State schools chief to keynote UH Hilo Fall Commencement

by Ken Hupp

State Schools Superintendent Kathryn S. Matayoshi delivers the keynote address at UH Hilo’s fall commencement, scheduled for Saturday, December 18 at 9 a.m. in the UH Hilo New Gym.

A total of 270 students are candidates for degrees and/or certificates. The undergraduates and their respective colleges include: College of Arts and Sciences (216), Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (9), Business and Economics (28) and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke’elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (3). Another 14 students are candidates for various post-graduate honors.

Matayoshi, the daughter of former Big Island Mayor Herbert Matayoshi and noted community leader Mary Matayoshi, graduated from Hilo High School. She earned a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Carleton College.

Matayoshi joined the Department of Education as Deputy Superintendent in 2009 and became Acting and Interim Superintendent in January 2010 following the retirement of Patricia Hamamoto. In September, Matayoshi was appointed to a four-year term as Superintendent by the State Board of Education. As the head of public schools, she has pledged to implement the necessary changes to ensure students receive a world-class education and graduate college and career ready.

Prior to joining the DOE, Matayoshi had a long, distinguished career in the private, government and non-profit sectors. Her most recent positions include Executive Director of the Hawai'i Business Roundtable, President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Links Hawai'i, Chief of Staff, City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and

UH System budget proposal designed to increase graduation numbers

A new budget model with real implications for UH Hilo has been proposed by the UH System to the Hawai'i State Legislature. While UH continues to submit program change requests to the legislature, this year UH is also proposing that a portion of any new appropriations to UH for the 2012-2013 biennium be allocated to the campuses based on (1) enrollment increases and (2) performance benchmarks achieved by each campus.

This proposal broadly supports President Greenwood’s Hawai'i Graduation Initiative, which aims for a 25 percent increase in the number of UH degrees and certificates awarded by 2015.

The new budget model gives campuses incentives to attain certain benchmarks — most having to do with graduation numbers — set by the System’s “Strategic Outcomes and Performance Measures” published in 2008.

“I need to put everyone on alert that we may risk funding if we don’t attain System benchmarks,” Chancellor Donald Straney cautions. “The outcomes are independent of each other, but we’ll only achieve the full funding if we meet or exceed the targets for each measure.”

Enrollment Funding Component

The System has requested that $5 million next fiscal year and $10 million the following year be placed in an enrollment funding pool. These new funds would be allocated to those campuses show-
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Director of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. She also held positions at Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stiefel, and served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Samuel P. King. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Aloha United Way and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, and is a charter member of the Hawai‘i P-20 Council.

Kelli Makino, an accounting and business administration major, will deliver the student address. Makino, who carries a 3.97 GPA, was born in Hilo and is a 2006 graduate of Hilo High School. She came to UH Hilo on a Chancellor’s Scholarship, which is awarded to outstanding graduates from Hawai‘i high schools.

Her academic honors include being on the Dean’s List since Fall 2006, the 2008-2009 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Hawai‘i Society of Certified Public Accountants Award in Accounting, 2009 Ka Lama Ku Student Leadership Recognition Award, Fall 2009 Alpha Theta Kappa Outstanding Senior Award, and the College of Business and Economics Rising Senior Recognition Award.

Makino also serves as a member of the College of Business and Economics (CoBE) Student Advisory Group on AACSB Accreditation, a CoBE mentor, Chancellor’s Scholars Club Treasurer, Accounting Club Fundraising Committee member, and a New Student Programs Orientation Leader.

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 ten business days prior to the event.

(Editors note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

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Outcomes Funding Component

The UH System proposal includes a total of $10 million in FY 2011-12, to be distributed to campuses that meet performance benchmarks, and $20 million in FY 2012-2013. Based largely on the System’s 2008 “Strategic Outcomes and Performance Measures,” the five performance outcomes to be tracked are:

- Number of degrees/certificates awarded
- Number of degrees awarded to Native Hawaiian undergraduates
- Number of undergraduate STEM degrees
- Number of Pell grant recipients
- Transfers to UH Hilo from the community colleges

The amount potentially available to UH Hilo for meeting ambitious targets would be $843,000 in FY 2011-2012 and $1.687 million in FY 2012-2013. “Sixty percent of this funding depends on UH Hilo’s meeting the benchmarks for the first performance outcome: overall number of degrees and certificates awarded. UH Hilo would need to award 653 degrees and certificates for the first year’s funding and 679 the following year. Straney warned against overconfidence.

“The number of degrees and certificates awarded has fluctuated quite a bit from year to year, though we’re seeing a long-term trend upward,” he said.

The remaining performance outcomes each represent 10 percent of the total. Straney added that UH Hilo has about 23 percent Native Hawaiian students and, with excellent programs to serve them, graduation numbers should continue to increase. UH Hilo has also expanded its STEM programs in the past decade. Moreover, Pell grants and community college transfers are also extremely important to our University.

Straney said, “we should take these goals to heart and talk about how we are going to meet them while being careful to maintain the quality of our programs. Quite apart from whether the budget proposal passes the legislature, we need to support the Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative because it’s the right thing to do for our students and for the state of Hawai‘i.”

Details of the UH System proposal may be seen in the budget presentation made to the Board of Regents by Vice President Howard Todo: http://www.hawaii.edu/budget/pdfs/BOR 2011-13 Biennium Budget Presentation Final_09-01-10.pdf. The website of UH Hilo’s Long Range Budget Planning Committee is also a source of information on all aspects of UH Hilo’s budget: http://lrbpc.uhh.hawaii.edu/.
Laying the foundations and clarifying identity - beginning the strategic planning process

by Sian Millard and the Strategic Planning Committee

Following appointment by the Chancellor in October, the Strategic Planning Committee met on November 3rd and again on November 17th to lay the foundations for the strategic planning process. Part of this was to ensure that we all understood our charge, roles and responsibilities, communications and the timeframe that we’re working with – i.e. recommendation to the Chancellor of a 2010-2015 UH Hilo Strategic Plan by the end of May 2011.

It was also important to ensure that we started off with a shared understanding of what strategic planning is and what it is not, so members took time during the first meeting to brainstorm these two aspects and come up with shared definitions. These are available on the strategic planning website at www.hilo.hawaii.edu/strategicplan, but the essence of them is that we are committed to developing a strategic plan in collaboration with all UH Hilo stakeholders that is targeted, clear, concise, measurable and implementable.

Whilst we have taken time to ensure that we laid the foundations for the planning, we are now keen to begin the process. We have several key targets to meet, and the first of these is to clarify UH Hilo’s identity by revising its mission and vision. We will take on this task during December and January.

We will first review the outcomes from the preplanning phase (survey consultation and listening tour findings), along with relevant quantitative data that give us a sense of the current position of the University. From that evidence, we will identify key directional issues that we’d like to bring to the campus for consideration and will likely hold an online consultation and face-to-face ‘town hall’ style meetings to seek your views. Following feedback, we will draft the full mission and vision and invite further comment on them.

Our next steps following the development of the mission and vision will be to identify and draft the University’s key goals and related actions. We will issue further information about our plans for this stage at a later point.

We are committed to making the planning process fair, transparent and evidence-based. To support that commitment, you can follow our progress and discussions by accessing our meeting agendas, papers and minutes at www.hilo.hawaii.edu/strategicplan/strategicplanningcommittee. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sian Millard at uhhplan@hawaii.edu or x33297, or any member of the Committee.

(Editor’s note: Sian Millard is strategic planning coordinator.)
Hats off to...

John Hamilton, Instructor, Physics & Astronomy, and Christian Andersen, Lecturer, Physics & Astronomy, were awarded the Group Achievement Award by NASA Administrator Charles Bolden for their work with the ISRU Resolve Team as part of their UH Hilo PISCES research. The award was for “outstanding efforts for the development and deployment of Regolith and Environment Science and Oxygen and Lunar Volatile Extraction System at a lunar analog site.”

Shawon Rahman, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, is co-author of “Architecture and Design of Medical Processor Units for Medical Networks,” published in the recent International Journal of Computer Networks & Communications.


Adam Pack, Associate Professor, Psychology and Biology, had his paper, “The synergy of laboratory and field studies of dolphin behavior and cognition,” published in the International Journal of Comparative Psychology.

John Pezzuto, Dean, College of Pharmacy, served as keynote speaker at the first international scientific conference of “Resveratrol and Health” in Helsingor, Denmark in September. Pezzuto is well known for the discovery of resveratrol, a bioactive component in grapes and wine that is believed to help prevent cancer. He presented “The Phenomenon of Resveratrol: Redefining the Virtues of Promiscuity” that will be published in the Annals of the New York Academy of Science.

Ben Chavez, Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, was appointed incoming vice-chair for the Abstracts and Awards Committee for the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, a national professional organization.

Mahavir Chougule, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, has a research article in press, “Inhalation delivery of a novel diindolylmethane derivative for the treatment of lung cancer,” in Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, the journal for American Association for Cancer Research. He also presented research in two poster sessions at FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences 2010 World Congress in association with the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Annual Meeting and Exposition held last month in New Orleans.
UH Hilo to offer “one stop” Student Services Center

by Debi Brockman

Construction of a new Student Services Center is scheduled to begin in the spring and according to Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, this new building is “a marvelous endeavor for the University.

“The 35,000 square-foot, three-story structure will greatly reduce any stress new students have experienced in the past,” Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs Fitzsimons added. “Students will be able to complete all the activities they need to become a full-fledged UH Hilo student and complete registration for classes under one roof.”

One-stop student services centers are fast becoming the trend in servicing students on campuses across the United States, offering students the convenience of completing all their registration and academic support needs in one location. Units and staff providing services to students become more efficient and effective in how they respond to student needs.

All of the programs that students need to support their college success will be housed in the Center: Admissions Office; Office of the Registrar; Financial Aid Services; and the Cashier’s Office will be located on the first floor. The Advising Center, Career Development Services, Disability Services, Counseling Services, the Women’s Center and the new Health Promotion Program will be located on the second floor while the Offices of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students and other student support staff will be located on the third floor.

“For prospective students, the ‘one stop’ center will make it easier to obtain info about college, applying for admission, enrolling for classes, and securing financial aid,” Fitzsimons explained. “Current students will no longer have to walk from building to building to register, meet with their advisor, get academic assistance, and pay their fees.”

Dr. Luoluo Hong, vice chancellor for student affairs, stated, “Those of us who work here at UH Hilo tend to see our units as separate and distinct. But students see us as just one university. We need to reduce the ‘runaround’ that we put students through and be much more coordinated and seamless in how we deliver services. This new building is one giant, positive step forward in changing how we meet students’ needs.”

The UH Hilo Student Services Center is tentatively scheduled to open in 2012.

(Editor’s note: Debi Brockman is a communication & administrative support specialist.)
A Holiday Card to Hilo 2010

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center presents A Holiday Card to Hilo 2010 on Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m.

“Take a break from the stress of the season to enjoy some of your favorite holiday music,” said PAC Manager Lee Dombroski. “The UH Hilo Symphony Orchestra will play excerpts from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite, Sleigh Ride, and feature original works by elementary students from Keaau Elementary, Kamehameha Schools and Haili Christian. UH Hilo’s Kāpili Choir, the Concert Choir, and the Symphony Orchestra will perform the world premiere of Tony Adam’s Another Merry Christmas as well as a special arrangement of Frosty the Snowman, commissioned by the symphony.

“As an extra special holiday offering, guest soloist Amy Yamasaki will join the symphony to perform excerpts from Handel’s Messiah,” she added.

Tickets are reserved seating and priced at $12 General, $7 Discount and $5 UH Students/Children and are available at the UH Hilo Box Office Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., by calling x47310, or by ordering online at: artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

‘Imiloa to be featured on December Focus on UH Hilo

The ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i will be featured in this month’s Focus on UH Hilo as the show wraps up its fall schedule. The show airs during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

The guest lineup for the December 1st program includes ‘Imiloa’s Executive Director Ka’iu Kimura and Marketing and Public Relations Manager Jeff Harman to discuss the latest programs and initiatives taking place at the Center.

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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UH Hilo Diversity Symposium seeks presenters

The UH Hilo Diversity Committee is sponsoring a Diversity Symposium on February 16, 2011 from 9-5 p.m. in Campus Center 301 and UCB 127 and is currently seeking presentations from faculty, students and community members that facilitate discussion about research, papers, projects, or performances that address the symposium theme: Diversity: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Health.

The event kicks off with the “Awakening the Dreamer Workshop,” facilitated by members of the Pachamama Alliance. Pachamama’s two-fold mission is to preserve the Earth’s tropical rainforests by empowering the indigenous people who are its natural custodians and to contribute to the creation of a new global vision of equity and sustainability for all.

“This informative, inspiring, imaginative, and interactive symposium has the potential to connect people to their passions and one another in ways that will foster sustainability and social justice, that can generate new synergies and alliances,” said Dr. Catherine Becker, associate professor of communication and Diversity Committee chair.

The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 the Decade of Education for Sustainability and 2010 the Year of Biodiversity. “For some, sustainability has come to represent development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations,” Becker said. “However, sustainability has also been associated with environmentalism, primarily as a movement of middle and upper-classes that often doesn’t speak to disenfranchised groups. That is why the focus of this year’s Diversity Symposium is to encourage conversations that examine the intersection of sustainability with diversity, social justice and health.”

To apply as a symposium presenter, send a one-page submission describing the presentation, desired learning outcomes, and the amount of time requested, to Becker at beckerc@hawaii.edu by December 15. For more information about the Pachamama Alliance or the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium, go to http://awakeningthedreamer.org/.

Tickets prices are $6 General, $4 UH students and faculty, senior citizens and children, and available at the Box Office Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., by calling x47310 or online at http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

Great Leaps at UH Hilo Performing Arts Center

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department presents the dance concert Great Leaps on Wednesday, December 8, and Thursday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

This year’s performance features over 150 dancers in original works by instructors, Celeste Staton and Annie Bunker, including ballet, modern and jazz. Performing Arts students Kimo Apaka and Cristina Hussey will sing a Frank Sinatra medley to accompany the Dance Ensemble.

Performing Arts major Heather Cloud presents her culminating senior project of original choreography depicting relationships and uncertain decisions. The Performing Arts Learning Center, under the direction of Jackie Seaquist, will do a Bollywood-style dance based on the Hindu legends of Radha and Krishna. Cheryl Aue and her students will do a tap dance number.

Hawai‘i Community College’s aerial dance classes will take to single-point trapezes directed by Annie Bunker. Great Leaps veteran Dori Yamada brings live Taiko drums to the stage to accompany her piece, “The Age of Invisible Demons: A Futuristic Fable.” And UH Hilo dancers Babatunji Johnson, Grady Sullivan and Stephanie Shepherd are showcased in original works encompassing hip hop and contemporary dance.
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