Parker Ranch executive to keynote spring commencement

by Ken Hupp

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo will be joined by Neil “Dutch” Kuyper, president and CEO of Parker Ranch Inc. and Paniolo Power Company, as keynote speaker at spring commencement on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium.

Students have petitioned for a total of 724 degrees and/or certificates from the colleges of Arts and Sciences (422), Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (33), Business and Economics (39), Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikolani College of Hawaiian Language (42), and Pharmacy (160), while 28 others are candidates for various post graduate honors.

Born and raised on O‘ahu, Kuyper graduated from Punahou School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Occidental College and a graduate degree in business from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

Kuyper was named to his current position in 2011, after more than 20 years as a senior executive on the mainland and in Asia. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer with Capricorn Investment Group in Palo Alto, California, and held the same position with Morgan Creek Capital Management following extensive experience with Wellington Management, Boston Consulting Group, and Coopers & Lybrand.

In his present capacity, Kuyper oversees a 130,000-acre cattle operation that produces 10 million pounds of beef per year. He is also responsible for carrying out the legacy and vision of the late Parker Ranch heir Richard Smart in addition to fulfilling the responsibility to the Trust’s beneficiaries and the Waimea community.

Graduates’ future plans show value of a UH Hilo degree

by Chancellor Don Straney

As we close the 2013-2014 academic year, the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo has much to celebrate. Our Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikolani College of Hawaiian Language moved into its beautiful new building. Faculty and staff have worked long and hard to establish the College as a leader in indigenous language and cultural revitalization. At long last, they have a permanent home in a facility that is worthy of the quality programs that have earned them international recognition.

The State Legislature has included funds in the budget for a new facility for our Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, the only accredited pharmacy school in Hawai‘i and the Pacific. Funding of the building, which will house teaching and research of importance to the entire State, will allow us to move forward without jeopardizing accreditation.

But nothing makes us prouder than the accomplishments of our students and their plans for the future. This month we celebrate Spring Commencement, and I’d like to share with you some news about the extraordinary work of several students from the Class of 2014. These students are shining examples of the value of earning a degree at UH Hilo.

A transfer student graduating with a bachelor of arts in marine science has been awarded a highly competitive fellowship with The Nature Conservancy.
While cattle ranching remains a vital element, new and diverse industries are currently being developed. Kuyper sees Parker Ranch emerging as a leader in sustainability, which he believes is both “good policy and good business.”

His plans include transitioning much of the ranch’s beef production back to the island from the mainland. He is also advancing multiple wind and solar projects in addition to those which already produce enough energy to power its own water system. Among the proposals being studied is a plan to step up renewable energy development and install a micro-grid to reduce energy costs for the ranch as well as the Waimea and Kohala communities.

Dylon Koehn, a linguistics major, represents the graduating class as student speaker. Originally from Greeley, Colorado, Koehn transferred to UH Hilo two years ago. He has maintained a 3.52 GPA and made the Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language Dean’s List the past two semesters.

Koehn has shared his passion for learning with others by serving on the linguistics board for incoming freshman, where he encourages new students to explore multiple academic paths to make the most of their educational experience.

Koehn’s post graduate plans include spending six months to a year overseas, helping a non-profit or relief organization. He’s also considering applying to graduate school to earn a master’s in linguistics upon his return. His long-term goal is to become a translator or work full-time in a non-profit that could employ his language skills.

Among those receiving their degrees is Earl Harbin, who will complete a journey that began in 1957 when he graduates with a double major in Political Science and Administration of Justice. With his degrees, Harbin plans to continue his work in trauma literacy.

He will start after completing the QUEST program, our summer field scientific diving course. In his fellowship he will participate in a full-time capacity for two years in the Marine Conservation Fellowship Program, a joint project of The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The goal of the program is to train Marine Fellows to become the next generation of marine conservation leaders in Hawai‘i.

Three students graduating with bachelor of science degrees in geology have been invited to join a bioarchaeological workshop in Central Transylvania, Romania. Two of the students have been working with the National Park Service at Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park and have continued invitations to work there next year when they return.

A native Hawaiian student graduating with a bachelor of science in agriculture with a certificate in Hawaiian culture is already working with a non-profit to revitalize lo‘i, or taro patches, in Waipio Valley. Describing herself as a scientist and a farmer, she is creating projects in aquaponics and helping start a student-led farm. Her goals are to understand her ancestors’ traditional knowledge and implement sustainable technologies.

A star psychology major is deciding between two offers for graduate school. A graduate student in our counseling psychology program is going on to a doctor in philosophy program.

A graduate student in the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science program, whose thesis is on subterranean systems that may help inform the management and conservation of these unique ecosystems, has applied for several jobs with emphasis on Geographic Information System work and field entomology, both of which were integral to his graduate study. (GIS is a computer system designed to capture and analyze all types of geographical data.) He will be presenting his thesis at several conferences this summer prior to submitting for publication. His hope is to generate interest in his study and to continue PhD work over the next several years; he plans to continue research in Hawai‘i. Of note is that this student also received his bachelor of arts in geography with a minor in geology from UH Hilo.

UH Hilo is preparing students to meet the workforce needs of our Island and State. Our 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. UH Hilo is working hard to graduate students who will create a bright future for our Island and State.

Aloha,
Hats off to...

**Jon Goebel**, Assistant Professor, Art, was recently awarded a $10,000 grant from the Hawai‘i Community Foundation’s Laila Twigg-Smith Art Fund to help support UH Hilo’s Summer Art Institute programming. The funding will help support two high profile visiting artists who will offer workshops during SAiH, exhibit their works, and provide lectures open to the community. Goebel was also recently awarded a UH Hilo Faculty Travel Award to attend the Southern Graphics Council International Conference in San Francisco, CA where he exhibited in a major international show, “Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books III,” held at San Francisco State University in tandem with the SGC International Printmaking Conference.

**Jerry Calton**, Professor, Management, is the principal author of a refereed journal article, “Building partnerships to create social and economic value at the base of the global development pyramid,” to appear in the 2014 Journal of Business Ethics.


**Julie Adrian**, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, is the lead author on “Development of the Veterinary Medicine Rotation Component of the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences Curriculum,” published in the spring edition of Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning.

**Linda Connelly**, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, presented a poster on her research on “Regulation of osteoprotegerin expression in breast cancer cells by nuclear factor-kappaB” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research last month in San Diego, CA.

**Aaron Jacobs**, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, presented a poster on his research, “Heat shock-mediated suppression of ODC protein expression in colorectal cancer cells,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research held in San Diego, CA, last month.

**Patricia Uber**, Professor, Pharmacy Practice, was an invited speaker at the 34th Annual International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation in San Diego, CA last month and spoke on “Immunosuppression: Induction and Maintenance” in the ISHLT Academy: Core Competencies in Nursing, Health Science, and Allied Health. She was also invited to speak on “Progression of PAH: Where Do We Go From Here?” in the “A Lifecycle Journey in Pulmonary Hypertension” at the same conference.


**Patsy Iwasaki**, Lecturer, Communication & English, gives a talk on her manga graphic novel, Hamakua Hero: A True Plantation Story, on May 17 at 2 p.m. as part of the “Crossing Cultures: The Art of Manga in Hawai‘i” event at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i on O‘ahu.

**Jiren Feng**, Assistant Professor, Chinese, has been invited by Fudan University in China as one of 30 leading scholars to attend its international conference on “Repainting the Style of Medieval China: Multiple Perspective Landscapes of Knowledge, Faith and Society” in November 2014. Feng will contribute a paper, “Scholarship and Craftsmanship: Architectural Knowledge in Tang and Song Societies.”
UH Hilo hosts HELP Symposium May 2

UH Hilo hosts the Spring HELP (Highly Engaged Learning Placement) Symposium on Friday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Campus Center 301. The event is free and open to the public.

The bi-annual symposium is designed to promote awareness of the needs in Pacific Island communities and the work of Pacific Islander college students in community-based projects that impact their education and community. The HELP program is part of the high-impact student employment initiative at UH Hilo’s Pacific Islander Student Center (PISC).

Undergraduate students from UH Manoa’s Center for Pacific Islands Studies will present their research on a wide range of community-based projects conducted as part of the BA capstone project. Topics by the graduating students include ways that voyaging has strengthened Pacific communities on O’ahu, how teens contribute to family finances with after school jobs, healthcare for migrants in Hawai‘i, and couponing to save on household expenses. For a complete schedule on the program, visit http://help.pacificstudents.org/symposium/.

The symposium will also feature a special lunchtime keynote presentation by Dr. Denise Uehara on “Pacific Islander Students Navigating Success at UH Hilo.” Uehara, an assistant professor in the College of Education at UH Manoa, will discuss the preliminary findings from research on Pacific Islander students at UH Hilo.

The Spring HELP Symposium is sponsored by UH Hilo’s Pacific Islander Student Center and Pacific Islands Studies Certificate, UH Manoa’s Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Office for Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity (SEED), and Friends of Operation Manong.

Registration is not required, but highly recommended and can be done online at http://help.pacificstudents.org/registration/. Those who register early will receive a complimentary parking pass.

For more information, contact Vidalino Raatior at 932-7718 or email raatior@hawaii.edu.

Scholarships available for Summer Art Institute Hilo program

The UH Hilo Art Department is offering six scholarships for its Summer Art Institute Hilo program, taking place June 23 to August 1, 2014.

These competitive awards will provide a half tuition waiver for Hawai‘i residents who wish to attend SAiH. Scholarships will be based on department portfolio and/or transcript review and statement of interest. The deadline to apply is May 9.

The scholarship application is available at: http://goo.gl/AwGdkn.

For more information on SAiH, view: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/~art/summer-art-institute.

Information session for UH Hilo School of Education’s MAT

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo School of Education is offering an information session on admission requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching Cohort on Monday, May 5, 5-6 p.m., in UCB Room 312.

The MAT is a 36 credit-hour program that leads to teacher licensure after Year One and a masters degree in Year Two.

For more information, contact Travis Nakayama at 932-7109 or travisn@hawaii.edu.

Additional information can be found at: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/depts/education/MasterofArtsinTeaching.php.

End of the Year Celebration

The University ‘ohana is invited to the 2014 Awards and Recognition Celebration on Tuesday, May 6, 3-4:30 p.m., in UCB 127.

The program includes recognition of retirees, years-of-service awards, and award recipients. This year’s UH Hilo awards are the Distinguished Service Award for Improving Student Life, Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance, Excellence in Service, Pulama ‘Ike, Koichi and Taniyo Taniguchi Award for Excellence and Innovation, and Student Employee of the Year.

Light refreshments will be served.

See you there!
UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra presents
*Swing Thing* May 8th

The UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra presents its spring concert, *Swing Thing*, on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center. The 25-piece Jazz Orchestra is comprised of UH Hilo student musicians under the direction of Trever Veilleux.

The concert celebrates the great swing bands of the 1930s as well as those from the swing revival. Classic repertoire such as *In the Mood* by the Glenn Miller Orchestra will be performed alongside more modern pieces like *Zoot Suit Riot* from the Cherry Poppin’ Daddies. The UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra will be joined by special guest vocalists and dancers performing original choreography by Dori Yamada.

The concert also features the award-winning Honoka’a High School Jazz Band under the direction of Gary Washburn.

Tickets are $7 General, $5 Discount, Students with a valid ID, and Children 17 & under and available at the Box Office, Tuesday - Friday, 9 am-1 pm, on school days. To order by phone, call 932-7490, or order online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

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UH Hilo Great Leaps is May 3!

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department presents two performances of the Spring 2014 Great Leaps Dance Concert on Saturday, May 3 at the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center (PAC). Show times are 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The show features performers from the dance classes at UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College (HawCC) dancing in styles ranging from classical, ballet, contemporary, jazz, and aerial, choreographed by Annie Bunker, Celeste Staton, Kea Kapahua, and special guest choreographer Dori Yamada. The concert also features a senior project presentation by Performing Arts Major Sarah Goo.

Advance ticket purchase is recommended due to the popularity of the event. Tickets are $7 General, $5 for UH Hilo/HawCC Students, Seniors, Faculty, and Children 17 and under, and are available online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu or by calling 932-7490.
Campus Events

May

2  Spring HELP Symposium, 9-7 p.m., CC 301
   Graduate Form 3: Thesis/Dissertation to Library and Office of the Registrar deadline

3  Great Leaps!, 2 p.m., 7:30 pm, PAC, Admission

5  MAT information session, 5 p.m., UCB 312

6  End of Year Celebration, 3 p.m., UCB 127

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

8  Spring Thing, UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

12-16  Final exams

15  Last day to submit approved Spring 2015 Curriculum Documents to Registrar

16  Spring semester ends

17  UH Hilo Commencement, 9 a.m., Edith Kanakaʻole Tennis Stadium

19  Final grades due in MyUH portal at noon