaged travel and tourism' that seeks to teach the traveler through cultural exchange and understanding while providing the relaxation and reflection they seek when traveling through Oceania."

UH West Oahu's value proposition is about graduating 21st Century career creators, she added. "That means we offer and continue to strengthen our signature programs in creative media, cybersecurity and cyber operations, business: accounting and facilities management, psychology, health care administration, community health, allied health sciences, disaster preparedness and emergency management, sustainable community food systems, and teacher preparation. All career-focused pathways to prepare our graduates for a post-pandemic 21st Century and health Hawaii."

Looking ahead, Benham is hopeful the registration for high school graduates will be made smoother with the UH system's Fast Pass initiative for Fall 2021.

UH West Oahu will also be opening a 21st Century Creative Media facility, which Benham said is "a game changer for the campus, students and the region."



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MAENETTE BENHAM, chancellor,
University of Hawaii - West Oahu



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