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A BULLETIN FOR UH WEST O'AHU FACULTY AND STAFF
This Week at UH West O'ahu
Week of July 27, 2020

Return-to-Campus Information from Chancellor Benham - Bulletin No. 11

This week's 'Ōlelo No'eau couldn't be more appropriate given COVID-19 and Hurricane Douglas!

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

Last week your campus building and facilities crew, IT team, and limahana (helping hands) from across the campus worked diligently to batten down the hatches across campus preparing for Hurricane Douglas! On Friday we were ready, as the adage goes, "Preparing for the worst, hoping for the best!" On Saturday we watched as the cone of uncertainty suggested the hurricane would glance-off O'ahu's northwestern shores on its way north toward Kaua'i. On Sunday, soon after 11 a.m., the sirens began to blow and by 11:30 a.m. the UH System closed the campuses on O'ahu and Kaua'i. Our UH West O'ahu team members double-checked preparations and began to set-up deployment of our building and facilities, IT, and other essential services for recovery needs. And, like our neighbors, many team members were ensuring that their own homes and extended 'ohana were prepared! In the end, Hurricane Douglas reminded us of the power of mother nature as well as its unpredictability! We all sighed a collective breath of relief!

So, what are the lessons learned? In light of the fact that we are all experiencing some degree of "emergency fatigue" (exhaustion from having to hold the COVID-19 burden), it was important and much appreciated when compassion, patience, and calm minds and hands prevailed! Mahalo nūnui to Bonnie Arakawa and Carlton Ho and their building and facilities team! Mahalo to John Murakami and his emergency prep team along with our 24/7 security team led by Gary Rivers! Mahalo to Therese Nakadomari and the entire IT team for their support to power down, to ensure security of our systems through the hurricane impact. Mahalo to Leila Shimokawa and the communications team for staying tuned-in and preparing just-in-time emergency messages that were sent out in a timely manner. Mahalo nui kākou to our summer instructors, our student affairs support team, and everyone who assisted over the last four days! Mahalo for coming together, E ala! E alu! E kuilima!

QUICK OVERVIEW on Campus Reopening Preparation

Please see our new **Pueo Safety Promise** (attached).

Information regarding reopening: The UH West O'ahu Chancellor and Campus Leads were interviewed on Friday, July 24. We discussed how UH West O'ahu has been impacted by COVID-19 and how we are preparing to reopen. Topics included: class delivery, preparation of facilities, new rules for employees and students on-campus, student support, instructional support, and many other important topics. You can watch the [interview here](#). A summary of the interview is forthcoming and will soon be sent to all employees and students.

Pilot of Health App: Over the next two weeks, a group of faculty, staff, and students will be piloting the use of the UH System Health App and Web Survey. Every day before coming to campus they will fill out this simple app from their cell phone or survey via our website. The information is sent to a central database at UH System IT, which stores each

campus's data in a secure digital folder (at UH System IT). Access is limited to the co-leads of our UH West O'ahu COVID Response team who will check the data daily. More on this tool and when it goes live will be presented in future bulletins.

Reminder regarding face covering: From the City & County of Honolulu [Second Amendment to Ho'oulu Honolulu 4.0](#) (July 14, 2020), and [Third Amendment to same](#) (July 22, 2020).

- **Face coverings:** The Second Amendment revised the facial covering requirement to add, "All individuals within the City shall wear face coverings while indoors in public spaces, including, but not limited to enclosed common areas of commercial and residential buildings."
 - If you recall, the First Amendment had already added the requirement that all individuals within the City "wear face coverings while outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible."
 - Otherwise, the face coverings mandate remains unchanged, including with respect to the exceptions to the face covering requirement.

Watch UH West O'ahu officials discuss reopening of campus in Q&A session

UH West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham and other campus officials recently gathered for a [Q&A session](#) to share what steps were taken last semester in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what is being done in preparation for the reopening of the campus for Fall 2020.



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 and resources UH recently shared:

- July 22: [UH Mānoa COVID-19 plan for fall](#)

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.

Dr. Camonia R. Graham-Tutt, Assistant Professor of Community Health at UH West O'ahu, shares three practical ways her family has been able to cope during COVID-19:

1. **Take time.** When school was in session, our family took the time to recreate an entire kindergarten classroom in our house. We all participated in redesigning our home to look more like school right down to our attire.

Yes, we even put on our school clothes every day so home would feel a little more like school. Our mornings began with getting dressed in our school clothes, grabbing backpacks, standing at the top of the stairwell to get in our imaginary car (which also had seat belts), and driving down stairs to school for the day. There was never any traffic! We had lunch at our in-home cafeteria and played with dolls as classmates. Once school was over at 3 p.m. we drove home (again in our imaginary car) relaxed, played outside, and resumed our normal evening family routine.

2. **Refocus and renew.** Since the beginning of summer we have enjoyed decorating and renewing our home. Yes, I'm a DIY (do it yourself) person who stays glued to HGTV looking for ideas to enhance our house. I'm often told that the spaces I create are both "cozy" and "homey." So, being home has allowed lots of time for redesigning just about anything! Below is a set of before and after photos of one of our recent summer projects.



3. **Be intentional.** Given how much we are now working from home, our family is careful to carve out time for each other. Game night, which was sporadic, has now become a more regular and detailed time full of contests, hilarious jokes, and lots of love.

Welcome to the newest employee on our campus

Please extend a warm welcome to Krystal Reeves, Academic Support (Project Admin Support), who joined our campus earlier this month!

Campus Events - Week of July 27 (Impact to Campus Operations)

Several events at the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu may impact access to services and the campus during the week of July 27:

FOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, July 29, the campus will serve as the site for a Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association (HLTA) Food Drive Pick Up, a food drive for hospitality workers (not open to the public), scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Campus access: All UH West O'ahu faculty, staff, students, and visitors should enter and continue, as usual, down Road A. Please anticipate delays. Although the campus will remain accessible at all times, we would recommend arriving by 7 a.m. and not planning to leave until 1 p.m. Food drive participants will be directed to turn right at the Tokai Road intersection. (Please see attached map.)

HLTA and HPD will screen food drive participants and direct vehicles into the cue starting in the expansion lot. They are aware the campus must remain accessible at all times for usual UH West O'ahu business (e.g. The Bus, mail, deliveries, faculty, staff, students, and visitors).

A UH West O'ahu security officer should be available near the campus entrance to assist with UH West O'ahu access, as needed.

Parking: All UH West O'ahu faculty, staff, and students should park in Parking Lot A (formerly permit lot). All volunteers and contractors will park in the Overflow Lot (gravel).

WIRELESS NETWORK UPGRADE

On Thursday and Friday, July 30-31, the Information Technology Department is performing a major upgrade to its wireless system. The wireless system will be down for the entire campus from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. During this time, the "UHWO" and "UHWOFacStaff" wireless will be inaccessible throughout the campus. If possible, please use a wired connection. Contact the IT help desk (uhwohelp@hawaii.edu) to make arrangements if you need assistance. Any questions or concerns, please contact the UH West O'ahu IT Network team at uhwo-it-networks-l@lists.hawaii.edu.

The James & Abigail Campbell Library will be closed to the public on July 30-31.

Employees should discuss with your supervisor if you have any concerns.

Sign up for hurricane preparedness workshop, July 28

Fresh off a scare from Hurricane Douglas, now is a good time to learn more about what you can do to better prepare for a hurricane (hurricane season is June 1 to Nov. 30). The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Department of Public Safety (DPS) is offering [virtual hurricane preparedness workshops via Zoom](#). Hosted by DPS Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Lagunero, the session covers COVID-19 considerations and how they may affect hurricane preparation, resources and information about local and government agencies, and more. Space is limited, so those who are interested should sign up soon.

Workshop on building assignments toward empathy, July 28

Too often our assignments on controversial topics force students to defend an opposing view without creating a sense of empathy. At "Friendly Debate: Building Assignments Toward Empathy" — an online workshop 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. July 28 — learn how debaters research their information to improve the quality of empathy and understanding in your assignments, discussions, and other activities. The event is presented by Leeward Community College and is open to the UH West O'ahu community. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom session. For more information, email enkt@hawaii.edu. Please see and distribute attached flyer.

Summer schedule for mail

Reminder: Mail to and from UH Mānoa will continue to be delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through Sunday, Aug. 16. Daily mail service to and from UH Mānoa will begin again on Monday, Aug. 17. Mail service at UH West O'ahu continues twice daily – morning and early afternoon.

PIKO Outdoor Learning Space construction deliveries

There will be multiple construction deliveries occurring for the PIKO Outdoor Learning Space project. When there are deliveries, please expect temporary disruptions to pedestrian access at the roundabout and entry ramp. 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.

Distance Learning Tip of the Week – Zoom video mirroring

!PLEH Does text appear backwards in your Zoom video? Video mirroring is a default Zoom setting. If you want to present with a real whiteboard or a virtual background with text, you'll need to change this setting. Click the caret next to Start Video

and select video settings. Deselect the 'mirror my video' checkbox. [See example.](#)

UH West O'ahu in the News

Hawai'i News Now (July 19): "[Former Honolulu Police Maj. Gary Dias dies at 69.](#)" Story about the passing of Gary Dias, who taught at the University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu as a lecturer in Public Administration since 1994 and last taught at UH West O'ahu in Spring 2017.

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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Pueo Safety *Promise*



Remember:

If you have tested positive, are symptomatic, or have had contact with a positive case, contact the Campus COVID-19 Hotline at **(808) 689-2525**.



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I will

1 **Stay home** if my temperature is higher than 100.4 or if I have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case.

2 **Submit the UHWO Health APP/Web-Survey** prior to coming to campus.

3 **Wear a face covering, maintain safe physical distance,** and **practice good handwashing** hygiene when on campus or doing university business.

4 **Remain informed** about health and safety guidelines and take steps to protect our campus staff, faculty, students, and guests.

5 **Be kind and compassionate, caring** for the well-being of our campus community.

UH West O'ahu CAMPUS MAP

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FARRINGTON HWY.

KUALAKAI PKWY.

← Overflow Route

← Route

● VOLUNTEERS

● SECURITY

● HPD / SHERIFF

★ PICK-UP SITE

FARRINGTON HWY.

EXIT ★

ENTER

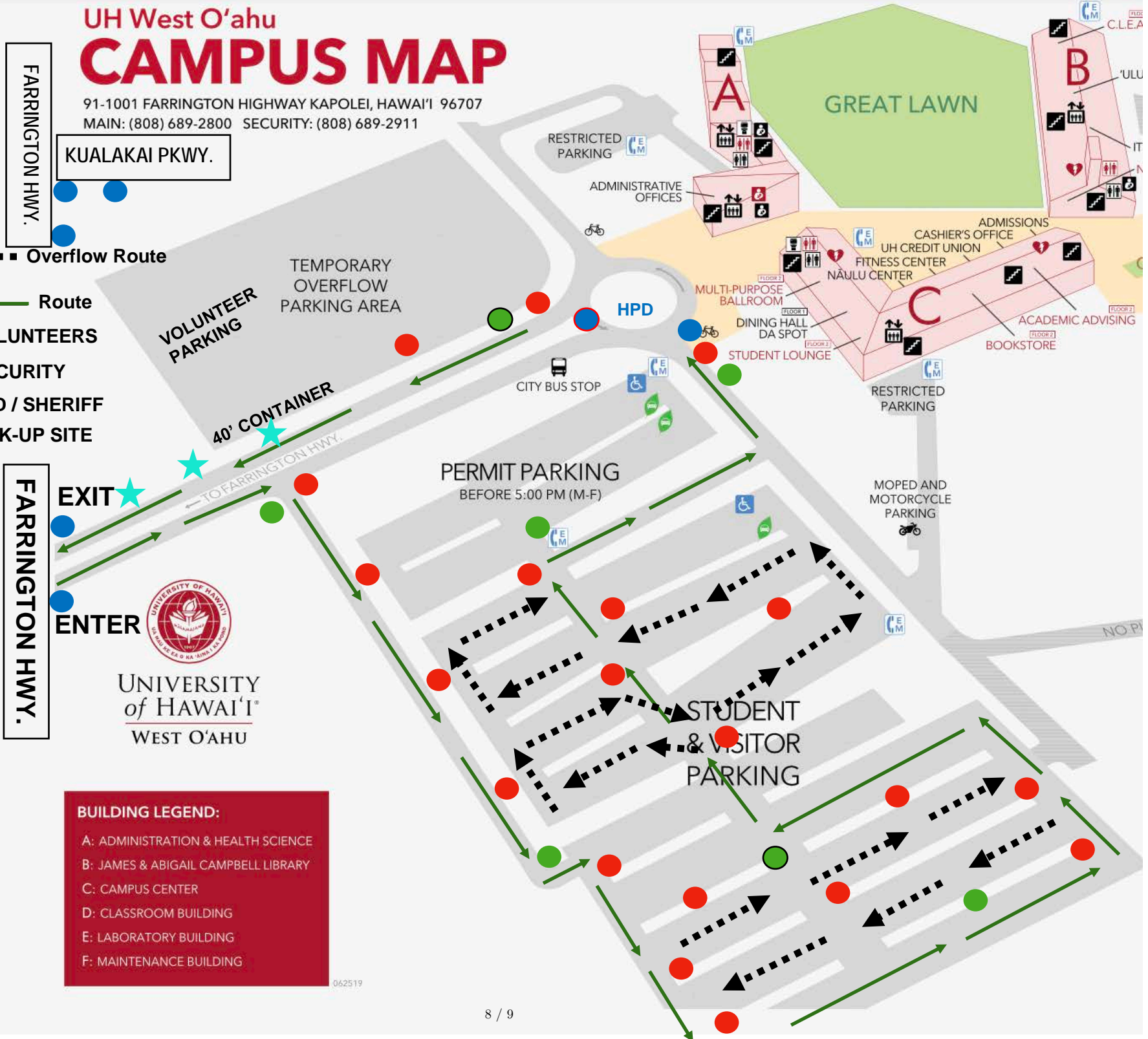


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BUILDING LEGEND:

- A: ADMINISTRATION & HEALTH SCIENCE
- B: JAMES & ABIGAIL CAMPBELL LIBRARY
- C: CAMPUS CENTER
- D: CLASSROOM BUILDING
- E: LABORATORY BUILDING
- F: MAINTENANCE BUILDING

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Build Empathy. Create Class Community. Expand minds.

FRIENDLY DEBATE

Building Assignments
Toward Empathy

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

NEW TIME! 1:30pm - 2:45pm

Join Zoom Session at:
<https://hawaii.zoom.us/my/leewardinnovation>

Learn with Leeward's Speech Instructors...



Lucille
Gilbert

vs.

Chris
Gilbert



(Hey, they do this for a living!)

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For more info, contact Erin Thompson at enkt@hawaii.edu.

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