Six honored by Alumni & Friends Feb 26

The UH Hilo Alumni & Friends Association honors six outstanding individuals on February 26 at its 10th Annual UH Hilo Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet in the Campus Center Dining Room. Doors open at 5 p.m. and a silent auction will be held to raise scholarship funds.

Dr. Daniel Belcher, Dr. Richard DeVerse and Mitchell Dodo will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Jan Higashi, Harold Tanouye Jr. and the late Dr. Regina Titunik will be honored with Distinguished Service Awards.

Belcher is chief of staff at Hilo Medical Center and practices internal medicine. He attended UH Hilo for three years before transferring to UH Manoa, where he earned a B.A. in chemistry and a B.S. in biology in 1974. He is also an assistant clinical professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

DeVerse is one of Hawai‘i’s most successful high-tech inventors, designers and entrepreneurs. He earned his degree in chemistry from UH Hilo in 1996. Co-founder and vice president of a device design and manufacturing at Plain Sight Systems in Kailua-Kona, he is a pioneer in the development of a new class of optically-encoded aperture spectrometric devices that enable high performance optical processing, chemical sensing and spectral imaging.

Dodo is vice president and operations manager of Dodo Mortuary. He earned his Bachelor in Business Administration from UH Hilo in 1992 and is a strong supporter of both the University and its College of Business and Economics.

Higashi, recently retired Creative Arts owner, has a tradition of service to UH Hilo, having chaired successful fund drives for Vulcan Athletics. She has been chair of the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center’s Advisory Committee since its inception in 1999 and has been the driving force behind UHH PAC’s fundraising efforts, through the corporate sponsorship campaign and Applause! membership program, as well as the Girl’s Day Diva Festival, which she developed.

Tanouye is the owner of Green Point Nurseries and an innovator in the field of growing, packaging and shipping cut flowers. He is an invaluable resource for the UH Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources.

CoBE maintains prestigious international accreditation

by Ken Happ

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) has announced that UH Hilo’s College of Business and Economics (CoBE) is one of 45 institutions worldwide whose business accreditation has been renewed.

Founded in 1916, AACSB is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees in business and accounting. AACSB accreditation is considered the mark of quality distinction most widely sought after by business schools. A total of just 579 institutions across 35 countries, or less than 5 percent worldwide, have earned AACSB accreditation.

“This is the gold standard,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng. “To achieve and maintain AACSB accreditation places CoBE in some very exclusive company with the finest business institutions around the globe.”

Other universities earning Maintenance of Business Accreditation included Carnegie Mellon, Georgetown, Quinnipiac, Yale, Kuwait University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Toulouse Business School-Groupe ESC Toulouse of France.

Accreditation is achieved through a rigorous internal review process, evaluation and adjustment that can take up to several years.
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Resource Management, showing students the ins and outs with growing, packing and shipping both cut and potted anthuriums. He has also sponsored CAFNRM research and course projects. He is a staunch supporter of the arts, including the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center.

Titunik was a respected and beloved professor of political science. Faculty, staff and students at UH Hilo were shocked and saddened to learn of her untimely passing last summer.

She came to UH Hilo in 1995 after teaching at the University of Zambia and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She served on the UH Hilo Faculty Congress, chaired the General Education committee, was the faculty representative for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and a member of the Women’s Studies steering committee. In 1999, she received the Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. In 2000, she received a fellowship for the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History. In 2006, she was recognized with the UHHS Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In a tribute to her memory by her colleagues in the Political Science Department, her online faculty profile remains posted on the UH Hilo website.

Tickets are $75 each or $600 for a table of 8. For more info or reservations, call x47501 or go to www.uhh.hawaii.edu/alumni.

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to complete. Along the way, the school must develop and implement a plan to meet 21 AACSB standards requiring a high quality learning environment, a commitment to continuous improvement and curricula responsive to the needs of business.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty, and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

CoBE was established in January 2004 and earned initial accreditation from AACSB-International approximately one year later. The ensuing five year Maintenance of Accreditation process culminated with a site visit late last year by a review team from AACSB. In January, the AACSB-International Board of Directors voted to continue the College’s accreditation.

“AACSB accreditation affirms the investment that the faculty, students and community advisory board have made to assure high quality business education and to create an exceptional learning environment,” said CoBE Dean Marcia Sakai. “Our school has been recognized for its best practices, by involving external stakeholders in its mission development and strategic planning processes and by transforming students into student leaders as they plan and coordinate major student events on campus.”

Sakai said as the school moves into the next Maintenance of Accreditation cycle, work will begin on the development of focused tracks, such as marketing and tourism. She anticipates those tracks will become the seeds for eventual majors. The school will also evaluate the integration of sustainability and indigenous perspectives against the backdrop of globalization.

UH Hilo’s achievement will be recognized at the April 2010 AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California.

For more information on AACSB International accreditation, visit the accreditation section of the AACSB International Web site at: http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation.

(Editor’s note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

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Kanakaʻole Hall update

by Debi Brockman

The UH Hilo Humanities Division Office and half of the faculty located on the second floor of Kanakaʻole Hall have moved to the new portable site (PB19 – PB22) just north of the Student Life Center. According to Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, vice chancellor of administrative affairs, “the move is a result of the second phase of the EKH HVAC Renovation Project which is updating the air quality in the building.

“This is an extensive renovation project being done in phases in which 36 faculty and a division office needed to be relocated. We tried to plan the move like we did any other project so that it would be as organized and seamless as possible. It seems that this complicated move went pretty well overall and that everyone is settling in nicely.”

The EKH HVAC Renovation Project involves replacing all existing air conditioning duct work, installing new chilled water fan coil units for humidity control, replacing all existing chilled water fan coil units, replacing insulation on the chilled water pipes, installing motorized air conditioning registers on the second floor, replacing existing suspended ceilings, and replacing existing light fixtures.

Phase I focused on renovating half of the classrooms on the first floor, which was completed in August 2009. Phase II will be completed in June 2010, at which time the faculty and staff relocated to the portables will move back to Kanakaʻole Hall. Phase III completes the remaining classrooms on the first floor by July 2010. Phase IV (last phase) will be the renovation of the second floor of the building that includes the College of Business and Economics, Education faculty and Division Office, Humanities and Geography faculty, and Hawaiʻi Community College Liberal Arts faculty and staff. These individuals will be temporarily relocated to the new portable site for the fall 2010 semester.

The moving of 36 faculty and staff, as well as Division Offices, was a monumental task as some faculty have had these same office spaces during their entire tenure at UH Hilo, accumulating many years of books, instructional materials, papers, and memorabilia.

Asked how he likes the portables, Dr. David Miller, chair of the Humanities Division, stated that he doesn’t want to leave. He said the move of so many people went better than he thought it would, as there were very few problems encountered when all were situated in their new and temporary offices. Several faculty working in their temporary portable offices confirmed Miller’s assessment and stated they did not want to move back to their old offices.

“Auxiliary Services staff did an exemplary job of moving the magnanimous amount of boxes and furniture from K Hall to the portables, as well as tables and chairs to PB22-101, the classroom where Anthropology classes are scheduled for spring 2010,” Fitzsimons said. The Humanities Division Office is temporarily housed in PB20, and faculty offices are in PB19 and PB21.

More information regarding the Kanakaʻole Hall Renovation Project is available at http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcadmin/EKHRenovationProject.php. 🌊

(Editor’s note: Debi Brockman is EKH Relocation Coordinator.)
Hats off to...

**Seri Luangphinith**, Associate Professor, English, has her article “Of Exile and Return: Exploring Fiji-Indian Literary Metaphors” appearing in Indian Writers: Transnationalisms and Diasporas, published by Peter Lang Publishing (Bern, Switzerland).


**Walter Dudley**, Professor, Oceanography, gave three invited presentations at the Annual Meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco in December: Improvements in Tsunami Risk Assessment, Warning, and Mitigation: Five Years after Sumatra; Integrated Tsunami Risk Research; and The 29 September 2009 Tsunami and Earthquake. He was also co-author of three other presentations that were delivered by colleagues.


**Chris Frueh**, Professor, Psychology, co-authored “Equity in Veterans Affairs disability claims adjudication in a national sample of veterans,” Military Medicine 2009; 174:1241-1246, and “Programmatic research at a specialty psychiatric inpatient clinic: Opportunities, challenges, and future directions,” The Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic 2009; 73:251-258. Also, in December he did an Invited Grand Rounds presentation on “Telemedicine for behavioral healthcare: Research and practice” at the Department of Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.

**Wayne Miyamoto**, Professor, Art, was selected for a Fulbright Senior Specialists project in New Zealand at the School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, this spring. He will give lectures and conduct studio seminars for graduate and undergraduate art students and meet with visual artists throughout New Zealand. Miyamoto is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program.

**David Hammes**, Professor, Economics, had his paper, “Milton’s Positivism Found Wanting” accepted for publication by The Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

**Bryan Kim**, Professor, Psychology, co-authored a chapter on “Asian American Elders in the U.S. Culture” that appeared in Self-esteem across the Lifespan: Issues and Interventions.”


**Dianqing Sun**, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, co-authored “Identification of triazinoindol-benzimidazolones as nanomolar inhibitors of the Mycobacterium tuberculosis enzyme TDP-6-deoxy-D-xylo-4-hexopyranosid-4-ulose 3,5-epimerase (RmlC)” in the January 2010 issue of Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry.
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Jason Adolf, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, co-authored “A dinoflagellate exploits toxin to immobilize prey prior to ingestion,” which appeared in Proceedings of the National Academies of Science. The paper was also featured in Nature News, www.nature.com/news/2010/100111/full/news.2010.t.html. Adolf was also primary author on “Modulation of polyunsaturated fatty acids in mixotrophic Karodinium veneficum (Dinophyceae) and its prey, Storeatula major (Cryptophyceae),” which appeared in Journal of Phycology. Both papers represent research to understand how certain forms of microalgae form toxic algal blooms more commonly referred to as “red tides.”

Steve Lundblad, Assistant Professor, Geology, and Peter Mills, Professor, Anthropology, received a two-year grant of $138,447 from the National Science Foundation Archaeology program to conduct an extensive provenance study of stone tools in Hawai‘i using Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence (EDXRF). The researchers will team with the Bishop Museum to analyze previously collected artifacts non-destructively. The study will provide opportunities for Pacific Islanders to explore how their ancestors interacted with their environment and each other.

Cheryl Ramos, Associate Professor, Psychology, submitted the video, “In the Spirit of Blessed Damien and Mother Marianne,” which was recently published in the first issue of the Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice. The video describes the Mobile Care Health Project, a project of the Office of Social Ministry of the Catholic Church in Hawai‘i, which provided dental services for the underserved on Hawai‘i Island out of two mobile vans from 1997-2009. The video may be viewed at http://www.gicpp.org/en/photovid.php?issue=1&photovid=10.

February telecasts feature alumni/international students

Students past and present will be highlighted during the February telecasts of Focus on UH Hilo. The show is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng and airs live Wednesday evening during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

The February 3rd show includes a preview of this year’s 10th annual Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet. Guests includes Yu Yok Pearring, director of marketing and alumni and the event’s chair, Carol Van Camp.

Dr. Ruth Robison, director of international student services, appears on the February 17th program. Robison will be joined by members of the International Student Association, who will discuss this year’s International Nights event and other international student activities.

Focus on UH Hilo highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University’s partnerships with various community organizations. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact UH Hilo’s marketing and alumni office at x47501 or x47643.

Job & Internship Fair is Feb 22

The UH Hilo Career Development Services is hosting a Job & Internship Fair on Monday, February 22 from 10-2 p.m. on the Library Lanai. All UH Hilo and HawCC students and alumni are invited to attend.

Employers wishing to be added to the invitation mailing list should contact Teresa Tsuda at x47687 or email ttsuda@hawaii.edu.
Onizuka Science Day celebrates 10th anniversary

by Judith Fox-Goldstein

Chancellor Rose Tseng welcomed a filled-to-capacity crowd of students, parents, teachers and guests to the 10th Annual Ellison Onizuka Science Day, which is held every January on the UH Hilo campus. This year also marked the 25th anniversary of Onizuka’s first flight on the space shuttle Discovery.

This annual memorial Science Day invites students, teachers, parents and dignitaries to participate in a special tribute to Astronaut Ellison Onizuka and to experience learning and discovery in science. The day featured 24 interactive workshops, 20 exhibits and displays, a NASA astronaut (Dr. Anna Fisher) who presented the keynote address and a closing world-class science demonstration by Hawai’i’s famed Dale Olive who brings magic to the field of science and inspires enthusiasm and a unique joy of inquiry and learning about science. This year many of the workshops and displays also featured “green science” and sustainability activities.

Featuring a special guest alien, Pirate Boaris, and astronaut, Dr. Anna Fisher, the crowd was deeply immersed in Fisher’s presentation showcasing her flight into space. A classmate of Big Island hero Onizuka, she shared stories of her training time with Onizuka and her responsibilities as a Mission Specialist in space.

Chancellor Tseng lauds the Ellison Onizuka Science Day as an exceptional opportunity for students to “experience college campus life and to interact with faculty and students and have an opportunity to actually explore the entire campus with their parents.”

“We have exceptional science programs for anyone interested in careers in science or technology and, of course, we are very proud of our bachelors of science degree in astronomy,” Tseng remarked.

Chancellor Tseng was also delighted to welcome two Waiakea Intermediate students (Cody Kojima and Camille Luna) who were given the honor of introducing Astronaut Fisher. “This is a day I will never forget,” commented Luna.

(Editor’s note: Judith Fox-Goldstein is director, conference center.)
**International Nights 2010!**

The International Student Association presents *International Nights 2010* on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20, at 7:30 pm in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center. Cultures from around the world will showcase an array of performances on stage in this not-to-be-missed event.

The countries or cultures represented in the past have included Hawai‘i, Ireland, Pohnpei, Native America, Palau, Okinawa, USA, India, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Brazil, Yap, Timor Leste, Japan, Kosrae, Philippines, Chuuk and more.

Tickets are priced at $8 general admission, $5 seniors, $3 students (schools and colleges) and children and available at the PAC Box Office.

For more information about this event, contact the International Student Office at x47313. For disability accommodation, contact Ruth Robison at x47313 (V) or x33334 (TTY) by February 9.

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**UH Hilo wants to hear from you!**

The UH Hilo Long Range Budget Planning Committee (LRBPC), co-chaired by Debra Fitzsimons, vice chancellor of administrative affairs, and Sevki Erdogan, president of Faculty Congress, is asking for input and help. The campus community is being asked to provide its revenue generation and cost savings ideas to [http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcadmin/costsavings.php](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcadmin/costsavings.php).

The LRBPC is currently forming a subcommittee called the Cost Savings / Revenue Generation Taskforce. If anyone wishes to become a member of this committee, email debra.fitzsimons@hawaii.edu.

“The work of this group will be extremely helpful to the LRBPC over the next two years,” Fitzsimons said.
Campus Events

February

1  Last day to drop classes with “W”
   Last day to receive 50% refund of tuition
   No refunds will be issued after this date
3  Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55
13 Black Grace, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
15 Holiday: Presidents’ Day
17  Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55
19, 20 UH Hilo International Nights 2010, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
22  Job & Internship Fair, 10-2 p.m., Library Lanai
26  UH Hilo Alumni & Friends Distinguished Alumni Banquet, 5 p.m., Campus Center Dining Room, Admission $