Big Island Mayor to keynote UH Hilo spring commencement

by Ken Hupp

Hawai‘i County Mayor William P. (Billy) Kenoi will deliver the keynote address at UH Hilo’s spring commencement on Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. at Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium.

A total of 477 students are candidates for various degrees and/or certificates: College of Arts and Sciences (373); College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (14); College of Business and Economics (24) and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (21). An additional 45 students are candidates for various post-graduate honors, including a Doctorate of Philosophy.

Kenoi was born in Kalapana and graduated from Waiakea High School in 1986. He spent three semesters at Hawai‘i Community College and UH Hilo from 1989-1990. Through the National Student Exchange Program, Kenoi gained entry to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and graduated in 1993 as a member of the UMASS Political Science Honor Society. Kenoi subsequently returned home to earn his law degree from UH Manoa’s William S. Richardson School of Law in 1996.

After passing the bar exam on his first attempt, Kenoi launched his legal career by joining O‘ahu Circuit Judge Richard Perkins as a law clerk. He then went to work in the Office of the Public Defender, serving in the Appellate, District Court, Juvenile Criminal, Adult Family and Circuit Court Divisions.

Kenoi got his first taste of politics while enrolled at UMASS Amherst when he went to work as a congressional intern in the Washington D.C. Office of Hawai‘i U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. He later served as a legislative aide for the state house and senate in Honolulu. In 2001, he returned to the Big Island after being appointed an Executive Assistant Mayor Billy Kenoi

Busy bees in business at UH Hilo!

Value-added bee products created by students at UH Hilo’s College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management are currently being sold in the UH Hilo bookstore, all UH bookstores throughout the State, at the Rainbowtique shops on the Manoa campus, and in downtown Honolulu and Ward Centre on O‘ahu’s Kaka‘ako waterfront.

According to Dr. Lorna Tsutsumi, UH Hilo professor of entomology, the products are liliko‘i scented and unscented lip balms and a lavender healing balm, all made of beeswax.

“It’s not a new idea,” Tsutsumi said. “What makes it unique is these products are integrated with education and research and branded with the University of Hawai‘i.”

The beeswax used in these products were collected and processed from hives at UH Hilo’s Panaewa Farm Laboratory by students from Tsutsumi’s Entomology 262 and 350 classes, introductory and advanced beekeeping, respectively. The students also came up with the formulas for the balms. Both the lip balm and healing balm are white and creamy in consistency.

“The healing balm is for the treatment of insect bites and their associated symptoms, itching, swelling, redness,” Tsutsumi said. “My students have tested this recipe and also found that it works well on unopened scratches and burns.”

The student-conceived, value-added products will all be sold under UH’s Kulanui brand.

“Kulanui was developed to educate the community about what the University of Hawai‘i students are learning and capable of,” said Gary Ichimura, business development manager for UH Rainbowtique.
by then Mayor Harry Kim.

For the next seven years, Kenoi handled a wide range of high level assignments, including establishment of the “Healing Our Island” grant program, coordinating the County’s “War on Ice,” securing funds for the island’s mass transit program and creating the Coqui Frog Community Grant and County Loan Sprayer program. In 2007, he was recognized by Hawai‘i Business Magazine as one of “25 people who will shape Hawai‘i over the next 25 years.”

Kenoi resigned his position in 2008 after entering the race for Big Island Mayor and went on to win election with more than 55 percent of the vote. He officially assumed office in December of that year.

La’akea Yoshida, a history major focusing on European history, with a minor in anthropology, is student speaker. Yoshida, who has maintained a cumulative 3.8GPA, has earned numerous academic honors, including the CAS Dean’s Scholarship, the CAS Dean’s List, the first-ever UH Hilo Ambassador Grant, the Vulcan Leadership Award for Outstanding Scholar, the UH Hilo History Department’s Outstanding Student Writing Award, Kamehameha Schools’ Na Ho’okama a Pauahi Scholarship, and Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

Yoshida is president of the UH Hilo Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, (Alpha Beta Omicron) The National History Honor Society, and was part of a five member team that competed in March at the Society’s regional conference at UH Manoa. Yoshida’s paper, “Bloodline Accession and Gifted Power: Nero Claudius Drusus and the Struggle to Define Heirship in Rome during the Reign of Tiberius,” was voted Best Undergraduate Paper. It was the second time Yoshida captured that award after first winning it in 2008.

Yoshida is scheduled to enter Oxford University in October, where he was admitted earlier this year as a Master of Philosophy candidate in Roman and Greek history. He is believed to be the first History major from UH Hilo ever admitted to the prestigious United Kingdom institution.

For more information on Commencement, contact Judith Fox-Goldstein at x47555 or email commence@hawaii.edu. For special accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi at x30816 (V) or x33334 (TTY). Requests should be made at least 10 business days prior to the event.

(Editor’s note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)
Get ready for an exciting new shopping experience at UH Hilo!

by Debi Brockman

Planning has been underway for several years for UH Hilo’s new College Campus Store that will be attached to the Campus Center. This new building project, funded from income realized by the UH Hilo Bookstore, with no State General or CIP funds being used, is much more than a new bookstore.

The College Campus Store incorporates concepts derived from a 2009 Focus Group that consisted of students, faculty, staff, and community members. The new Store “understands the needs of students, staff, and community members” by offering amenities that make people feel welcome and comfortable. Besides the offering of course textbooks, materials, and school supplies, other new merchandise such as Vulcan logo clothing, gifts, and accessories will be available, including sundry items, snacks, computers, and computer accessories.

The layout will be configured with an area for concessions and coffee, comfortable furniture for students to relax, study, work, or “talk story” with friends, computers with free Internet access, and big screen televisions to provide University news, merchandise offerings, and public information. One merchandise display will be dedicated to products developed, labeled, and marketed by students in UH classes from UH Hilo and other UH System campuses.

Per Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, “We are excited for this new store; not only is it a place for students to buy books, but it will be a welcoming place to shop, eat, drink coffee, study, hang out and ‘just enjoy.’”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Luoluo Hong also highly anticipates the completion of the new College Campus Store.

“The opening of this new bookstore really supports UH Hilo’s efforts to create a more lively and inviting sense of community for our students. We need more places that add to the feeling of being a ‘college town’ and this is a great next step in that effort,” she said.

The new College Campus Store will feature ultra modern wood and metal displays that can be easily rearranged to meet the needs of the ever changing environment that is retail: circular wood and metal information and check out booths; efficient energy lighting in canopy and wire mesh ceiling material; and a concrete floor of earth-tone colors to showcase the different sections of products being sold.

“UH Hilo’s new College Campus Store will not only serve the students of UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College, this state-of-the-art facility will serve the Hilo community-at-large and will be a popular destination spot for visitors, as well as the local public,” said Fitzsimons.

Construction of the College Campus Store is scheduled for September 2010 with completion slated for November 2011. Forty-eight additional parking spaces will be added to UH Hilo’s parking facilities to accommodate County requirements for the new building. An advertising campaign will be initiated announcing the opening and amenities of the new store, just in time for Christmas 2011. ☞

(Editor’s note: Debi Brockman is communication & administrative support specialist.)
Hats off to...

**Kevin Hopkins**, Director, PACRC, has been elected to a two-year term as vice president of the United States Aquaculture Society, a chapter of the World Aquaculture Society. The USAS has roughly 1,000 members.

**Christopher Lu**, Professor, Animal Science, will address this month the State Council of Sultanate of Oman, a legislative branch of that country.

**Jeanine Hirtle**, Associate Professor, Education, received a $46,000 federal grant from the National Writing Project for UH Hilo’s Lehua Writing Project. The award is for summer 2010 and 2010-2011 programs and activities that support teachers in their writing endeavors.

**Vera Parham**, Assistant Professor, History, will present her paper, “From Medicine Creek to Daybreak: The Power of Protest in Pacific Northwest Native American History,” at the Native American Indigenous Studies Association Conference held this month in Tucson, AZ. Parham will also be a summer fellow at the Virginia Foundation of the Humanities.

**Robert Fox**, Emeritus Professor, Physics, and **Nina Buchanan**, will have their book chapter, “Hawaii’s Evolving Educational Landscape,” published in *Barack Obama, The Aloha Zen President*. Buchanan is first author and Fox is second author.


**Jean Ippolito**, Associate Professor, Art, had her paper, “Parody and Appropriation: European Art Traditions in the Recent Digital Media Art of China,” accepted for presentation at the International Arts in Society Conference in Sydney, Australia, in July. She will also conduct additional research on this topic on an RCUH Research Relations grant in China this summer.

**Matthew Howell**, Assistant Professor, Music, has been selected as one of 17 international conductors to participate in the May 2010 California Conductor’s Institute, which involves an internship with the Bakersfield Symphony under the direction of three of the nation’s leading conductors.

**Keith Miser**, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, International Programs, was honored at the opening session of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators conference, held in March in Chicago, IL. Miser was one of 21 senior leaders selected for significantly contributing to the development of the student affairs profession on a national level over the past 50 years.

**Faith Mishina**, Assistant Professor, Spanish, presented her research paper, “One Inversion of Chronicle’s Double Labyrinth: Art as Distraction and Death or Art as Enlightenment and Metamorphosis,” at the International Conference in Las Vegas in March. Her paper was also accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*.

**Cheryl Ramos**, Associate Professor, Psychology, was honored last month as one of five alumni selected to receive the 2010 Saint Joseph School Outstanding Leadership Award, recognizing distinguished leadership in career and life endeavors.
Carolina Lam, Director, Global Education, was selected as a National Selection Panelist for the Gilman International Scholarship Program, administered by the Institute of International Education. The scholarship provides funding up to $5,000 a semester to study abroad.

Roberta Barra, Assistant Professor, Accounting, had her paper, “The Impact of Internal Controls and Penalties on Fraud,” published in the *Journal of Information Systems*, vol. 24, no. 1, pps. 1-21, spring 2010. Also, she served as co-author on “Passwords: Do User Preferences and Website Protocols Differ from Theory?” presented at the 9th Annual Security Conference held last month in Las Vegas, NV, and “Cost Effectiveness of Degrees of Separation of Duties,” accepted for presentation at the American Accounting Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, this summer.

Sunyoung Kim, Assistant Professor, Psychology, co-authored “Twenty-four hour Skin Conductance in Panic Disorder,” accepted for publication in *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

Sevki Erdogan, Professor, Syed Ahamed, Visiting Professor, Michael Peterson, Assistant Professor, and Shawon Rahman, Assistant Professor, all from Computer Science & Engineering, had four peer-review papers accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Wireless & Mobile Networks, to be held in Ankara, Turkey, next month. The papers will be published by Springer (LNCS) in the proceedings of Communications in Computer and Information Science Series. The research is supported by a five-year $20 million EPSCoR grant.


Dianqing Sun, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, was invited by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to attend University of Kentucky/NIGMS Internet Grant Writing Program, being held this month in Lexington, KY.

Adam Pack, Assistant Professor, Psychology & Biology, had his paper, “The synergy of laboratory and field studies of dolphin behavior and cognition,” accepted for publication in *International Journal of Comparative Psychology*.

Russell Molyneux, Affiliate Faculty, Pharmacy, was corresponding author on “Aflatoxigenesis induced in *Aspergillus flavus* by oxidative stress and reduction by phenolic antioxidants from tree nuts,” published in *World Mycotoxin Journal*, and “Rapid analytical method for the determination of aflatoxins in plant-derived dietary supplement and cosmetic oils,” published in *Journal of Agricultural Food Chemistry*.

Phil Castille, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, presented the paper, “The Pacific Hydrography of Herman Melville’s *Mardi*,” at the annual convention of the American Culture Association, held last month in St. Louis, MO.

Ron Amundson, Professor, Philosophy, was invited to present his research papers in Seattle and Toronto over Spring Break. “Against Normality: How Evolutionary Biology (now) Supports Disability Rights” was presented to the Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality at the University of Washington. “Is Evo-devo consistent with Population Thinking? Not Yet.” was given to the Second International Conference on Challenges for Evolutionary Theory in Toronto.
Imagine scientists conducting undersea operations at the site of an active volcano, facing earthquakes and other geological hazards. This is exactly what some of the world’s greatest robotics minds will encounter when they converge on campus June 24-26.

The 9th annual International Robotics Competition is part of the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center’s Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition. ROVs, or underwater robots, are used to support scientific research, the offshore oil and gas and telecommunications industries, underwater archaeology, underwater construction and structural inspections, and port and harbor security. MATE’s competitions use ROVs to teach technical, engineering, scientific, and critical thinking skills, which are in great demand in today’s work place.

This year’s theme will be undersea volcanoes and the role ROVs play in their science and exploration. The mission will be built around Loihi Seamount, the active volcano rising more than 3,000 meters above the seafloor off the Big Island’s coast.

Conference Center Director Judith Fox-Goldstein, whose office is coordinating the event, says it is a great gift to the county and the University. She’s excited about the publicity that will be generated through national and international media coverage and has asked Mayor Billy Kenoi’s office to extend an invitation to President Barack Obama to attend the competition because of the President’s commitment to STEM education and his message about “re-igniting students’ interest in science and technology.”

“This event will bolster the visitor industry’s effort to establish the Big Island as a destination for international meetings and competitions,” Fox-Goldstein said.

High school and middle school teams will qualify for the international competition by competing in a series of 19 regional events held throughout Hawai‘i, the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. The high school and middle school qualifiers, including six teams from Hawai‘i, will be joined by an international field of college teams, who will compete in a separate category.

The teams will be tasked to create a robot and a program to deploy instruments, take sensor readings, plot data, and collect samples of geologic features as well as organisms that inhabit the flanks of the underwater volcano. They will also be required to make oral and written engineering presentations to a panel of judges representing various aspects of the marine industry.

The ROVs will carry out their mission in the Student Life Center pool, which will be equipped to simulate the obstacles scientists might encounter with an undersea volcano. Participants, however, won’t be allowed in the pool area, but will program their unit’s movements via computer from the Center lobby area.

Sponsoring businesses and organizations total more than 100 and include prominent names such as Chevron Energy Technology, Exxon Mobil, Office of Naval Research, NASA, NOAA, and Shell Exploration and Production. Conference Center Assistant Director Mary Ann Tsuchiyama says their participation presents a golden opportunity for student contestants.

“We are trying to organize student participants and link them with numerous sponsors,” Tsuchiyama said. “They will be here for the purpose of interviewing talent and it will provide students with an excellent chance to network.”

Sodexo featured watercress from Mountain View in last month’s Earth Day celebration on campus.

Two watercress salads were featured as samples, which were especially enjoyed by Big Island school students.
David Kaneshiro selected to head women’s basketball post

by Kelly Leong

David Kaneshiro has been selected as the Vulcan women’s first full-time head basketball coach, effective July 1, 2010.

“While the process was long, the process led us to a great conclusion for the University and our community,” Athletic Director Dexter Irvin said.

“We get the best of both worlds with David. We get a wonderful basketball coach with experience and a person that understands the strengths of the Pacific West Conference, the University, and the State of Hawai‘i.

“I believe Coach Kaneshiro will enable us to bring prominence to women’s basketball at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Those are lofty expectations but he possesses the knowledge, history, and ability to meet the expectations we have for women’s basketball.”

“I would like to acknowledge and thank Coach Daphne Honma for her pioneering spirit and her dedication as she helped us establish our women’s basketball program,” Irvin added. “She is a great person with wonderful skills and a sense of community and dedication to young people on the Big Island.”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Luoluo Hong said Kaneshiro’s appointment is also a sign of the University’s commitment to ensuring gender equity for its student athletes. Hong noted that, “Research shows that participation in sports boosts women’s leadership capacities, self-esteem and self-efficacy.”

“The hiring of a full-time coach for women’s basketball is an important step in our Title IX compliance,” Hong said. “This action should send a clear signal that UH Hilo is fully committed to supporting the spirit and intent of this landmark Act.”

Kaneshiro was a UH Hilo men’s assistant coach for the past four seasons during which the team compiled a 53-50 record and produced 11 all-conference players.

Before returning to UH Hilo in 2006, Kaneshiro ended a three-year head coaching run at Blackburn College (Carlinville, Ill.) where he claimed two conference championships and 2006 Co-Coach of the Year honor. He was first tabbed as a head coach by Webster University in 2000. In only his second year there, his team won a conference championship and he was recognized as the conference coach of the year.

Between head coaching positions, Kaneshiro spent a season on the California State University-Stanislaus staff as the head assistant coach. He also served as an assistant at UH Hilo (1995-98) and Webster (1998-99).

He received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology and completed his teaching certificate from Beloit College in December 1995, and his M.Ed. at Webster University in 1999. While Kaneshiro’s official appointment does not begin until July 1st, he will begin work right away with the women’s basketball team to ensure a smooth transition.

(Editor’s note: Kelly Leong is sports information director.)

Marine Science and technology conference coming to UH Hilo

UH Hilo hosts the 22nd Pacific Congress on Marine Science & Technology (PACON) June 1-5 on the UH Hilo campus. The international confab is organized by former UH Hilo Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. Michael Crosby.

“Co-organizers Dr. Dan Ling Tang from the Chinese Academy of Sciences South China Sea Institute of Oceanology and Dr. Wei-Hsien Wang from the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium will be on hand to welcome a prestigious delegation that will focus on developing international partnerships among diverse groups from government, industry and academia to address critical regional challenges,” said Judith Fox-Goldstein, director of the UH Hilo conference center.

The conference, featuring numerous exhibitors and special presentations, will highlight Hawai‘i’s Ocean Day, and seeks to improve Pacific Rim relations and resource management. PACON’s wide range of sessions will focus on topics such as climate change, marine debris, seaport engineering, coral reef ecology, marine fisheries management and sustainable energy production.

The meeting is expected to draw a broad cross-section of scientists, engineers, technologists, policy-makers and students interested in advancing state-of-the-art marine science and technology and its appropriate applications to Pacific Rim nations.

The meeting is being coordinated by the UH Hilo Conference Center, in collaboration with PACON, and remains open for registration at http://blog.hawaii.edu/pacon/. Session proposals are also being accepted by contacting the PACON Secretariate at pacon@hawaii.edu.

For additional information, contact Fox-Goldstein at foxgolds@hawaii.edu or uhhconferencecenter@gmail.com.
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