We’ve made great progress this academic year moving the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s new strategic plan and mission forward, and I want to thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to the University. As this academic year closes, I’d like to share some accomplishments of 2012-2013 and the good progress made in implementing our strategic plan.

The new Office of Applied Learning Experiences, or ALEX, was inaugurated with Tom DeWitt, associate professor of marketing, as director. The ALEX office organized two workshops on resume writing and interviewing skills that attracted over a hundred students. Two internship fairs featured dozens of community organizations and businesses offering internships, and an internship summit engaged 110 UH Hilo faculty, area teachers, and community members in discussions about how to expand internship opportunities for students.

Students have petitioned for a total of 765 degrees and/or certificates from the colleges of Arts and Sciences (460), Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (27), Business and Economics (53), Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (46), and Pharmacy (120), while 33 others are candidates for various post graduate honors, and another 26 are seeking the Teacher Education Program certificate.

Gabbard came to Hawai‘i two years after her birth in Leloaloa, American Samoa. She earned a bachelor of science in business administration in International Business from Hawai‘i Pacific University in 2009. She was first elected in 2002 when she became the youngest person ever elected to the State Legislature by winning a seat in the House of Representatives at the age of 21. The following year she enlisted in the Hawai‘i Army National Guard and voluntarily deployed to Iraq in 2004.

She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during Operation Iraqi Freedom, was the first female Distinguished Honor Graduate at Fort McClellan’s Officer Candidate School, and became the first woman to receive an award of appreciation from the Kuwaiti military on her second overseas deployment. Between tours of duty, she worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka in Washington, DC. Today, she continues to serve as a Military Police Captain. Her return to politics took place in 2010 when she won a seat on the Honolulu City Council. In January 2013, she was sworn into office to serve as a member of the Honolulu City Council.
represent Hawai‘i’s Second Congressional District.

Ashlee Kalauli, a mathematics major with a minor in chemistry, represents the Class of 2013 as student speaker. Born in San Diego, California and raised in Honoka‘a, Kalauli attended Kamehameha Schools - Hawai‘i in Kea‘au where she graduated 5th out of 142 students in 2008 with a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

At UH Hilo, she has maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.87 while earning numerous academic honors and awards, including the Ke Ali‘i Pauahi Foundation and Hawai‘i Noyce Teacher’s Scholarships, the Pearson Undergraduate Mathematics Award and the Pearson Outstanding Mathematics Senior Award. She was also among a select group of students chosen for the 2012 Pacific Undergraduate Research Experience in Mathematics (PURE Math) program.

Her extensive campus and community activities include an Orientation Leader and a Student Coordinator for the University’s New Student Programs, math tutor, and host of the First Hawai‘i Noyce Teacher’s Scholarship Math Day. A member of the UH Hilo women’s basketball team from 2009-2010, she served as a referee for the 2009 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

Kalauli will return to the PURE Math program to resume her work as a program assistant. She has also been admitted into the University’s teaching program, and plans to later pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics.

For more information on Commencement, call (808) 974-7555 or email commence@hawaii.edu. For disability accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi at (808) 933-0816 (V) or (808) 933-3334 (TTY). Requests should be made at least 10 business days prior to the event.

(Editor’s note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)
PRT update highlights Strategic Plan Goal 1

by UH Hilo Strategic Plan Progress Review Team (PRT)

Following the completion of the UH Hilo 2011-2015 Campus Strategic Plan, Chancellor Straney appointed a Progress Review Team (PRT) to monitor progress toward implementation and communicate that progress to the UH Hilo community. The PRT began its monitoring work spring 2012 and has provided feedback to the Vice Chancellors and the Office of the Chancellor on several progress reports and draft implementation plans. The culmination of the feedback and collaborative discussions was the development of a Campus-Level Integrated Implementation Plan which identifies the strategic plan initiatives that will be the focus of year one and year two of implementation.

A number of significant activities are under way in support of the UH Hilo strategic plan. In the coming months, the PRT will provide a series of updates highlighting some of these activities. This month we discuss activities in support of Goal 1, which aims to provide learning experiences and support to prepare students to thrive, compete, innovate and lead in their professional and personal lives.

In the December 2012 edition of Ka Lono, Chancellor Straney highlighted the newly established Office of Applied Learning Experiences (ALEX). Under the leadership of Dr. Tom DeWitt, ALEX held an extremely successful Internship Fair designed to connect internship providers and prospective interns. The event, which was held on February 28, 2013, featured 49 employers offering over 90 different internship opportunities. Leading up to the Internship Fair, students were provided with workshop opportunities to improve their resumes and refine their interviewing skills. ALEX plans to host the Internship Fair every semester.

A second major ALEX program initiative is the development of a mentorship program designed to match students with mentors in the community who have expertise in the student’s desired career field. Recruitment of community mentors began February 2013. Mentors and mentees will meet regularly to discuss career paths and professional development. A kick-off reception for the mentorship program was held during the ALEX Applied Learning Summit on April 12, 2013. ALEX will host additional networking events throughout the year to bring mentors and mentees together.

Also in support of Goal 1, the Division of Student Affairs is reorganizing academic advising to improve the effectiveness of delivery and to enhance the student experience including retention and graduation rate. The initial phase of the planned enhancements is currently underway. For example, the Advising Center is providing advising on general education/graduation requirements and advising regarding the impacts of a change-of-major for all students. The Advising Center is also piloting several new advising methods, including mandatory advising for students identified as being at risk of dropping out of college.

Look for highlights of what UH Hilo is doing to achieve Goals 2 through 6 of the Strategic Plan in future articles from the PRT.

Mahalo!

2nd Big Island Water Resources Meeting addresses freshwater, coastal water resources

UH Hilo recently hosted over 40 researchers from universities, local and federal agencies, as well as natural resource managers and community planners to share information about their past, current, or future projects regarding freshwater and coastal water resources on the Big Island at the 2nd Big Island Water Resource Meeting held March 25th on the UH Hilo campus.

Effects of climate change, invasive species, development, and pollution on Big Island water resources, as well as cultural and traditional Hawaiian management use and practices were discussed by presenters, specifically ecohydrology, hydrology, ecology, and biogeochemistry of freshwater and coastal resources.

“This meeting was a great opportunity for the water resource community to share information about their ongoing projects and brainstorm on collaborations that will allow us to more effectively manage and protect our island’s water resources,” said Dr. Tracy Wiegner, associate professor of marine science and event chair. “We hope to make this meeting an annual event.”

UH Hilo, Hawai‘i EPSCoR, and Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science (PIPS) funded and provided logistical support for the meeting.

Highlights of the presentations can be found at: http://www.epscor.hawaii.edu/content/big-island-water-resources-conference-ii.
Hats off to...

Drew Martin, Professor, Marketing, co-authored “Designing advertising campaigns for destinations with mixed images: using visitor campaign goal messages to motivate visitors,” Journal of Business Research, 66(6), 759-764 where he served as guest editor for June’s edition of Journal of Business Research titled, “International tourism behavior in turbulent times.” He is also the recipient of the 2013 Michel Laroche Outstanding JBR Associate Editor Award, an award created 20 years ago that has been awarded only twice before Martin.

Charmaine Higa McMillan, Assistant Professor, Psychology, presents research results entitled, “Taking a Lesson from Usual Care: Predictors of Use of Evidence-Based Practices for Youth,” at the Seattle Implementation Research Conference this month in Seattle, WA.

Robert Fox, Professor Emeritus, has been elected chair of the American Educational Research Association’s School Choice Special Interest Group. He will begin his two-year term upon the conclusion of AERA’s national meeting in San Francisco early this month. The announcement was made in the March 2013 issue of Highlights magazine.

Alex Nagurney, Instructor, Psychology, authored and co-authored the following recently-accepted publications: “The effects of positive versus negative emotional disclosure on mental health,” North American Journal of Psychology; “Facebook use and relational conflict as predictors of negative relationship outcomes,” Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking; and “Basic psychological needs in predicting exercise participation,” Advances in Physical Education.

Jiren Feng, Assistant Professor, Chinese, has been accepted as a Visiting Scholar at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan from May to August 2013 where he will conduct research on the relationship between Confucian statecraft and science.

Todd Belt, Associate Professor, Political Science, had his paper on “Righting the Canoe: The Slow Recovery and FY 2013 in Hawai’i” accepted for publication in the California Journal of Politics and Policy.

Steve Herman, Associate Professor, Psychology, created an interactive continuing education workshop for psychologists entitled “Common Errors in Forensic Child Sexual Abuse Evaluations,” which is available online from the American Psychological Association. Herman will present the workshop for child abuse, law enforcement, and other professionals at the 9th annual Jornada de Estudos Sobre Abuso Sexual Infantil in Porto Alegre, Brazil this month.
First Hawai‘i Sustainability in Higher Education Summit held

Over 200 faculty, staff, students and administrators from all 10 campuses of the UH System, Hawai‘i Pacific University, Brigham Young University – Hawai‘i, Chaminade University, and the University of Phoenix – Hawai‘i participated in the First Hawai‘i Sustainability in Higher Education Summit held April 11-12 on the UH West O‘ahu campus to address sustainability initiatives and planning for a comprehensive sustainability policy.

“A strong theme of the event was the importance of the integration of Native Hawaiian culture and values into the growing statewide higher education sustainability initiative,” said Dr. Cam Muir, UH Hilo associate professor of biology who assisted with organizing the event.

The Summit offered workshops and presentations to assess and solicit feedback on the draft UH System Sustainability Policy and to share insights from the diverse campuses. Student forums were also held to plan intercampus coalition. Over 40 presenters also shared operational, academic, student, and community outreach programs and projects.

Guest speakers included Leith Sharp (who attended from Australia via Skype), chair of the Sustainable Futures Academy and Harvard sustainability instructor, Kamuela Enos, social enterprise director, Ma‘o Organic Farms, Matthew St. Clair, sustainability manager, University of California Office of the President, UH President MRC Greenwood, John Morton, UH vice president for community colleges, and Jeffrey Acido, UH student regent.

“The Summit achieved the goal of the conference, which was to refine a draft UH System Sustainability Policy and to provide an opportunity for building cross-campus collaborations by sharing best practices,” Muir explained.

The draft UH Sustainability Policy will be revised based on participant input and reviewed by the UH Council of Chancellors.

L-R: UHHSA President Michael Sado, Sodexo GM Bridget Awong, and UH President MRC Greenwood participate in UH’s First Hawai‘i Sustainability Summit.

Lauhala symposium May 3, 4 at HPA

The UH Hilo North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC) and Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy (HPA) invite the public to a “Symposium on Sustainability and Traditional Pacific Island Arts: The Art of Lauhala, Form and Function,” on May 3 & 4 at the HPA Gates Performing Arts Center. There is no charge for May 3, but there is a $55 fee for May 4.

The purpose of the symposium is to celebrate and educate people on the important role lauhala fiber work traditions played in the settlement and development of the Pacific region. The two-day event includes lectures, talk story sessions, a fiber arts exhibition, and weaving workshops and demonstrations given by some of Hawai‘i’s leading lauhala fiber artists.

Special focus will be given to the role native Hawaiian weavers from Hawai‘i Island have played over the last century in the development and perpetuation of this fiber art form, especially in the making of lauhala hats. A highlight will be a talk story session with Kona resident and master weaver Aunty Elizabeth Lee, who is the founder and director of Ka Ulu Lauhala O Kona, an organization dedicated to perpetuating the art of lauhala weaving.

Call NHERC at 775-8890 for event details.
Pharm2Pharm begins connecting patients with pharmacists on Maui and Kaua‘i

Consulting pharmacists on Maui and Kaua‘i are now helping patients at risk of medication-related hospitalizations and ER visits through Pharm2Pharm, a project from The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) UH Hilo.

The project, located in the UH Hilo DKICP’s Center for Rural Health Science and led by Karen Pellegrin, launched on Maui in February and on Kaua‘i earlier this month. Plans are to expand the services to Hawai‘i Island in June.

Funded by a $14.3 million CMS Health Care Innovation Award, Pellegrin and her team are using a model of care that is designed to improve quality and reduce costs among elderly and others at risk in Hawai‘i’s rural counties of Maui, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i.

“By offering these consulting pharmacist services, we can improve the quality of life for our elderly population,” said Pellegrin, who is director of Strategic Planning and Distance/Continuing Education for DKICP. “In addition, we can make healthcare in Hawai‘i more sustainable by preventing hospitalizations and ER visits.”

Patients who may benefit from the services are identified by the hospital consulting pharmacists, who begin working with the patients on medication management issues while they are still in the hospital. At discharge, the patient is formally connected to a community consulting pharmacist, who continues providing medication-management services for a year.

“I have been encouraged by the reaction from the physicians and pharmacists in our rural communities,” Pellegrin said. “Everyone has been extremely positive about this additional patient care.”

Maui-based Anita Ciarleglio and Kaua‘i-based Roy Goo, both assistant professors of pharmacy practice for DKICP, are leading the hospital component of the project. Additional project partners are: Hawai‘i Community Pharmacist Association, Hawai‘i Health Systems Corporation, Hawai‘i Pacific Health, Hawai‘i Health Information Exchange, and Hawai‘i Health Information Corporation.

All consulting pharmacists participating in the Pharm2Pharm service are required to complete an eight-hour continuing education program. Some DKICP student pharmacists are now receiving experiential training, called rotations, using this model.

“The goal of the Pharm2Pharm project is to achieve the three-part aim of the CMS Innovation Center: Better health, better care, lower cost,” Pellegrin said.

Waipa memorial scholarship concert set for May 5

A number of well-known island musical organizations will come together to perform at the Clarence Waipa Memorial Scholarship Concert on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center (PAC). The concert will feature music Waipa arranged or performed with numerous choral organizations during his lifetime.

Herbert Mahelona, music director at Kamehameha High School, Kea‘au, and Michael Springer, UH Hilo graduate and a protégé of Waipa, have prepared special musical arrangements of repertoire taken from classical music, Hawaiian standards, and tunes that were standard fare for Waipa’s singers.

An orchestra of local musicians has been formed for the concert, with vocalists from the University Chorus and the UH Hilo Kapili Choir, under the direction of Amy Horst, and the Kamehameha High School chorus, directed by Mahelona. The Kamehameha Alumni Choir, also under Mahelona’s leadership, opened its doors to singers from St. Joseph High, Sing Out Hilo, and the Seventh Day Adventist Choir to round out the ensemble numbers on the program.

Waipa, who passed away in 2011, hailed from Keaukaha, and graduated from California State University in Los Angeles. He returned to Hilo in 1967 to teach music, art, theater and Hawaiian history at St. Joseph High for over 30 years. During his lifetime, he trained many of the musicians who are working in choral music on the island of Hawai‘i. The concert was created to ensure other generations would be enriched by Waipa’s musical legacy.

All tickets are open seating, priced at $12 General, $10 Senior, and $7 UH Hilo/HawCC faculty, staff, alumni, students, and children 17 and under. Tickets are available at the PAC Box Office, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 974-7310.

All proceeds from the concert will go toward Performing Arts scholarships at UH Hilo. Those wishing to make donations to the scholarship fund can do so by contributing to the UH Foundation, Performing Arts Center Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Jackie Pualani Johnson at jpjohnso@hawaii.edu.
**UH Hilo Soul Session 2013 on tap**

The UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra performs Soul Session 2013 on Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 pm in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center.

Under the direction of Trever Veilleux, the Jazz Orchestra is comprised of UH Hilo students. The concert features live rock-jazz-soul music, including performances of music by artists such as Frank Zappa, Dizzy Gillespie, James Brown, Chick Correa, Steely Dan, Duke Ellington and Meatloaf.

The concert also pays a tribute to the great soul singers of the 1960s, featuring special guest vocalists Ka‘iulani Lum-Ho, Justin Chittams, Kimo Apaka, Lilinoe Kauahikaua, Josh Timmons, Scott Wuscher, Christina Hussey, Kawai Soares, and choreography by Dori Yamada.

Admission is $7 General, $5 Seniors, Students & Children, and is an open seating event.

For more information or to order tickets, contact the Box Office at 974-7310 or artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

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After 37 years as coach of UH Hilo Men’s baseball Team, Joey Estrella’s Vulcans rewarded him with double header wins April 13. He was presented with proclamations from Mayor Billy Kenoi, State Senate, House of Representatives and County Council members. Chancellor Don Straney apologized that he did not have a proclamation to present Estrella, but said, “I have a space in UH Hilo’s history reserved for you.” From L-R: Chancellor Straney, Councilman Dennis Onishi, County of Hawai‘i Corporation Counsel Lincoln Ashida, Senator Gil Kahele, Coach Estrella, State Reps Mark Nakashima, Richard Onishi, Clift Tsuji and AD Dexter Irvin.
Campus Events

May

1  Last day of instruction
   Last day to completely withdraw with a “W”

2  UH Hilo 2013 Awards and Recognition Celebration, 3 p.m., UCB 127
   UH Hilo Soul Session 2013, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

5  The Waipa Memorial Scholarship Concert, 2 p.m., PAC, Admission

6-10  Final examinations

10  Spring semester ends

11  UH Hilo Spring Commencement, 9 a.m., Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium

13  Final grades due in MyUH portal, noon

31  Graduate Form 4 for spring graduates: Certificate of Completion of Degree Requirements due to Ofc of the Registrar