Bank of Hawai‘i executive to address UH Hilo fall graduates

by Ken Hupp

Wayne Y. Hamano, vice chair and chief commercial officer for Bank of Hawai‘i will keynote the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s fall commencement, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, December 19, at the UH Hilo gymnasium. A total of 269 students are candidates for various degrees and certificates representing the Colleges of Arts and Sciences (219), Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (11), College of Business and Economics (31) and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (8).

Hamano joined Bank of Hawai‘i in 1977 as a commercial credit analyst, but left in 1987 to pursue an opportunity to manage a small local business. He resumed his career with the bank in 1993 when he returned to work in the Corporate Hawai‘i Division and Special Assets Department.

A member of the bank’s Managing Committee since 2006, Hamano served as senior executive vice president and chief commercial officer before being promoted to his current position in December 2008. His responsibilities include overseeing the Hawai‘i Commercial Banking Division, Corporate Banking, Leasing, Dealer Commercial Services, Commercial Real Estate Loan Division, and Cash Management Division.

He also has responsibility for the bank’s Pacific Island Division that includes operations in Guam, Saipan, Palau and American Samoa.

A Hilo High School graduate, Hamano earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

New logo unveiled

An over-capacity crowd packed the UH Hilo gymnasium as the new Vulcan logo was unveiled on November 7.

After months of committee reviews, re-designs and touch-ups, the unveiling culminated when former Athletic Director Ramon Goya, former Basketball Coach Jimmy Yagi, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Luoluo Hong and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs Dr. Debra Fitzsimons pulled the cords that unfurled the new logos before the roaring crowd.

The new logo sports an updated “V,” which represents the volcano. The red flame erupting from the “V” symbolizes enlightenment as well as fire from the volcano and Vulcan, the Roman God of Fire. The white, internal part of the flame, suggests the sail of a Hawaiian canoe or pe’a.
and is a graduate of the University of Washington’s Pacific Coast Banking School.

Active in his community, Hamano serves on various boards, including the UH Hilo Advisory Board, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i and the Metro YMCA, where he is also a member of its finance committee.

Gladys Tong Hoi Yee, a business administration major, represents the graduating class as its student speaker. At 18, Tong will become one of the youngest students to ever earn a four-year degree from UH Hilo. She was schooled in her native Singapore, Hong Kong and Mainland China before enrolling at UH Hilo, where she has maintained a 3.34 grade point average while completing work on her degree in just two-and-a-half years.

Tong’s campus and community service is extensive. She most recently served among a select group of students for the College of Business and Economics during its recent Maintenance of Accreditation review team visit from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Students met with the accreditation team and participated in the strategic planning process of the College.

Tong also helped new, transfer, returning and exchange students become familiar with UH Hilo and the local culture this past year as a student orientation leader. She directed publicity for the International Student Organization’s International Nights and United Nations Day, served as advertising manager for the student newspaper Ke Kalahea, and worked as a docent at the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center.

After graduation, Tong plans to pursue a master’s degree in the Global Business Communications Program at Tsing Hua University in Beijing, or apply to become an inspector with the Hong Kong police force.

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

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A thousand Vulcan rally towels bearing the new design by the UH Hilo Media Graphics team of Susan Yugawa and Darin Igawa were given to the fans who watched the Vulcan volleyball team cap a 25-1 season with a season-ending victory.

Susan Yugawa and Darin Igawa are recognized for their creation.

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Kimura heads ‘Imiloa

Ka’iu Kimura has been appointed as interim executive director of the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i. Kimura replaces Peter Giles, who served as ‘Imiloa’s executive director since 2005.

Kimura joined ‘Imiloa as the Hawaiian content research specialist during its planning phase in 2001 and later served as the Center’s experience coordinator. She most recently held the position of associate director with the additional responsibility for all visitor experiences as well as planetarium, educational, exhibit, cultural and cultural landscape programming.

“Ka’iu brings a wealth of experience to this position, combined with energy and drive,” Chancellor Rose Tseng said. “She also embraces ‘Imiloa’s mission to integrate science and culture, which will enable her to build on the Center’s accomplishments and take it to the next level.”

Kimura was raised in Waimea and graduated from Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus. She returned to the Big Island to attend UH Hilo where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Hawaiian studies. Kimura says she is humbled and excited about the opportunity to head ‘Imiloa.

“I’ve watched and participated as the Center has evolved from its development, through its opening and beyond to its operational phase,” Kimura explained. “And I’m constantly amazed at how ‘Imiloa pursues its greater mission to inspire and provide greater opportunities for our youth and the community-at-large in the area of scientific innovation through a living and dynamic world view of our Hawaiian culture.”

Kimura said she wants to see ‘Imiloa develop more creative educational programming to engage Hawai‘i’s youth and inspire them to become the next generation of innovation leaders. She also plans to continue developing ‘Imiloa as a place for meaningful dialogue to promote scientific advancement and innovation.

Campus closures information

Due to difficult budget times, UH Hilo and campuses across the UH System will be closed on the following during the 2009-2010 academic year:

- December 21, 2009 – January 1, 2010 (Winter Break)
- March 22-26, 2010 (Spring Break)

During these dates, UH Hilo will “power down” most buildings on campus. Most University personnel in Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 will be on leave with pay during these dates, and only a small number of essential campus services will be available on a limited or reduced basis.

Although some important details to the campus closure are still being finalized, here is information to plan accordingly:

- Building safety systems, elevators, lighting systems, and power will continue to be operational
- Faculty are requested to disconnect computer equipment, personal refrigerators, window air conditioning units, and other non-essential electric devices
- Air conditioning will be shut down or reduced for much of the campus
- Deans and Directors have provided information where air conditioning or other services must remain operational for the safety of animals and/or equipment. Once requests have been analyzed by Administrative Affairs, the campus will be notified as to which buildings or areas will continue to have services.
- Final day to use the P-card is Dec. 7 for billing cycle that ends Dec. 14; for next billing cycle, P-card may be used beginning Dec. 15, 2009.
- All deposits to Business Office must be submitted by 4 p.m., Dec. 17. The Cashier window for transactions will be closed on Friday, Dec. 18.
- Campus Security will have reduced staff coverage but guards will patrol campus and be available for emergencies 24/7
- Custodial/maintenance coverage will be provided only as needed relative to essential services
- Ongoing construction projects scheduled during Winter Break, including repairs, maintenance, and improvements, will continue
- All campus entrances except the main one from Kawili Street will be closed

For updates, go to www.uhh.hawaii.edu/campus_closures. This is the main source of information for the campus community.
Hats off to...

Kirsten Mollegaard, Assistant Professor, English, had her paper, “Gendered Space: Men and Myths in the Wild West,” published in the last print edition of Nord Nytt. Nordisk tidskrift for etnologi og folkloristik. 106-107 (Sept 2009): 21-32. Nord Nytt has changed its name to Kilden and is available online at etnologi-online.dk.

Walter Dudley, Professor, Oceanography, was an invited member of the USGS Tsunami Survey Team in American Samoa and the International Tsunami Survey Team in Upolu and Savai’i in Samoa. Dudley studied tsunami run-up, flow depth, sediment transport, documented the scientific survey work and conducted 31 video interviews with tsunami survivors, which will be used to better understand the level of pre-event knowledge of tsunamis, human reaction to the event, and post-event response and recovery.


Misaki Takabayashi, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, presented in October “Incorporation of Native Culture in University Curriculum: What Can a Non-Native Professor Do?” at the National Science Foundation Tribal Universities and Colleges Program workshop in Albuquerque, NM at the invitation of Quality Education for Minorities Network (QEMN) and the UH Hilo Keaholua STEM Program.

William Mautz, Professor, Biology, and colleagues have the research paper, “Nocturnal Foraging in a Diurnal Tropical Lizard (Squamata: Gekkonidae: Phelsuma laticauda) on Hawaii Island,” in press in the Journal of Tropical Ecology.

Christopher Lu, Professor, Professor, Animal Science, presented an invited paper on “Comparative studies between conventional and organic lamb production” at the Joint Meeting of 4th International Symposium on Sheep and Goat Production and 2nd National Forum of Goat Milk Industry held in Joao Pessoa, Paraiba, Brazil, last month.

Bryan Kim, Professor, Psychology, co-authored a chapter on “Theories and research on acculturation and enculturation experiences among Asian American families” in the Handbook of Mental Health and Acculturation in Asian American Families.

Jean Ippolito, Associate Professor, Art, had her paper, “Art Commodities from Japan: Propagating Art and Culture via the Internet,” accepted for publication in the International Journal of the Arts in Society. The paper was initially presented at the Arts in Society Conference held in Venice, Italy in late July.

Terrance Jalbert, Professor, Finance, and Karla Hayashi, Writing Coordinator, had “University Rankings by Cost of Living Adjusted Faculty Salaries” accepted for publication in International Journal of Management and Marketing Research. The paper is co-authored with Mercedes Jalbert.


Bill Sakai, Professor, Horticulture, co-authored with colleagues and students “Coloration and Growth of Red Lettuce Grown under UV-Radiation Transmitting and Non-Transmitting Covers” and “Gibberellic Acid Induced Flowering of Paphiopedium (Macabre x glanduliferum)” in Acta Hor-
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Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, is included in “Degrees of Distinction,” featuring 24 artists and art historians educated from the Department of Art and Art History at UH Manoa who are recognized for their work and contributions. The exhibition is on display at the UH Art Gallery until December 11, 2009. Miyamoto also recently presented work in “Evolution and Change,” a juried national print exhibition at Old Town Gallery in Tustin, CA. The exhibit was curated by Patrick Merrill, long-time director of the Kellogg Gallery at California State Polytechnic University.

Enbao Wang, Associate Professor, Political Science, had his book The Origin, Process, and Outcome of China’s Reforms in the Past Hundred Years: The Chinese Quest for National Rejuvenation published by the Mellen Press. The book is a study of China’s recent rise from a Chinese perspective, focusing on Chinese strategy, reforms, foreign policy and achievements as well as challenges China is facing for national rejuvenation.

John Pezzuto, Dean, College of Pharmacy, co-authored “Suppression of TNFalpha induced NFkB activity by gallic acid and its semi-synthetic alkylgallates: Possible role in cancer chemoprevention” accepted for publication in Natural Product Research. He also has a paper on “Unraveling the Relationship between Grapes and Health,” co-authored with Ken Morris, accepted for Journal of Nutrition.

Linda Connelly, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, co-authored “Structure-based design, synthesis, and evaluation of 2’-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2’-deoxyadenosine and the 5’-diphosphate derivative as ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors” published in the 2009 journal ChemMedChem. She also co-wrote “Evaluation of analogs of reutericyclin as prospective candidates for the treatment of staphylococcal skin infections” that appeared in the 2009 journal Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

R. Scott Holuby, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, was invited by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to participate in the North American Pharmacy Licensure Exam standard setting conference held last month in Mount Prospect, IL.

Ken Morris, Professor, Pharmaceutics, participated in an advisory board meeting for the Food and Drug Administration’s Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science and Clinical Pharmacology held in September. He also co-authored “Evaluation of the use of Ea (Activation Energy) as a Quantitative Indicator of Physical Stability of Indomethacin Solvates: Methanolate and Tertiary Butyl Alcohol Solvate” that ran in August’s journal Crystal Growth & Design.

Dianqing Sun, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, co-authored “Structure-based design, synthesis, and evaluation of 2’-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2’-deoxyadenosine and the 5’-diphosphate derivative as ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors” published in the 2009 journal ChemMedChem. He also co-wrote “Evaluation of analogs of reutericyclin as prospective candidates for the treatment of staphylococcal skin infections” that appeared in the 2009 journal Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

Anthony Wright, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, co-authored a paper with John Pezzuto, Tamara Kondratyuk, Eun-Jung Park and others entitled “Cancer Chemopreventive and Anticancer Evaluation of Extracts and Fractions from Marine Macro- and Micro-organisms Collected from Twilight Zone Waters around Guam” accepted for publication in Natural Products Communications.

Shuguang Li, Associate Professor, Mathematics, presented an invited talk on Artin’s conjecture in October at the international Integers Conference.
UH Hilo hopeful for campus initiatives despite economy

The current economic situation means even more scrutiny than usual for capital improvement projects. Even so, much-needed construction projects will hopefully be approved and funded for the UH Hilo campus, University Relations Director Gerald De Mello told an audience of community members at a late October breakfast.

Chancellor Rose Tseng echoed that by saying UH Hilo’s growth is vital to ensure continuity of the University’s niche as an economic engine in the community.

“As an economic engine that directly and indirectly pumps $240 million in the local economy each year, we believe that the success of the University and that of the community are one in the same,” Tseng noted. “Our goal is really about partnerships. Our mission as an evolving, comprehensive university requires partnerships with businesses, science and technology.”

“The Science and Technology Building is a three-story building where we’ll move our chemistry and physics departments, and we’re probably looking at an opening in January 2011,” De Mello said later. “The building will probably be done by late 2010, but we need to fit it with lab equipment, which will take awhile. But by 2011, we should be moving people in and having a nice blessing to welcome the facility on campus.”

Another nearly shovel-ready project is the new Student Services Building addition adjacent to the current building, which De Mello described as “bursting at the seams.” A $27 million price tag for the project has been appropriated and construction bids should go out shortly.

“The current building was originally built for a campus of 1,000 students. Now, we’re at nearly 4,000, and we’ve got these various services for students dispersed throughout the campus,” De Mello said. “What this new building will do is centralize a lot of operations. Currently, at the beginning of the semesters, even in the rain, we have a line of students from the Business Office into the parking lot. That’s really, really bad. The new building would consolidate a lot of the services, such as Registration, Financial Aid and a lot of support programs into one area to better serve our students.”

De Mello said the addition of two more modules for the College of Pharmacy’s initial facilities should come to fruition soon “to have the area become a quad.” He said the approximately $3 million total price tag would be financed with a combined $1 million donation from the J.M. Long Foundation, and hopefully with revenue bonds.

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2009, held at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA.

Kay Daub, Professor, Nursing, attended the 35th Annual Transcultural Conference in Seattle, WA, where she received the Leininger Breakthrough Award. The award is based on significant contributions and breakthroughs in the field of transcultural nursing.

Jeanie Flood, Associate Professor, Nursing, presented her co-authored paper, “Methodological Quality: A Critical Review of the Qualitative Breastfeeding Literature” at the International Institute of Qualitative Methodology 10th Annual Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference, held in Vancouver, BC in October.

Student activities close fall Focus on UH Hilo

Focus on UH Hilo closes its fall schedule of programs with a preview of two signature student initiatives, scheduled for spring 2010. The show is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng and airs live Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00–8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

The guest lineup for the December 2nd telecast includes Mikiala Akiona, who will preview the 2010 UH Hilo Ho‘olaule‘a, scheduled for next month on campus. Also appearing will be Student Service Corps Coordinator Ke‘ala Barnett. She will discuss the “Break Thu Adventures” project that takes place during spring break.

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.
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Construction continues for the $50 million Keaukaha Military Reservation Armed Forces Reserve Center, which is scheduled for completion in January 2011. UH Hilo has been working in concert with the military and the state for the conveyance of this 3.75-acre site housing the current Army Reserve facility once its occupants are settled into their new center near Hilo International Airport.

“We would very graciously have the facility conveyed to us as is and retrofit it to work for us in terms of a campus facility,” De Mello said. “We’re planning classrooms, definitely, and possibly Auxiliary Services. We were thinking about it at one time for Administration, but they need to be more centrally located on campus. Further, some of the folks who are now off-campus will be able to get back on-campus.”

A project that De Mello said seems to resonate with the University Board of Regents is its request to the state legislature for dollars to construct a permanent facility for Ka Haka ‘Ula Ō Ke’elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language building.

“That would be the first classroom building above the flood-control channel,” he said. “That project has a really high priority because those folks have been dispersed across the campus at three different locales. In one office in Kanaka’ole Hall, about 120 square feet, 15 people or so use the three computers there, lecturers and other staff. So the availability of space is a top priority for them at UH Hilo. They’ve grown in enrollment. They’re serving nearly 1,000 students. They’re doing curriculum development, they’re doing media and telecommunications, they’re doing a lot of distance education and teacher education, and they’re also conference hosts to a lot of indigenous peoples from across the globe who come to our campus to learn how to model their respective language programs. With a new facility, they could have their own classrooms and be more centralized. That, we would like to see move forward.”

De Mello said the flood-control channel presents the opportunity for planners to come up with what he described as a “campus promenade or river park.”

“The 55 acres in back of the YMCA, the Army Reserve Center and the Church of the Holy Cross, that’s all part of UH Hilo,” he said. “The flood-control channel runs all the way back there so it’s an opportunity to cultivate sort of a river walk, if you will, going all the way up to ‘Imiloa and into the part of the campus above Komohana Street. It would be a nice, scenic addition to the campus if we can think that through and work into a plan. The flood-control channel also crosses a good portion of our campus so we need to think about where we can have pedestrian walkways — and of course, vehicular access as well. That means that the whole area above the flood-control channel, up by ‘Imiloa and above Komohana Street, should be planned accordingly.

“The County Board of Water Supply has notified us that when we build additional facilities on campus, we will need additional water resources,” he added. “So when we’re ready to build more student housing, when we get our permanent College of Pharmacy building, when we look at astronomy base facilities at University Park, for long-term water needs for the University, it would be prudent to get that water development for us. That’s actually planning for perpetuity, beyond 2025.”

De Mello said that centralization needs to be the major theme in planning for the 593 acres on the main UH Hilo campus.

“Where do we put certain buildings?” he mused. “It’s prudent to consider cluster facilities so the walking distance on campus is more reasonable, all within a 10- to 15-minute time period. How do we make the best of our vehicular roadways? How do we provide better access for students going from one building to the next? Covered walkways? Where do we put our student housing? This is a birds-eye view of the many things that we need to consider and take a hard look at.”

Both Tseng and De Mello emphasized that the success of the University could not be possible without the interest and championship of the Big Island’s legislative delegation and the State’s Congressional delegation.

“We owe a big debt of gratitude to them all for their championship and advocacy of the University of Hawai’i at Hilo,” Tseng said.

Nā Pua No‘eau celebrates 20 years on Dec 11!

UH Hilo’s Nā Pua No‘eau celebrates its 20-year anniversary and invites all of its former students, staff and family members to join them at the UH Hilo Campus Center Cafeteria on December 11 from 6-9 p.m. There will be entertainment, heavy pupus and testimony by former students and staff. There is no admission fee.

“This will mark a significant milestone in Hawaiian education for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo,” said Dr. David Sing, director of Nā Pua No‘eau. “The goal of the Center is to raise the educational and career goals and aspirations of Hawaiian children and their families. More than 10,000 students have participated in Nā Pua No‘eau over the years and 25% of the current Hawaiian student population at UH Hilo is former Nā Pua No‘eau students.”

For more information, call the Nā Pua No‘eau office at x47678.
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