Come celebrate Hōkūleʻa visiting Hilo this month

The storied Polynesian voyaging canoe Hōkūleʻa is visiting Hawaiʻi Island for a two-month stay that started in March. This is the voyaging canoe’s first visit to our island since embarking from Hilo in May 2014 for the three-year Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage.

Hōkūleʻa and crew will be stopping at several ports on the island starting with Miloliʻi, then Kailua-Kona, Hilo, and Kawaihae before heading back to Oʻahu in May. The Hawaiʻi Island visit is an official stop on the “Hōkūleʻa Mahalo, Hawaiʻi Sail” trip throughout the islands as a way for the crew to say thank you for all the support shown by the people of Hawaiʻi during the worldwide voyage.

The importance of Hōkūleʻa and the worldwide voyage is significant. The Hawaiian name for the voyage, Mālama Honua, means “to care for our Earth.” The purpose of the trip was to share with the world the understanding that our island chain teaches us that our natural world is in need of our stewardship if we are to survive together.

The University of Hawaiʻi was the higher education partner in the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, with over 50 people from all 10 campuses directly involved, providing the manpower and resources to execute the voyage. Countless UH students, faculty, staff and alumni served during the three-year voyage in myriad ways -- as

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Marcia Sakai
and organizations through outreach events, service projects, crew presentations and tours of the canoe.

“As we sailed Hōkūleʻa far from home, our home communities continued the efforts that fueled and inspired the Worldwide Voyage,” Thompson said. “Not only did they give us the best of their communities to sail on the deck of our canoes, they also continued the work to bring Hawai‘i to the global forefront of educational transformation, environmental stewardship and cultural revitalization. We need to share, celebrate and mahalo their successes.”

Organizers of the visit are taking full advantage of the time the canoe and her crew are in Hilo with an ambitious schedule of activities. Hōkūleʻa’s dockside arrival at the Grand Naniloa Hotel Hilo on April 2 coincides with the 55th Annual Merrie Monarch Festival, April 1-7. Festival events are being held in honor of the 1976 maiden voyage, beginning with a recognition ceremony for the original crew during the April 4 Hōʻike hula exhibition at Edith Kanakaʻole Stadium, which all the surviving crewmembers from that voyage are expected to attend. The crewmembers are also taking part in a panel presentation on the 1976 voyage moderated by Captain Gordon Pi‘iana‘ia at ‘Imiloa on Thursday, April 5, from 1 – 2:30 pm, and travel to Kamehameha Schools in Kea‘au the following day.

Most of the crew’s time, however, is being spent hosting field trips and canoe tours for over 7,000 Hawai‘i Island students and teachers, including over 4,000 from East Hawai‘i, who are setting foot on the iconic canoe over a four-week period. The visitations include crewmember stories as visitors learn about traditional wayfinding using the star compass and try their hand at basic knot tying skills needed onboard. Baybayan said scheduling those visits requires tremendous coordination.

“We have more than 40 different schools involved, ranging from preschool children to high school seniors, so this is a major undertaking,” Baybayan said. “Fortunately, I have a great team headed by crew member Kalani Kahalioumi, who is serving as Education Coordinator and working directly with our small pool of crewmembers and University students who have volunteered to assist us. That allows me to concentrate on booking the tours, which are growing in number.”

The centerpiece public event is the Community Day – Education Expo on April 21, from 9 am- 5 pm at Wailoa Harbor, which Baybayan describes as a “celebration of all that is good about living in Hawai‘i today.” The event opens with a performance by students from the Hawaiian immersion school Nāwahiokalaniopu‘u, followed by remarks from Baybayan and various dignitaries, including Mayor Harry Kim and UH President David Lassner. Featured activities include hosted tours of the canoe by Hōkūleʻa crew members, and exhibits from various entities promoting Hawaiian culture, astronomy, health, land management, space exploration, sustainability and the environment. But the feature attraction is Hōkūleʻa, which officially turned 43 last month.

“The Community Day – Education Expo is an opportunity to come and learn about this iconic canoe, by visiting her decks, seeing first-hand what life on board is like, and speaking to the crew members,” Baybayan said. “More importantly, it serves as a reminder that Hōkūleʻa is Hawai‘i’s canoe, and belongs to all of us who make these islands our home, not just those who are privileged to sail aboard her.”

Baybayan said Hōkūleʻa represents Hawai‘i well through its diverse community of multi-ethnic crewmembers that demonstrates the value of island living that can serve as a model for the rest of the world. He added that this visit is a rare opportunity to stand on Hōkūleʻa’s decks, touch her and get to know her that may not come along again for some time due to the canoe’s immense popularity.

“The Polynesian Voyaging Society has been inundated with requests for the canoe, which is expected to spend much of its time concentrated on Kaua‘i next year,” Baybayan said. “So I encourage the community to come out to see her, because it may be several years before Hōkūleʻa returns to Hawai‘i Island.”

(Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)
volunteers, navigators, captains and scientific researchers.  

We’re proud to be part of the worldwide voyage through the many people from the UH Hilo ‘ohana who participated. Master navigator Kālepa Baybayan, a UH Hilo alumnus and navigator-in-residence at ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, has been part of the Polynesian voyaging renaissance since 1975 at the age of 19, and served on the worldwide voyage as both crew and captain on various legs of the journey such as New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and the U.S. East Coast. Notably, he captained the Hōkūleʻa’s historic sail to Washington D.C.

We have others from our ‘ohana, too, including Heinani Enos, a lecturer with Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language, and Kaleo Pilago, who at the time of his participation was a student development specialist at the Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center. All sailed on the voyage and then spent time with stakeholders from across the UH System to discuss next steps forward.

Celebrating Hōkūleʻa

UH Hilo shares in the vision of Mālama Honua—as an indigenous serving institution, we take our kuleana, our responsibility, to protect cultural and environmental resources for our children’s future, very seriously.

The voyage sought to engage all of the world’s people to bridge traditional and new technologies to live sustainably. This is also a high priority of the UH System and UH Hilo, in particular, and we share with Hōkūleʻa, the crew, and the Polynesian Voyaging Society the connection and understanding of the important work being done here in the islands to care for Earth and our unique culture.

At each stop on our island this month, the crew of the Hōkūleʻa, including many from UH Hilo, will be giving presentations and talk story sessions, canoe tours, volunteer stewardship opportunities and other family-friendly events, all free to the public. The Polynesian Voyaging Society will also be hosting thousands of public and private school students with canoe visits and educational activities that highlight wayfinding and voyaging through the perspectives of math, science, conservation and culture.

In celebration of this shared vision for a sustainable future, UH Hilo will be hosting a day-long event for Hōkūleʻa, the crew, and the local community on Saturday, April 21. We anticipate a large turnout and hope to share with our local communities the importance of the Mālama Honua Voyage as well as the many related educational programs at UH Hilo. There will be exhibitions and informational displays and lots of hands-on activities and fun takeaways for the keiki.

There are a number of other events planned around the Hōkūleʻa visit to our island. One of these is a field trip of 200 students from Kaumana Elementary School who will visit the UH Hilo Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center in Keaukaha as part of a day-long educational event. The Center will be giving students and their teachers tours of the aquaculture research and educational facility, inspiring keiki to pursue science and dedicate their lives to the preservation of the ocean and our island home.

I hope you’ll join us on April 21 to welcome and celebrate the Hōkūleʻa and crew, as we honor them as cultural treasures and worldwide ambassadors of our island home.

Aloha,
UH Hilo team to research historic World War II battlefield

A postdoctoral researcher and a graduate student at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo embark on an expedition in early April to study a forgotten World War II battlefield in the Western Pacific.

Dr. John Burns is the Co-Principal Investigator of a one-year, $90,000 project funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to research the impact on surrounding coral communities from the amphibious invasion of Peleliu in the Republic of Palau. He is joined by Kailey Pascoe, who graduated from UH Hilo in 2016 with a B.S. in Marine Science and is currently a graduate student in the UH Hilo Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science Program.

The project, entitled “Peleliu’s Forgotten World War II Battlefield,” is the first attempt to conduct a comprehensive, systematic study of the island, which became the scene of the bloodiest first-day amphibious landing in the entire Pacific campaign. A total of 73 amphibious tractors approached the beaches of Peleliu on September 15, 1944. Within hours, Marine casualties exceeded 500, and by the end of the day, nearly 60 of the amphibious tractors, 15 tanks and numerous amphibious trucks were damaged, wrecked or sunk.

“The amphibious element of the invasion is largely ignored in World War II histories, and its impact on corals has never been investigated,” Burns said. “We want to identify if and how the invasion blasting may have affected coral community structure and how it may be altering the ecology of these systems.”

Their research employs remote sensing technology to search the landing beaches and fringing reefs for material remains, which include amphibious craft and their debris, as well as shells from defensive positions taken up by soldiers from Japan. Many of the amphibious craft failed to make it to the island, and are believed to be on top of or in the fringing reef, on the shallow plateau outside the reef or in the lagoon and beach edges.

The study also utilizes high-resolution 3D technology to map coral reef plots in affected areas and those unaffected by the invasion blasting. Burns plans a statistical comparison of data from both areas to determine what, if any, impacts remain visible after 74 years, and to create a useful baseline for assessing reef health in future years. He said the biggest challenge may be overcoming the impact of evidence lost through previous shoreline development and reef cleanup.

“We do not know what sites are left or whether there are impacts of the pre-invasion blasting still visible,” Burns said. “Because the invasion beaches are a largely undocumented component of this historic battle, we are embarking on a project filled with the potential for discovery.”

To learn more about “Peleliu’s Forgotten World War II Battlefield,” visit http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/18peleliu/welcome.html.

Entries sought for biennial printmaking exhibition

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Art Department announces the call for entries for the 2018 Pacific States Biennial North American (PSBN) printmaking exhibition, scheduled for November 2 – December 28, 2018 at the Campus Center Gallery and East Hawai‘i Cultural Center. The entry deadline is August 18.

PSBN is a premier Hawai‘i exhibition in its 36th year and open to all artists 18 years or older, residing anywhere throughout North America and the U.S. territories.

The juror for the 2018 PSBN is Helen Frederick, a recognized distinguished artist, curator, educator, coordinator of international projects and founder of the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center in Hyattsville, Maryland.

The exhibition is hosted by the UH Hilo Art Department in conjunction with the Campus Center Gallery with support from the Student Activities Council, the East Hawai‘i Cultural Center, and the Howard and Yoneko Droste Bequest.

For more information, contact Professor Jonathon Goebel at 974-7307 or email goebelj@hawaii.edu.
Walters named Auxiliary Services Director

William Walters is the new Director of UH Hilo Auxiliary Services, following the retirement of long-time Director Kolin Kettleson. Walters joined UH Hilo in 2015 as an Auxiliary and Facilities Services Officer, functioning as an Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services. He previously spent 15 years in administrative support roles at UH Mānoa’s John A. Burns School of Medicine and the Institute for Astronomy. Walters described the performance of Auxiliary Services under Kettleson as a “model operation” with an impressive track record.

“My initial focus is to match the extraordinary level of productivity that was set by Kolin and his team of professionals that had over 25 years of experience prioritizing and executing a wide variety of projects on campus with great speed and precision,” Walters said.

“The ultimate goal is to maintain the established level of productivity while incorporating old and new practices of sustainability to make our campus as efficient as possible,” he added. “We also want to achieve high levels of customer service by being thoughtful in our actions and by showing kindness to each other and to the campus community that we serve.”

Auxiliary Services is responsible for managing building and grounds maintenance, parking operations, the motor pool, locks and keys, relocation logistics, and campus mail services.

Rose and Raymond Tseng Terrace dedication

The formerly-known Ho’oulu Terrace (UCB 127) at UH Hilo was re-named the Rose and Raymond Tseng Terrace at a special dedication on March 13th. More than 80 friends in the community and UH Hilo faculty members were present to celebrate the re-named space with Chancellor Emerita Rose Tseng in attendance.

In 2012, the Tsengs made a $100,000 gift to establish the Rose and Raymond Tseng Distinguished Lecture Series at UH Hilo. This endowment helps fund visits from leaders in a range of sectors to UH Hilo. While in Hawai‘i, they deliver presentations on topics that include international women’s leadership, science and culture, indigenous culture and languages.

During Tseng’s remarks, she told the audience that amongst her many professional positions held during her career, she considered her time as Chancellor at UH Hilo as her most rewarding.

UH Hilo Interim Chancellor Marcia Sakai said, “It is very gratifying to see the Tseng family legacy of nurturing critical thinking and enriching our community live on through this lecture series and be recognized through this symbolic naming. As chancellor, Rose accomplished great things, including securing critical research funding and bridging science with culture. She was also at the helm when UH Hilo launched a range of masters and doctoral degrees, and oversaw the physical campus transformation and growth.”

UH Hilo will welcome the inaugural Rose and Raymond Tseng Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Jennifer Doudna to campus in the fall. Doudna is a biochemist and Hilo native who has gained national recognition for her work in genetics, specifically for the design of the genetics-editing tool CRISPR.

Tseng was accompanied by her grandson Matteo Sabantine, and friends Walter and Winnie Woo who flew in from California to join in on the celebration.

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CONGRATULATIONS on becoming Blue Zones Project Approved™!

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Faculty, staff, and students are invited to the UH Hilo Blue Zones Project Approved Celebration, scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. – noon, on the Campus Center Plaza.

Join in on the festivities and learn how UH Hilo is striving for optimal health and well-being for everyone on campus. Details are forthcoming via flyers, Ha’ilono o UH Hilo, and emails.

Mahalo for your support!
Hats off to...

Chris Frueh, Professor, Psychology, co-authored “Childhood traumatic experiences and the association with marijuana and cocaine use in adolescence through adulthood,” *Addiction* 2018; 113:44-56. He also gave an invited talk on “The psychology of the veteran transition” at the Veteran’s Accelerated Management Program, University of Texas, Austin, TX in February.


Adam Pack, Professor, Psychology and Biology, is the lead author on the publication “Comparing depth and seabed terrain preferences of individually identified female humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), with and without calf, off Maui, Hawaii” that recently appeared in the early online view of the journal *Marine Mammal Science*.

Todd Belt, Professor, Political Science, was invited to give a presentation on “What Can Social Media Do, Really?” to members of Congress and their staff at the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress. This was done during his time as the John W. Kluge Fellow in Digital Studies at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. His presentation can be viewed at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqrVzZsT3Uw&list=PL8FAOA3359E858D1A%25Floclr%3Dtwklu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqrVzZsT3Uw&list=PL8FAOA3359E858D1A%25Floclr%3Dtwklu).

Facilities Director Jerry Watanabe led a tour of the construction of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building last month, which is scheduled for completion in fall 2018. The two-story, 45,000-square-foot structure will consolidate student laboratories, faculty offices, student affairs, lounges, private study rooms, a lecture hall, and an open-air corridor. The laboratory planning incorporates sustainable requirements with integrated design and facilitation of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification process. Once completed, the project will obtain LEED Silver certification. The $31.3 million building, located in University Research Park near the Imiloa Astronomy Center, is tentatively scheduled to open by spring 2019. Photo credit: Tracey Niimi

(L-R) Ethan Slusher (DKICP student, Class of 2020), Gerald De Mello (former University Relations Director), Jerry Chang (University Relations Director), Carolyn Ma (Dean, DKICP), Rose Tseng (former UH Hilo Chancellor), Marcia Sakai (UH Hilo Interim Chancellor), and Shaina Saiki (DKICP student, Class of 2020), stand in the building’s future Lecture Hall A. Photo credit: Tracey Niimi
TCBES Symposium showcases new findings and research partnerships

The University community is invited to the 10th Annual Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES) Research Symposium on Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 6, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm in Campus Center Room 301. No RSVP or check-in is required.

This year’s theme, “Conservation Research in Hawai‘i through Various Perspectives,” highlights the integration of Native Hawaiian practices with western science. The forum features oral and poster presentations on recent scientific research carried out in Hawai‘i by graduate and undergraduate students, residents and visiting faculty, and agency personnel. Student research topics range from coral reef ecosystems to native bird conservation, with awards given for outstanding student presentations.

Each day is headlined by a keynote speaker. Chad Wiggins of The Nature Conservancy speaks on April 5 and Roxanne Stewart of Kai Palaoa addresses the gathering on April 6. Special activities include interactive booths from the Teaching and Research Arthropod Collection, Spatial Data Analysis and Visualization, and Bioacoustics Labs. A poster reception with complimentary food and refreshments is scheduled from 5 – 7 pm April 5 in Campus Center Room 301, and a silent auction takes place in Campus Center Room 306 April 5 and 6 to raise funds for student research and next year’s symposium.

For more information, contact Dr. Rebecca Ostertag at 932-7353 or email ostertag@hawaii.edu. For disability accommodation, contact Disability Services at 932-7623 (V) or 932-7002 (TTY).

Team UH Hilo represents!

Team UH Hilo may have been small in number, but was certainly grand in spirit and pride in the 21st Annual Hilo Heart & Stroke Walk, held March 10 at Hilo Bayfront Park. Team members who participated in the 5K walk included (L-R): Marilani Marciel (Academic Affairs), Annette Sugimoto (Human Resources), Claire “Cracka” Isemoto (Cashier’s Office), Alyson Kakugawa-Leong (University Relations), Melanie Marciel (Advising Center), Jenny Wakida (Academic Affairs), and Walter Dudoit (‘Imiloa Astronomy Center).

Jenny Wakida checks her blood pressure after the walk by UH Hilo DKICP student Mia Tran. College of Pharmacy students provided health screenings and information to walk participants, joining the many organizations that support the annual event.
Program Spotlight

Program Spotlight is a presentation of Ka Lono Hanakahi that highlights the work of various units by following a program throughout the entire academic year and providing monthly updates. This month’s update from the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) highlights our TRIO programs, which recently received a sizeable increase in financial support.

A $1.3 billion FY18 omnibus appropriations bill was signed into law on March 23, 2018. This legislation increases funding for Federal TRIO Programs by $60 million and raises the total appropriation to $1.01 billion, which represents the high-water mark in TRIO’s history. For our purposes, that is an increase of approximately six percent for each individual grant award that benefits six UH Hilo initiatives made possible by the establishment of the TRIO programs.

The Civil Rights movement of the 1960s led Congress to take a closer look at the country’s changing demographics. They discovered that maintaining America’s status as a world leader required expanding higher education opportunities to a larger segment of the population. Those findings led to the establishment of new programs, whose mission is to provide equal access to postsecondary education for low-income and first-generation college students, students with documented disabilities, and for student populations seriously underrepresented on college campuses and in professional careers.

Under the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, Congress provided funding for three education equity programs known as the TRIO Programs. The original TRIO Programs were Upward Bound, Student Support Services (previously known as the Special Services Program) and Talent Search. Those programs became an important element of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s “War On Poverty” initiative. Today, Upward Bound and Student Support Services Program are at UH Hilo.

The first Upward Bound Program at UH Hilo was established in 1979 to prepare low-income and potential first-generation college-bound high school students on Hawai‘i Island to succeed in higher education, with success defined as earning at least a bachelor’s degree.

For nearly four decades, thousands of Upward Bound participants have graduated from University of Hawai‘i institutions and other postsecondary establishments and are now outstanding and contributing members in their communities. Today, the University sponsors five Upward Bound programs, including a STEM-focused Math and Science project. A total of nine Hawai‘i Island high schools participate in these five Upward Bound programs, which currently provide college preparatory services to more than 270 students in Hawai‘i Island and Pacific Island high schools.

Upward Bound students at Summer Academy on campus. Photo credit: Upward Bound 2017
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Records show that 91 percent of Upward Bound participants maintain an average GPA of 3.368 or higher, 99.9 percent remain in the program through graduation from high school, 99 percent complete a rigorous high school study program, and 80.5 percent enter college in the fall semester following their high school graduation. Once in college, 51 percent earn a bachelor’s degree within six years of their initial enrollment and 30 percent complete their degree within eight years of enrolling.

The Student Support Services Program (SSSP) was established at UH Hilo in 1987 to increase the retention and graduation rates of students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. The program serves 200 students per year who meet the low-income, first-generation college student and documented disability requirements.

SSSP provides academic advising and counseling, financial aid and scholarship counseling, personal counseling, career counseling, 1:1 peer tutoring, financial literacy skills development, and cultural enrichment opportunities. The program also collaborates with other units within DSA, faculty and staff to promote student development and success in a university environment that is supportive of underrepresented student populations.

Outcomes data indicate that the program has averaged a fall-to-fall retention rate of 84 percent, with 90 percent maintaining a cumulative GPA above 2.0 to remaining good academic standing. SSSP’s average six-year graduation rate during that period is 51 percent. Those outcomes in general, exceed those of the overall student population.

For more information about Upward Bound, visit www.uhh.hawaii.edu/academics/ub. To learn more about SSSP and its services, see www.hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/ssp/.

Upward Bound program students Anja Kuipers and Alexandria Deguzman conducting a DNA extraction. Photo credit: Upward Bound

SSSP honors program seniors at graduation reception. Photo credit: SSSP files
'Opíhi Week!
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Tuesday, April 17th – Thursday, April 19th
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