Schatz to keynote UH Hilo spring commencement

by Ken Hupp

Hawai‘i Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz delivers the keynote address at UH Hilo’s Spring Commencement, scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. at the Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium.

Students have petitioned for a total of 727 degrees and/or certificates from the colleges of Arts and Sciences (464), Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (29), Business and Economics (38), Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (40), and Pharmacy (88), while 32 others are candidates for various post graduate honors and another 36 are seeking the Teacher Education Program certificate.

Schatz, who was raised in Hawai‘i and attended Pomona College in Claremont, CA, was inaugurated as the state’s 11th Lieutenant Governor on December 6, 2010.

During his first year in office, he played a leading role in preparing for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in which 21 delegations met to discuss the future of Asia-Pacific economies. He has also launched the Hawai‘i Fair Share Initiative, which seeks more private and public investment in Hawai‘i. Following the 2011 Pacific tsunami, Schatz helped lead local recovery efforts, including providing $8 million in aid to disaster victims in Japan. Schatz is currently tasked by Governor Neil Abercrombie with helping lead the state’s clean energy efforts and Asia-Pacific relations.

Anthony Holzman-Escareno, an English major with a minor in philosophy, represents the Class of 2012 as student speaker.

Holzman-Escareno, who has maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.95, has earned a number of academic honors, including the Dean’s List for the College of Arts and Sciences, Droste English Scholarship, and has been published in the academic journal Hohonu.

His campus and community activities include more than three years

Fostering educational opportunities for a robust rural health care system

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s mission is to challenge students to reach their highest level of academic achievement by inspiring learning, discovery and creativity inside and outside the classroom. Our kuleana, or responsibility, is to improve the quality of life of the people of Hawai‘i, the Pacific region, and the world.

One of the most urgent needs of our local community is in the area of rural health care. To answer this crisis—which includes a dire shortage of health care professionals—UHHilo is developing and sponsoring myriad educational, support, and outreach programs.

For example, four of the most recently approved degrees at UH Hilo are in health care, including a doctor of nursing practice program. The DNP has been approved by the UH Board of Regents and by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The program will begin August 2012 for post-baccalaureate students and will be open to post-master students in August 2013.

To support UH Hilo undergraduate students interested in receiving a doctor of pharmacy from the University’s College of Pharmacy, there is a mentoring program for up to five students per year. The Steps Toward Excellence in Pharmacy program, or STEP, is an intensive, three-year scholarly preparatory program to address underserved students’ educational, social and economic needs. Mentoring
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with the student newspaper, Ke Kalahea, where he has served as Editor-in-Chief and Sports Editor since Fall 2011. He was also a student representative for the Assessment Support Committee during the 2009-2010 school year and coaches Pop Warner Football for the Wailoa Razorbacks.

Holzman-Escareno’s achievements are all the more remarkable given that he entered college with a troubled past and no high school diploma or GED. He passed the compass test to gain admission to Hawai‘i Community College, and later transferred to UH Hilo, which he described as a place where dreams can be conceived and realized.

“I dropped out of high school in the ninth grade, was locked up in juvenile detention for robbery at the age of 17, and was a product of homelessness and the streets for four-and-a-half years,” Holzman-Escareno explained. “Yet here I am graduating from UH Hilo with honors on the way to attending law school in the fall.”

For more information on Commencement, contact Judith Fox-Goldstein at 974-7555 or email commence@hawaii.edu. For special accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi at 933-0816 (V) or 933-3334 (TTY). Requests should be made at least 10 business days prior to the event.

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is in the form of advising and learning specialists, as well as support from faculty members in the pre-pharmacy program.

The STEP program is modeled after the successful Imi Ho’ola Program at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at UH Mānoa. Priority is given to applicants with strong ties to the state of Hawai‘i and US-affiliated Pacific islands, and students who successfully complete the STEP program are ensured a seat in the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. This type of bridge program creates a pathway for local students to reach their academic goals so they can receive an advanced degree and then dedicate their professional lives to helping their communities. This is a program that has the potential to change the lives of many families in Hawai‘i.

This month, the UH Hilo School of Nursing will sponsor the “Pūlama I Ke Ola Healthcare Conference” for professionals, which also includes a youth program to inspire high school students to pursue a career in health care. Speakers and discussions will focus on current research and clinical practices integrating holistic health concepts to improve health care on our island. Special attention will be placed on health care issues impacting the health of people living in multi-cultural milieu in Hawai‘i and throughout the world. The program will provide updates on current issues and trends affecting health care, and those attending the youth program will have the opportunity to interact with health care clinicians on an informal basis that engenders a meaningful learning experience.

UH Hilo seeks to reflect Hawai‘i, its people, history, cultures, and natural environment, and to embody the concept of a “Hawaiian university.” As a member of the UH System, we embrace our responsibility to serve the indigenous people of Hawai‘i and to kāko‘o or support Hawai‘i’s indigenous language and culture. This responsibility also extends to our efforts in strengthening our rural health care and health care system.

For example, in July, Nā Pua No’eau, a statewide organization based at UH Hilo aimed at raising the educational achievements of Native Hawaiian children throughout the state, will be hosting the “Learning Opportunities in Medicine Institute,” a two-week residential program held on the UH Hilo campus. Hawaiian students in grades 7-12 from around the state will engage in hands-on field experiences, cultural activities, and personal development designed to show how they can make a difference in their community’s health care system. A Native Hawaiian component will be integrated in all the classes to provide students with Hawaiian role models, culture, values, history, protocol, and language. Speakers will include experts in the fields of medicine and health care from UH Hilo’s College of Pharmacy and Department of Nursing, the John A. Burns School of Medicine Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, and the Health Careers Opportunity Program.

These are just a few examples of the way UH Hilo is fostering educational opportunities for a robust rural health care system and revitalized local economy.

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Brown appointed Principal Investigator for Hawai‘i Island Beacon Community

UH Hilo has appointed Dr. Daniel Brown as principal investigator (P.I.) for the Hawai‘i Island Beacon Community (HIBC), a federally funded health care transformation project. As P.I., Brown is responsible for oversight of the project in its final year and will assist with the necessary infrastructure, policies and procedures for HIBC to carry on as an independent nonprofit entity after the project end date. He will also continue to serve as interim vice chancellor for research and economic development, coordinator of graduate programs, and professor of anthropology.

“The Beacon Community project has reached a level of maturity allowing a natural progression toward the establishment of a freestanding nonprofit entity,” said UH Hilo Chancellor Don Straney. “We will support the new nonprofit in its efforts to seek other grants and funding sources to further its vision for the Hawai‘i Island health care system. This success has been made possible by the commitment, support, and engagement of the major health care stakeholders under direction of the former P.I. Karen Pellegrin.

“Dan’s expertise in operations and management will be instrumental in guiding the Beacon Community project through this next phase,” Straney added. “He has extensive administrative experience locally and nationally, and has directly managed complex grant programs at the University. I look forward to the continuation of the Beacon Community project’s advancement under Dan’s leadership.”

Brown has championed the establishment of campus-wide procedures regarding grants and research. His accomplishments include streamlining the grant submission process at the campus, partnering with the UH System to employ an on-campus Compliance Officer, and he is currently working with faculty and staff to develop a strategic plan for research and STEM programs. Over an academic career spanning more than 30 years at UH Hilo, he has secured and overseen dozens of research grants, many of which have focused on ethnic disparities in health and, in particular, type II diabetes and hypertension risk in Hawai‘i.

With Brown joining HIBC CEO and Project Director Susan B. Hunt, HIBC will continue to work to transform health and health care on Hawai‘i Island through collaboration, technology and community engagement.

“It is exciting to see the Beacon project continue to move forward,” said Hawai‘i Island Mayor Billy Kenoi. “Community health organizations are already being empowered under a shared vision to improve health care and the health of all our people. I know the positive impact will continue to grow.”

UH Hilo wins top award at Model United Nations

UH Hilo’s Model United Nations Team, Hui Na Lahui Huipu, captured the highest honor at this year’s Model United Nations Competition by being named an Outstanding Delegation. The competition, held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, annually draws some 3,000 college students representing over 200 universities and colleges from around the world.

UH Hilo’s 14-member delegation was assigned to represent Finland. As Finnish diplomats, they engaged in five intense days of mock UN deliberations presenting their country’s foreign policy positions on 21 issues debated before seven committees. Their preparation also included researching rules of procedure, background and history of the United Nations, as well as refining their skills in speechmaking, caucusing and negotiation.

This is the first time UH Hilo has won an “Outstanding Delegation” award, which is presented to teams that place in the top five percent among the entire field of competition. UH Hilo has turned in strong performances in recent years by winning the second place Distinguished Delegation award four times since 2006, and the third place Honorable Mention once, awarded to teams in the top 15 percent.

The team was led by head delegate Greg Conner. Other members of the “Outstanding Delegation” include club president Elyssa Correia, business manager Mindy Alles, Krista Aoki, Jeffrey Aurelio, Lea Black, Taylor Coons, Rebekah Duncan, Suilan Ho`okano, Heather Huffman Ross, Robyn Taniguchi, Kathy Todd, Conan Vierra and Kelli Yamane.
Hats off to...

**Jan Ray**, Assistant Professor, Education, and Diane Barrett, Associate Professor, Education, co-presented two papers at the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity: “Serving Diverse Learners Through Measuring Teaching Effectiveness” and “From Abstract to Concrete: Using Mathematics Manipulatives to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners.”


**Avis Masuda**, Assistant Professor, Education, and **Michele Ebersole**, Associate Professor, Education, co-wrote “Beginning teachers’ study groups: A place to continue critical conversations about teaching writing,” The New Educator, May 2012.

**Susan Jarvi**, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a grant from the Avian Health and Disease Program USFWS as co-investigator for a project on “A statewide targeted pathogen surveillance study: Diversity of Avipoxvirus and avian malaria (Plasmodium relictum) in native Hawaiian forest birds.” She also received a travel award from the American Association of Immunologists to attend the annual meeting this month in Boston, MA where she presents a poster she co-authored: “Vaccination of endangered Hawaiian geese (Nene, Branta sandvicensis) against West Nile Virus using a protein-based vaccine (WN-80E).” Lastly, Jarvi co-wrote and co-presented “Reducing Angiostrongylus cantonensis infec-

**Michael Marshall**, Professor, Art, had “Untitled – MT #67” selected for inclusion in the 42nd New Prints Show 2012/Summer at the International Print Center, New York, NY that runs May 24 – July 27, 2012. Additionally, he had two recent works selected for last month’s East Hawai‘i Cultural Center’s 36th Annual Spring Arts Festival. The exhibition was juried by Jay Jensen, Curator of Contemporary Art, Honolulu Museum of Art.

**Todd Belt**, Associate Professor, Political Science, had his article, “The 2008 Media Primary: Handicapping the Candidates in Newspapers, on TV, Cable, and the Internet,” accepted for publication in the International Journal of Press/Politics, and his chapter on “Nixon, Watergate, and the Attempt to Sway Public Opinion” was published in Watergate Remembered, Palgrave/MacMillan Press.

**Armando Garcia-Ortega**, Assistant Professor, Fisheries & Aquaculture, received a Program Development Project award from the NOAA Sea Grant College Program, University of Hawai‘i, to conduct research on the “Establishment of a opakapaka broodstock bank at PACRC UH Hilo.” He also co-authored “Toxicity of cultured bullseye puffer fish Sphoeroides annulatus,” Marine Drugs, 2012, 10:329-339.
Learn & grow rich at UH Hilo

by Christine Osterwalder

One of the best things that we offer here at UH Hilo is a continuous learning environment—whether for students, faculty or staff. While I initially thought I was too busy, the most enriching thing that I did this semester was to take advantage of our free faculty/staff tuition benefit, which allows (almost) anyone to take up to six units at no cost (see caveats at end of this article). While I definitely learned some interesting content, what I enjoyed most about taking the classes was how it enriched my own capacity and contributed greatly to my personal growth and teaching enjoyment.

I chose one class—Basic Stagecraft with Rob Abe—because I thought it would provide helpful production perspective on the class I teach most: COM 251, Public Speaking, since public speaking is really about creating an experience, not just transmitting information. I chose the other class—Piano II with Don Boyd—as a personal enjoyment class, which would revamp my rusty piano skills and get me set up for some new music that I want to learn to play.

While taking these classes, I really appreciated having someone else create a learning space for me instead of being the one to plan, manage, coach, and facilitate, which is what happens when I teach. It reinforced the values of expertise and accountability and the resources that we can offer to students. I also experienced the frustration of learning things that don’t necessarily come easily. As adults or graduates, we often pick our own content and choose to learn what interests us; as students, we do not have that luxury. This experience gave me some interesting insight on what my own students go through and got me thinking about how I might be able to increase their readiness to learn.

While I certainly met my expectation of discovering interesting content and exciting new skills, I especially enjoyed experiencing the teaching styles of two of our UHH faculty, since I am used to my own way of doing things. While I’ve met a very enriching variety of students over my five years here at UH Hilo so far, there are always new, interesting people to discover and these two classes were no exception. Seeing Rob and Don in action and watching teaching methods and class dynamics from the inside out gave me new perspective again—always something useful for the teaching toolbox.

Talking with Rob and Don as their colleague also was a great gift. As a result, I found myself problem-solving in new ways and regularly came up with enhancements for my own classes throughout the semester. These quick, hands-on solutions were energizing ways to make learning more relevant and playful while reinforcing my enjoyment of teaching.

Finally, I also enjoyed interacting with the students as a student myself. There were many opportunities to share in the awkwardness of new things; laugh; exchange bits of life stories; consider career goals and paths; encounter human-ness, enjoy each other, and stretch in new ways. So yes, I’m going to take more classes this fall!

If you’re interested in taking advantage of our faculty/staff tuition waiver this fall, here are the fine print details: You must be officially admitted to the University, which means completing a short one-page paper application, at any time from now until the time you wish to enroll. Just stop by the Registrar’s Office to pick it up. Also, there is no enrollment fee for faculty/staff, so don’t complete the online form, which requires payment. Once accepted to UH Hilo, you will be able to enroll in classes after the first day of instruction. For Fall 2012, the enrollment date is August 20, so now is the time to enjoy looking at all the current offerings and decide what you will take. Once enrolled, use your myUH account to add classes. This simplifies the waiver process as well because it is automatically processed, which eliminates your need to complete additional paperwork. To take advantage of the faculty/staff tuition benefit, you need to be employed at least half-time, and any class lab fees and books are not included.

(Editor’s note: Christine Osterwalder is a Lecturer, Communication Department.)

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**UH Hilo Report accepting early sign-ups**

Faculty and staff are encouraged to take advantage of the free opportunity to highlight their news events via islandwide radio by signing up early for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The **UH Hilo Report** is a one-minute feature focusing on non-commercial University news, such as grants, research projects and/or new degrees, expansion plans, outstanding students and/or faculty and staff. The reports air multiple times on New West Broadcasting stations, KPUA, KWXX-FM and B93-FM, and are posted on the UH Hilo website.

If you are interested in having your program, event or news featured on the **UH Hilo Report**, contact Ken Hupp at hupp@hawaii.edu. The first program airs August 20.
New Hilo scholarship honors Lau legacy

Hilo lost a prominent member of the local Chinese-American community with the death of Beatrice Kam Lin Loo Lau on February 15 at the age of 95. Thanks to a $10,000 leadership gift from the Chinese Civic Association of Hawai‘i, one of the many community organizations with which Bea Lau was active, a permanently endowed scholarship has been established at the University of Hawai‘i Foundation in her name and that of her late husband, Ralph K.Y. Lau. Other friends and family members are making additional contributions, and once fully endowed, the Beatrice and Ralph Lau Memorial Scholarship Endowment will provide tuition assistance to future generations of UH Hilo students preparing for careers like the Lau’s in business and/or education.

Beatrice and Ralph Lau were pillars of the local community, working hard, raising three daughters, and volunteering on boards and committees for numerous community organizations in Hilo. Bea taught at Hilo Intermediate and the Ernest B. de Silva School, served as State Library Commissioner and as president of the Chinese Civic Association. She was also a member of the UH Hilo Chancellor’s Advisory Board. Ralph was a co-founder and president of what became the Hilo Downtown Improvement Association, and he served on the Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce committee which worked on the original Merrie Monarch Festival before Dottie Thompson started managing the landmark event. Ralph predeceased his wife, dying in 2009 at the age of 96, only one year after discontinuing his daily commute to manage his rental property business out of the Hilo Dry Goods site.

The Chinese Civic Association’s popular “Taste of Asia” fundraiser was Bea Lau’s brainchild; under her direction, this annual event raised funds to support student scholarships and library materials for Chinese studies at UH Hilo.

In accepting this gift on behalf of the University, Chancellor Don Straney commented, “Mr. and Mrs. Lau touched many lives in Hilo during their lifetimes, and they will continue doing so through the perpetual scholarship that bears their names.”

To make a contribution to honor the Lau legacy in Hilo, contact Margaret Shiba at margaret.shiba@uhfoundation.org or 933-0829. Gifts may also be made online at www.uhfoundation.org/LauMemorialScholarshipEndowment.

Great Leaps at UH Hilo May 2!

Tickets are currently on sale for the May 2 performance of Great Leaps, the traditional end-of-semester dance concert showcasing performances by students in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Department and Hawai‘i Community College. The show begins at 7:30 pm in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center.

Great Leaps features approximately 100 dancers from the various UH Hilo dance classes performing the classics from the ballet Coppélia to a modern musical excerpt from Hairspray. HawCC dancers feature two classes of Aerial Dance and a modern/jazz class contribution.

Tickets are open seating and priced at $6 General, $4 Students/Senior/Child, and available at the PAC Box Office.

For disability accommodation, contact Heidi Veilleux at 933-3209 (V) or 933-3334 (TTY).

UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra in concert

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department, in cooperation with the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center, presents its end-of-semester UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra Cinco de Mayo Concert on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center. There is no admission charge, and donations are welcome.

Under the direction of Trever Veilleux, the ensemble takes the stage for an evening of live rock-jazz-soul music, performing pieces by artists Stevie Wonder, Miles Davis, Frank Zappa, Steely Dan, and others.

Call 974-7310 for more information. For disability accommodation, contact Heidi Veilleux at 933-3209 (V) or 933-3334 (TTY).
The UH Hilo Vulcan Athletic Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for its 16th class of inductees. Categories for prospective honorees are Athlete, Coach, Administrator and Community Member. The nomination deadline is Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Athlete nominees must have completed their eligibility at UH Hilo at the end of the spring 2007 season. Exceptions may be made due to physical/medical reasons. Graduation from UH Hilo is not a requirement, but graduates will receive preference from the selection committee.

Coach, Administrator or Community nominees must have made significant contributions that enhanced the image of Vulcan Athletics. A coach or administrator must not have served the UH Hilo Athletic Department in a paid capacity within the past five years. There is no waiting period for Community nominees.

Previous inductees include: Guy Oshiro and Lance Suyama (Baseball); Gene Arceneaux, Jay Bartholomew, Neville Brandt, Jim DeGroot, Pat Fitzgerald, Frank Gipson, Gilbert Hicks, Mark Lovelace, Bill O’Rear, Ia Saipaia, Nelson Wong, Trevor Wright, James Bradley and Todd Zirbel (Basketball); Karl Honma (Cross Country); Deron Doi and Nick Mason (Golf); Crissy Alnas, Melanie Hipwell, Tracie Lagrimas, Kristy Odamura, Rynée Rodrigues and Melveena Starkey (Softball); Shirley Ah Tou, Carla Carpenter, Joy Downey, Kathy Hong, Pauahi Ioane, Charlene Kahuanaui, Marve Keama, Peka Malae, Edie Manzano, Sheryl Scott, Nalani Spencer, Alofa Tagataese and Cindy Whitworth (1981 AIAW and NAIA national volleyball team) plus individual players Glennie Adams, Flo Alo, Carpenter, Tanya Fuamatu, Kahuanaui, Laurie Kemp, Hae Ja Kim, Lyndell Lindsey, Malae, Manzano, Spencer, Tagataese and Whitworth; Jimmy Yagi (Basketball Coach); Sharon Peterson (Volleyball Coach); Ramon Goya and Edwin H. Mookini (Administrators); and Maggie Carmichael, Wallace Chong Jr., Hugh Clark, Ray Fornof, Tom Goya, George and Marion Hall, Wayne Miyao, James Morita, Dr. John Uohara, Walt Southward and Harvey Tajiri (Community Members).

For more information or a nomination form, call 974-7606 or email kellyl@hawaii.edu.

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The exhibit features the photographs of John and Anne Bowen that were taken as part of a Bicentennial Celebration grant to record the day-to-day life on plantations in the mid-1970s. An opening reception will be held for the public on May 15 from 3-5 p.m. at NHERC. The exhibit will be up for six months and is open 9-4 p.m., Monday through Friday and on select advertised Saturdays. There is no admission charge.

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The NHERC Heritage Center has an expanding collection of photographs, maps and documents in the public Archives and Resource Room. “We are thrilled with the growing community support and interest in our facility as nearly every day someone stops by with old family photos and stories to share,” Naughton said.

The Heritage Center staff, students and volunteers have started an oral history project interviewing elders in the community. NHERC will also be offering a non-credit memoir writing class taught by Jan Wizinowich starting in May to encourage community members to record their life stories.

For more information, contact Momi Naughton at 775-8890 or enaughto@hawaii.edu.
Campus Events

May

2  Last Day of Instruction
   Great Leaps!, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
4  UH President MRC Greenwood visits UH Hilo, 10 a.m., CC 301
   Graduate Form 3: Thesis/Dissertation to Library & Ofc of the Registrar Deadline
5  UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra Cinco de Mayo Concert, 7:30 p.m., PAC
7-11 Final Examinations
11 Last Day to Submit Change of Major Form to Ofc of the Registrar
   Spring Semester Ends
12 UH Hilo Commencement, 9 a.m., Edith Kanakaole Stadium
14 Final Grade Due in MyUH Portal, Noon
15 Last Day to Submit Approved Spring 2013 Curriculum Documents to Registrar