Top corporate executive to keynote UH Hilo spring commencement

by Ken Hupp

Constance H. “Connie” Lau, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI), will deliver the keynote address at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo spring commencement scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium.

A total of 448 students representing the College of Arts and Sciences (377), College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (20), Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (21) and College of Business and Economics (30) are candidates for various degrees or certificates.

Lau, who graduated with honors from Punahou School in Honolulu, earned her juris doctor law degree from the University of California’s Hastings College of Law, a master’s degree in business administration from Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business, and a bachelor of science degree from Yale University. She began her career as a corporate attorney in San Francisco and has been involved in finance, law, real estate development, investments and international business.

At HEI, Lau oversees the holding company for two major Hawai‘i firms. Hawaiian Electric Company provides electricity for 95 percent of the State’s residents, while American Savings Bank is its third largest financial institution.

She has held numerous executive positions with HEI companies since joining Hawaiian Electric (HECO) in 1984, including, Treasurer of the parent company, Assistant Corporate Counsel and Treasurer for HECO, and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of HEI’s international power subsidiary HEI Power Corporation. Lau became Senior Executive Vice President and COO of American Savings Bank in late 1999. She was
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promoted to president and CEO in 2001 and held those positions until assuming her present duties in 2006.

Lau is one of just 26 female executives in charge of a Fortune 1,000 Company. She has been recognized nationally as one of the 25 most powerful women in banking by US Banker Magazine, has been ranked twice in the “Fast Lane” top five for transforming American Savings Bank into a fast growing player in Hawai‘i’s business community, and was 2004’s “Business Leader of the Year” at the Pacific Business News Business Leadership Hawai‘i event.

Active in community affairs, Lau has headed or served on the board of several educational and non-profit organizations, including Kamehameha Schools, Punahou School, the Consuelo Zobel Alger and Maunalani Foundations, Charles Reed Bishop Trust, Hawai‘i Bankers Association and Hawai‘i Community Reinvestment Corporation.

Timothy Fallis, who is majoring in English literature and religious studies with a minor in philosophy, will deliver the student address.

Fallis has maintained a 3.93 GPA while balancing the dual responsibilities of a full-time student and a full-time machinist, making parts for instruments used by the Mauna Kea Observatories. His academic honors include the Presidential and Honors Program Scholarships, Martin Doudna Award, Big Island Federal Credit Union Academic Scholarship, and the English Department’s “Best Critical Analysis Award.” He has also been named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List seven times, and completed the University’s Honors Program.

Fallis has been active in various campus and community endeavors, as a two-time team captain for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and editor-in-chief of the Hohonu Academic Journal. His address will focus on the purpose of a college education and its implied responsibility.

For more information on Commencement, contact incoming Commencement Coordinator Judith Fox-Goldstein at x47555 or email commencement@hawaii.edu. For special accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi at x30816 (V) or x33335 (TTY). Requests should be made at least ten business days prior to the event.

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

“Approaching 2010 – Addressing Hawai‘i’s Health Disparities”; UH Hilo BSN program hosts 2008 health conference this month

“Approaching 2010 – Addressing Hawai‘i’s Health Disparities” is this year’s theme for the Pulama I Ke Ola Healthcare Conference hosted by the UH Hilo Baccalaureate Nursing Program on May 21-22 on campus. Leading professionals will be investigating critical research, practice, and policy related to cancer, dementia, diabetes, and heart and lung health.

The unique conference format offers distinct pathways for healthcare professionals and youth considering a career in the healthcare industry. The youth program promises to be a meaningful learning experience for high school students by exposing them to healthcare issues and opportunities to interact with healthcare professionals. All high school students, whether a conference participant or not, are invited to enter the Pulama-sponsored poster and essay contests for monetary awards.

The conference includes a host of speakers from multiple disciplines, including nursing, social work, and psychology. The conference will feature Dr. Cheryl E. Easley, president-elect of the American Public Health Association. She will present insights into the roles and responsibilities healthcare providers have in addressing client needs while respectfully balancing the right each person has to quality health care. Easley’s presentation is sponsored by the Hawai‘i Public Health Association, which will be holding its annual meeting at this conference.

Co-hosts for this fifth annual conference are the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Hilo, Hawai‘i/Pacific Basin AHEC, Hawai‘i Public Health Association & Ke Anuenue AHEC.

Call 933-1661 (Nurse CARE project office) or email lauramr@hawaii.edu for more information, conference fees and registration or log on to: www.uhh.hawaii.edu/depts/nursing/pulama. High school students should see their career counselor for conference fees, registration, and contest rules. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Participants of the Pulama I Ke Ola Healthcare Conference receiving Reiki therapy demonstration as part of the holistic program incorporated into the conference schedule.
Moore selected to head UH Hilo’s new Student Life Center

by Ken Hupp

Timothy A. Moore has been selected as director of UH Hilo’s new Student Life Center. Moore was selected following an extensive nationwide search and will assume his duties on June 1, 2008.

“Tim’s extensive knowledge and experience, combined with his abundance of positive energy and enthusiasm will serve him well in this important position,” said Dr. Luoluo Hong, vice chancellor for student affairs. “He has all the qualifications to be an outstanding director.”

Moore presently serves as associate director of recreational sports at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas. He has worked in the department since 1992, and played an integral role in planning and implementing the campus’ recreation center expansion project.

His extensive background in college recreational sports administration spans more than 17 years. During that period, he has worked in a wide range of areas, including facilities planning, budget oversight, program development, risk management, marketing and promotions, and program assessment.

Moore earned both a BS in physical education and an MA in sports administration from the University of Louisville. He is also an active member of the National Intramural & Recreational Sports Association.

“UH Hilo’s commitment to becoming a premier residential campus is evident with the construction of the new Student Life Center,” Moore said. “I’m honored to have been selected for this position, and look forward to fulfilling the Center’s vision of creating a comprehensive and thriving recreation program that will become the focal point of an involved and connected campus community.”

Phase I of the Student Life and Events Center Development will provide students with a wide range of health, fitness and recreational activities. The 22,600-foot structure adjacent to the Athletics complex will include a fitness room, aerobics, martial arts, human performance testing, an Olympic-size swimming pool, an open covered deck, classrooms, lockers and shower facilities, a weight room, and a juice bar or indoor café. The facility is scheduled to open in Fall 2008.

“As we look forward to Tim’s arrival and the opening of the Center, I want to thank the search committee, chaired by Jim Mellon, for a job well done,” Hong said. “Our search attracted a number of high caliber candidates, which made the selection process a tremendous challenge.”

College of Pharmacy gears up for Class of 2012

UH Hilo’s College of Pharmacy announces that over 1,000 applications have been received for the Class of 2012. This represents an increase of nearly five-fold over the number the College received last year.

“We envision having a class of 90 students composed equally of in- and out-of-State residents,” commented Dr. Ed Fisher, associate dean.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) conducted a site visit April 21 through April 24, 2008, which should lead to the College of Pharmacy being granted Candidate Status this summer. Currently, the College has hired a total of 11 new faculty and staff members.

CCECS reaches out and up

by Dr. April Komenaka Scazzola

The College of Continuing Education and Community Service is experiencing exciting new challenges as it expands its offerings and its outreach.

At the North Hawai’i Education and Research Center (NHERC), the brand-new two-story classroom and office building we call “Phase 2” is completed. By summer, NHERC will have a permanent director and a distance learning coordinator who will serve all students enrolled in UH Hilo online programs.

NHERC offers UH Hilo credit and non-credit courses to the people of North Hawai’i and serves as a community center for the area. We are especially proud of NHERC’s very successful engagement of Honoka’a High School students in UH Hilo credit courses through the Running Start program.

The English Language Institute (ELI) provides instruction in Academic English to non-native speakers of English so that they use English proficiently for admission to and success in UH Hilo degree programs. The ELI has been approved for accreditation candidacy by the national Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEPA).
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The process will include participation in accreditation workshops, an intensive year-long self-study, and a site visit. CEPA accreditation will document the ELI’s success and will enable the Institute to attract students preparing to enter other US institutions as well as our own.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of UH Hilo (OLLI) is seeking funding for its fourth year from the Osher Foundation. Aimed at developing noncredit courses—“learning for the joy of learning”—for those aged 50 and above, the $100,000 annual grant has enabled CCECS to offer learning opportunities in subjects from the politics of the 2008 presidential campaign to the Japanese koto to the history of chocolate. Expect more and more courses with intellectual content as we involve more UH Hilo faculty in offering OLLI courses.

Dori Yamada and Marisa Miyashiro, two of CCECS’s creative coordinators, recently went to the OLLI annual conference to learn how other OLLIs grow membership and curriculum and stir up intellectual fires. Dori and Marisa networked with OLLI executives and with other coordinators from the 140+ OLLIs at universities across the country.

Summer Session 2008 promises to be the biggest ever, with a wide range of credit courses from Anthropology to Women’s Studies. Registration began April 17 and classes have already begun to fill. Summer online courses are attracting students from across the state and beyond.

Marine Science’s signal summer program—our oldest special program and always the youngest in spirit—has been renamed “Summer Splash” and is now the portal for new marine science majors. Director Dr. Jason Turner says, “This program allows students to enroll in our introductory summer courses, to get to know Marine Science faculty and staff, and most importantly to get a leg-up on credits towards their degree while literally jumping into the marine environment.”

SeniorNet, now in its 12th year at UH Hilo, continues to expand as more older people learn about the pleasures and powers afforded by the internet and computers. The well-equipped SeniorNet Center, located at the Manono campus, offers a full range of courses for beginners as well as the advanced. This year the Faculty Development Lab in UCB is helping by hosting several SeniorNet mini-courses on the Apple environment and software. The classes, taught by SeniorNet instructors, have attracted much interest.

All of these efforts contribute to CCECS’s long-term goals of expansion of DL offerings throughout the state of Hawai‘i; extending and enriching OLLI, SeniorNet, and ELI programs, and offering rich lifelong learning opportunities for all residents of the island of Hawai‘i.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April Komenaka Scazzola is interim dean, CCECS.)

WASC update

by Dr. April Komenaka Scazzola

The WASC team that visited UH Hilo March 18-20 will produce a report for our accrediting commission that will guide many of our institutional activities for years to come.

The team of five university administrators, led by J. Michael Ortiz, president of California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, came to campus to check on our progress on four issues raised during our last WASC review: resources and strategic planning; faculty governance; diversity in faculty and curriculum; and educational effectiveness.

Over two tightly scheduled days, the team met with 46 committees and groups and by conference call with UH System President David McClain and two of his top administrators. They lunched with faculty leaders on the 18th and with Allan Landon, chair of the Board of Regents, on the 19th. Spare moments were spent in the CAS Dean’s Conference Room, designated as the team room, where they worked their way through four file boxes of documents.

Members of the team capped the investigative part of the visit by meeting with five departments selected by the team as of special interest: Political Science; Business Administration; English; Marine Science; and Psychology.

On the 20th, the team presented their major findings at an exit interview in UCB 127 and touched on some of the recommendations they are likely to make in their official report.

Among the team’s numerous commendations: our successful efforts in gaining funding for building projects and faculty research from federal, legislative, and community sources; the evolution of the faculty Congress and its leadership in General Education and in student learning assessment; the $40,000 allotted each year to assessment projects; and the contributions of Keaholao-STEM and Kipuka to student diversity and success.

Recommendations came in the four major areas identified by WASC. The team, for example, recommended that we continue efforts to make our planning and budgeting processes more transparent. They promised to recommend to the UH System that the PCR system no longer force campuses to compete with each other.

They recommended that the college deans assume more vigorous academic leadership and form a council, working together to cooperatively meet college needs. College senates and the University Congress, they urged, should formally clarify their distinct roles in faculty governance.

The University, the team recommended, should institutionalize current efforts to diversify faculty and the curriculum and should strive to include other under-represented groups and cultures as well as native Hawaiians and native Hawaiian culture.

They made two recommendations to bring student learning assessment into departmental practice: allow programs to develop plans in lieu of program review reports,
Chancellor Rose Tseng recently addressed the National Science Board in Arlington, VA, where she discussed UH Hilo’s strong commitment to integrating science education and research with local cultural values and the importance of the University’s relationship with the NSF. Tseng appeared at the Board’s invitation and was accompanied by student Toni Makani Gregg, whose research on monitoring coral health in protected and unprotected areas in Wai‘opae, East Hawai‘i, has been presented at several prominent conferences throughout Hawai‘i and the mainland.

Nina Azari, Assistant Professor, Psychology, was prominently featured in an article in the Science and Technology section of the Economist (March 22) for her neuroimaging research on the science of religion.

Marta deMaintenon, Associate Professor, Marine Science, had her paper on “Results of the Rumphius Biohistorical Expedition to Ambon (1990). The Columbellidae (Gastropoda: Neogastropoda) collected at Ambon during the Rumphius Biohistorical Expedition” accepted for publication in Zoologische Mededelingen, a journal of the Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum in Leiden, the Netherlands. The report is on the taxonomy of a group of small marine snails that were collected by the Rumphius Biohistorical Expedition to Ambon, Moluccas, in 1990.

Robert Fox, Professor, Physics, was elected Vice Chair/Chair-elect of the School Choice Special Interest Group at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York City. He will lead an organization devoted to research on charter schools, school vouchers, magnet schools and international school choice. Additionally, Fox and Nina Buchanan, Professor, Education, presented “Teaching in the Ethos of Choice: Life in Irish Primary Schools” and “School Choice in the Republic of Ireland: An Unqualified Commitment to Parental Choice” at the meeting. Buchanan was also an invited speaker at the Charter School Research and Evaluation Annual meeting.

John Hamilton, Instructor, Physics and Astronomy, attended in February the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite Astronomer workshop at NASA Ames in San Jose, CA. LCROSS is a mission to impact a perpetually dark crater on the south pole of the Moon to attempt to verify the amount of water possibly stored in the crater. He received a grant from the NASA Johnson Space Center to attend the one-day workshop.

Bryan Kim, Associate Professor, Psychology, received the 2008 Emerging Professional Award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, a division of the American Psychological Association. Kim was honored for making outstanding contributions in promoting ethnic minority issues within 10 years of graduation.

Kay Daub, Chair, Nursing, had her article on “Pheochromocytoma: An elusive diagnosis” published in the January issue of Nursing 2008.

Susan Brown, Professor, Psychology, and Lynn Morrison, Associate Professor, Anthropology, had their paper on “Well-being, Sleep, Exercise Patterns, and the Menstrual Cycle: A Comparison of Natural Hormones, Oral Contraceptives and Depo-Provera” published in the latest issue (47(1)) of Women and Health. The paper is co-authored by their research asso-
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Terrance Jalbert, Professor, Finance, recently had “Evidence on the Profitability of Credit Card Arbitrage” accepted for publication in Financial Services Review. The paper is co-authored with Jonathan Stewart and Mercedes Jalbert.

Cheryl Ramos, Assistant Professor, Psychology, had two papers accepted for presentation at the 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology, to be held in June in Lisbon, Portugal: “Before & After Cancer: Quality of Life in Rural Hawai‘i” (poster presentation) and “From the Voices of Students and Family Members: Factors Contributing to Student Success in an Alternative School Environment” (symposium presentation).

Christopher Frueh, Professor, Psychology, and three of his former students, have their paper on “Empirical examination of a proposed refinement to posttraumatic stress disorder’s symptom criteria using the National Comorbidity Survey Replication data” in press with the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, the third ranked psychiatry journal in the world.


David Lovell, Director, Research Corporation of UH Hilo, is conducting an all-day leadership retreat entitled “The Art of Leadership” for the Society of Research Administrators International at their Annual Western Section Meeting in Denver, CO next month.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, is presenting intaglio prints at the 2008 Harnett Biennial Exhibition of American Prints organized by the University of Richmond Museums, Virginia. The exhibition was juried by James Stroud, master printer and artist, and features 49 prints by 31 artists from 22 states.

Harald Barkhoff, Associate Professor, Health and Physical Education, accepted invitations to give talks on “Place-Based Application of the Hawaiian Ki‘i Concept into Sport Psychology” at TePae Rangahau Tauhokai Ahurea at Victoria University Wellington, Aotearoa, New Zealand this month, as well as “Hawaiian Place-Based Education in Sport Psychology” at the Department of Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Stuttgart, Germany in July.

Todd Belt, Assistant Professor, Political Science, was invited to be a discussant on two panels on the presidency and mass media at the Western Political Science Association held in March.

Kanoe Wilson, Student Development Program Coordinator, Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, presented the workshop, “Kipuka: A Model of Empowering Student Success in Higher Education,” at the 9th Annual Native Hawaiian Education Association Convention held at Windward Community College on O‘ahu in March.
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Carolina Lam, Director, Global Education, Todd Shumway, Director, Global Exchange, Ruth Robison, Advisor, International Student Services, and Sherri Fujita, Director, Intensive English Program, HawCC, will present “Bringing the World to the Island of Hawai‘i” at a poster session at the annual National Association of Foreign Student Advisors convention in Washington, D.C. this month. The poster session will highlight the activities of International Education Week at UH Hilo.

Philippe Binder, Associate Professor, Physics and Astronomy, has an article in the April 18 issue of Science that introduces the concept of “dynamic frustration,” arguing that the crucial common feature of complex systems is the simultaneous existence of opposing trends that cannot defeat each other.

Great Moments in Opera closes PAC season

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center presents Great Moments in Opera on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 11 at 2 p.m. Concertmaster Michael Russell was handpicked by Maestro Ken Staton to lead the orchestra and singers in the concert that closes this year’s PAC season.

Russell has selected arrangements for orchestra and chorus from favorite operas by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and others. Tickets are priced $10-$15 with pre-sale discounts for qualified persons.

Call the Box Office at x47310 or order tickets online at http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

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with an assessment professional brought in to work with the department instead of an external reviewer; and bring assessment professionals to campus to work with faculty, staff, and administration.

While recommendations in the final report might differ somewhat from those presented at the exit interview, and more are likely to be added, the exit interview has given the University much to ponder.

In late June or early July, UH Hilo will receive the Commission’s action letter and a copy of the final team report. The action letter will tell us what we need to work on before and during our next review cycle, which begins in 2010.

Responding to a national need to improve student learning and success—and pressures from the US Congress and the US Department of Education—WASC is ramping up expectations for institutions to implement effective strategies for improving student learning and for assessing and documenting student success and achievement. Revised accreditation criteria and guidelines go into effect Fall 2009.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April Komenaka Scazzola is the UH Hilo Accreditation Liaison Officer.)
Building the Big Island

by Margaret Shiba

As one of the leading Hawaiian contractors, Isemoto Contracting Company has built the infrastructure of the Big Island for the past 82 years. Now it has established a lasting legacy of another sort, through a groundbreaking gift of $50,000 to support endowed faculty funds at UH Hilo’s five degree-granting colleges.

In a gift signing ceremony in late February, Chairman Larry Isemoto commented that “Isemoto Contracting had a good year in 2007, and we are happy to invest in the future of UH Hilo, an institution which is so vital to the economic and cultural well-being of our Big Island home.” He added that he was inspired to make the gift to UH Hilo for two reasons. First he knew that the University’s most important fundraising goal is to increase the size of its endowment. And secondly, he was motivated by newspaper reports of the leadership of Barry Taniguchi and KTA Super Stores in launching UH Hilo’s first faculty endowments in late 2007.

Like the previous KTA donation of $50,000, the Isemoto gift will have a transforming impact on UH Hilo because it responds to two of the University’s highest priorities: building the campus endowment and investing in its faculty. The funds will be used at the discretion of the deans of the respective colleges, to support the recruitment and retention of faculty.

Headquartered in Hilo, Isemoto Contracting has done work on the UH Hilo campus over the years and is currently completing work on the construction of UH Hilo’s new Student Life and Event Center. Mahalo to Larry Isemoto and his colleagues for Isemoto Contracting’s far-sighted philanthropy!

For more information on how to donate to UH Hilo’s endowed faculty funds, please contact Margaret Shiba, senior director of development, at x30829.

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educational issues as we move forward in working with teachers, administrators, students, parents and communities. There is a rich cultural mosaic and heritage in Hawai‘i that gives one a chance to learn, grow, and engage in the work that enriches the minds and spirits of all our children.”

Biffle is a fourth-generation Coloradan and a “military brat” who spent portions of his childhood in North Africa and Europe, as well as in many U.S. locations. His daughter, Maria Luisa Biffle, is an executive in San Diego with the Macy’s department store chain. He and his colleague and partner, Dr. Pamela B. Thompson, an assistant professor of education at UH Hilo, have created a new qualitative research methodology and model titled “geo-ethnography.”

“It utilizes the elements of space, physical landscapes, and human expressions and interactions,” he noted. “Other research interests include multiple intelligence and learning style applications in schools and classrooms, school design and architecture, the relationships between schools and neighborhood communities, and geo-ethnographic approaches in examining urban and rural communities.”

Biffle’s father was one of the “Tuskegee Airmen” fighter pilots who served in World War II in the highly-decorated 99th Fighter Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group. Biffle presents occasional lectures on the group of pioneering aviators, who did not lose a single bomber during dangerous wartime escort missions. Their compelling story was made into an HBO movie titled “The Tuskegee Airmen” starring Laurence Fishburne.

“The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American military pilots, and fought against racial stereotypes for the right to fly and fight during World War II,” Biffle said. “The outstanding record of the Tuskegee Airmen helped influence the enactment of President Harry S. Truman’s Executive Order 9981, which led to the desegregation of the U.S. military in 1948.

“Their story is a journey of many thoughts, expressions, courage, tenacity and accomplishments, all set against the backdrop of a war. They are men of great intellect and integrity, and proud to have served their country when asked to do so. My father was the epitome of the ‘officer and gentleman’—a career fighter pilot for 30 years. He was soft spoken, direct when he needed to be, and enjoyed doing what he loved—flying.”

As it turns out, the younger Biffle is equally passionate about his own career choice and has made it his mission to provide new teachers the skills they need to motivate children to become excellent students and citizens.

“Education is more than preparation for life; it is life itself,” he said. “We know that good students and teachers are physically active, mentally disciplined, engaged in the arts, motivated to continue life-long learning, and knowledgeable about pedagogy and the subject matter they teach. It is essential that students and teachers are well versed in the use of language to communicate ideas and in the analysis of evidence in whatever form it may present itself. Once they have a solid base in content and are in our classes we must strive to promote critical thinking, collegiality and collaboration, effective expression, and an atmosphere in which each student can develop a distinctive identity, and, at the same time, a sense of community and humanity.”

Biffle said he is proud to do his part in improving the quality of Hawai‘i’s schools and the education they provide our youth.

“I believe that the current educational situation in Hawai‘i, as in many other places in the U.S., is in need of vibrant, thriving, sustainable communities with high-quality schools,” he said. “This also means working every day to help schools and communities improve together. It is not that public education in Hawai‘i is dysfunctional — far from it. The current issues and challenges are that teaching, leading and running schools are complex issues that need more dialogue and creative thinking. Also there needs to be a belief that the education of the ‘whole child,’ not just the parts that we like — such as high test scores — is at the center of our educational decisions, priorities and practices.

“Finally, as related to No Child Left Behind, we must affirm the belief that the majority of our teachers and administrators have earned the right to be respected as professional educators. This is critically important as we work toward providing a quality educational experience for all young people.”

Focus on UH Hilo to feature legislative initiatives/capital improvements

Focus on UH Hilo wraps up its broadcast schedule for the current academic year this month with a discussion of the University’s performance at the State legislature and an update on campus projects. The program 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.

University Relations Director Gerald De Mello will appear on the May 7th telecast to discuss how various UH Hilo initiatives fared during this year’s legislative session. He will also give a progress report on various current and future capital improvements, including the Student Life Center, which is scheduled to open in the fall.

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.
Campus Events

May

2  Graduate thesis to Library and Registrar’s Office deadline
12-16 Final examinations

7  Last day of instruction
Last day to completely withdraw from all classes with a “W”
15  Last day to submit approved Spr ’09 curriculum documents to Registrar

7, 8  Great Leaps Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
16  Last day to submit Change of Major form to Registrar’s Office

17  Commencement, 9 a.m., Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium

19  Final grade due in MyUH portal at noon

10  Great Moments in Opera, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

11  Great Moments in Opera, 2 p.m., PAC, Admission