by Ken Hupp

UH Hilo continues to build on its steady climb in fall enrollment that began in 1998. Preliminary figures released by the University of Hawai'i System for Fall 2008 show UH Hilo’s student population grew by 178 students to 3,786, or 4.9 percent over the previous year.

“We’re very pleased that we’ve been able to continue growing at a steady, sustainable pace,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng. “To do so over such a lengthy period of time suggests that UH Hilo is playing a major role in helping the State in its need to produce a more educated, professional workforce.”

Part of this year’s increase can be attributed to the College of Pharmacy (CoP), which seated its second class of 90 students. The College will continue to produce net gains by admitting two more classes of approximately 90 students before awarding its first Doctorate of Pharmacy degrees in 2011.

Another contributing factor was an increase in freshman admissions. First-time freshman applications this fall totaled 2,043, or 14 percent more than the 1,785 received last year. The University accepted 1,139 or 13 percent more than Fall 2007, with 548 or 8 percent more enrolling than the 508 who did so a year ago.

Much of the additional freshman class can be attributed to an increase in applications and acceptances on behalf of Hawai’i residents, under the University’s resident-focused recruitment plan. Overall, UH Hilo attracted 2,590 students from Hawai’i, or 278 more than last year. Resident
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“Their mouths drop wide open when they see the pool and weight room facilities for the first time,” Moore explained. “They are so excited about using the facilities that there is a group of students standing outside the door each morning waiting for the Center to open.”

All registered UH Hilo students who paid the $78 per semester fee can utilize all the Center’s facilities, including the pool and equipment at no additional charge. Students attending Hawai‘i Community College (HawCC) or other campuses in the UH System can do likewise provided they have a valid student I.D. and pay the $78 fee.

Faculty and staff at UH Hilo and HawCC with a valid I.D. may currently access the Center’s facilities by purchasing a daily guest pass for $5.00 each day during the fall semester until the implementation of faculty and staff membership plans, which are anticipated to begin early next year. Each pass allows the user unlimited access to all the facilities, pool and equipment for the day that the pass is purchased. Some recreational programs and instructional classes, however, may not be covered by the student semester fees or daily guest passes and will require a one-time registration fee.

For more information, visit the front desk at the Student Life Center or www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentlife/center.

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students now make up over 68 percent of the entire student body, compared to just under 65 percent in Fall 2007.

The increase in students from Hawai‘i is reflected in the continuing growth in students of Native Hawaiian ancestry. This fall saw the number of Native Hawaiian students increase by 99 to 826, or 21.8 percent of the overall student population. As the percentage of resident students has gone up, the number of non-resident students has inversely demonstrated an intended gradual decline. The number of students from outside Hawai‘i now totals 1,196, or 31.6 percent of the overall total, compared to 35 percent a year ago.

Three hundred twenty-two students or 8.5% of the total campus enrollment are international students. The Fall 2008 figure represents a decline of 23 from the 345 students in Fall 2007. The largest numbers of students come from Japan (83), Federated States of Micronesia (65), Marshall Islands (40), and South Korea (34).

UH Hilo also earned a top System honor by posting the highest student – semester credit hour average. UH Hilo students are averaging 12.73 credits compared to 11.38 at UH Manoa.

Dr. Luolu Hong, vice chancellor for student affairs, believes UH Hilo has succeeded in establishing a “feng shui” approach to growth, one that balances the needs of students in the State with the limitations of the existing staff, facility and fiscal resources available at UH Hilo. She says that this steady but moderate climb to UH Hilo’s targeted enrollment of 5,000 will benefit students in the long run.

“Every campus has a critical mass at which it can operate most efficiently. The one thing we don’t want is for the rate of growth to outstrip our capacity to meet the needs of our students,” Hong shared. “This rate of manageable, sustained growth will enable UH Hilo to develop in a controlled fashion by gradually introducing new academic programs as student demand and workforce needs materialize. And as we enroll more students, we also reach an economy of scale in which we can offer more amenities and services to support student success – the kinds of things that enhance our students’ living-learning community and make UH Hilo an even more attractive campus of choice.”

(Names note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)
Celebrating “A Global Dialogue...Women in Higher Education”
September 22, 2008

(L-R): Chen Weijia (Communication University of China); Sandra Harding (James Cook University, Australia); Mary Josy Nakandha Okwakol (Busitema University, Uganda); Rose Tseng (UH Hilo); Noriko Mizuta (Josai University Corporation, Japan); Chen Naifang (Beijing Foreign Studies University); Josefina Castillo Baltodano (Marian University, Wisconsin)

Chancellors Mizuta and Tseng exchanged signatures on agreements to establish global initiatives and partnerships. Similar agreements were signed with leaders of four other guest universities in an Agreement Signing Ceremony held in UCB.

Faculty members Marilyn Brown (l) and Emmeline de Pillis meet the women leaders at a luncheon in the Private Dining Room.

Dignitaries show off their Aloha spirit

Enjoying the Dialogue!
Hats off to...

Jean Ippolito, Assistant Professor, Art, presented the paper, “Word, Images and Avatars: Expressing the Character of Physical Place in Virtual Space,” at the International Symposium for Electronic Arts in Singapore in July. An extended version of the article will appear in Leonardo: Journal of Art, Science and Technology in 2009. Also, Ippolito served as a jury member for the SIGGRAPH Asia 2008 Art Show, and the International Association of Asian Studies appointed her as a member of the Board of Directors for IAAS and its affiliates, which includes the National Association of African-American Studies, the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, and the National Association of Native American Studies.

Kerri Inglish, Assistant Professor, History, attended the 17th Annual World History Association Conference in London in June. She chaired a session on “Perceptions & Depictions: New Lands” and presented her paper, “‘Ones Molokai Can Be Anywhere’: the influence and realities of Hawai’i’s leprosy settlement.” She also had her paper, ‘Patients or Prisoners?: the medical/criminal/izing of leprosy in Hawai’i, 1865-1969” accepted for the Pacific History Association’s 18th Biennial Conference, to be held in Suva, Fiji in December.

Gail Makuakane-Lundin, Director, Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, presented the workshop, “Indigenous Student Success in Higher Education,” at the 25th Annual Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) held in Pago Pago, American Samoa in July. Her presentation was among 16 selected from over 100 presentations for inclusion in the 2008 PEC Proceedings that will be available later this year. Following PEC, she attended the Tenth Pacific Arts Festival Traditional Knowledge Symposium on “The Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture” also held in American Samoa.

Candace Rosovsky, Junior Specialist, was elected in June to the National Women’s Studies Association Governing Council as the co-chair of the NWSA Women’s Centers Committee. She will serve with Dr. Rebecca Morrow, director of the Janet C. Anderson Gender Resource Center at Idaho State University.

Bryan Kim, Professor, Psychology, was awarded Fellow status by the American Psychological Association, an honor bestowed upon members who have shown evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology and whose work has had a national impact beyond the local, state or regional level.

Kirsten Mollegaard, Instructor, English, presented the paper, “‘The Ugly Duckling’ and ‘The Princess on the Pea’ – Hans Christian Andersen’s Fairy-Tale Life” at the Fourteenth Biennial Conference on Literature and Hawai’i’s Children at UH Manoa in June.

Steve Herman, Assistant Professor, Psychology, organized and co-presented a continuing education workshop, “Forensic Child Sexual Abuse Evaluations: Research and Practice,” at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association held in Boston in August. His co-presenter was Kathy Kuehnle, University of South Florida. Herman also organized and chaired a symposium on the same topic at the Convention and presented the paper, “The Accuracy of Forensic Judgment about Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse.”


Walter Dudley, Professor, Oceanography, was an invited guest speaker...
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Walter Dudley

at the North Pacific Tsunami Awareness Conference held in Honolulu in August. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, the International Tsunami Information Center, and the Pacific Island Applied Geoscience Commission and attended by representatives of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. Dudley spoke on tsunami education initiatives and mitigation.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, was a Visiting Artist as the Harkness Bequest Fellow at the School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand in August. He participated as an awards juror for the 2008 Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition that opens in Christchurch this month. He also served as a visual arts consultant for the Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts in Honolulu in August.

Jeanie Flood, Assistant Professor, Nursing, presented “Healthcare and Social Service Provider Descriptions of Asian and Pacific Islander Mothers’ Breastfeeding Patterns” at the 20th Annual Native Health Research Conference in Portland, OR in August.

Jing Yin, Assistant Professor, Communication, was invited to serve as a reviewer for Critical Studies in Media Communication, a top-tier journal of the National Communication Association that publishes scholarship about mass media from critical and cultural studies perspectives.

Don Hemmes, Professor, Biology, presented “Pioneers in Hawaiian Mycology” as his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Mycological Society of America held in August at Penn State University in College Station, PA. He will continue to serve as MSA as past-president on the 2008-2009 board. Additionally, he was co-author on a paper with Else Vellinga, University of California, Berkeley, entitled “Leucoagaricus and Leucocoprinus: A systematic and phylogenetic approach” and with Matthew Keirle, University of Chicago, entitled “Investigating the allelic evolution of a compound microsatellite locus in the Hawaiian mushroom Rhodocollybia laulaha.”

Todd Belt, Associate Professor, Political Science, presented the paper, “New Media, Old Media – The Same Old Story?,” at the American Political Science Association conference in Boston in August.

Susan Jarvi, Associate Professor, Biology and Pharmaceutical Sciences, published “Genetic characterization of Hawaiian isolates of Plasmodium relictum reveals mixed-genotype infections” with co-authors Margaret E.M. Farias and Carter T. Atkinson. The article is published in the online journal Biology Direct at http://www.biology-direct.com/content/3/1/25. The study characterizes within-host diversity of avian malaria parasite populations based on genetic analysis of the TRAP (thrombospondin-related anonymous protein) gene in isolates originating from Hawai‘i, Maui and Kaua‘i.

John Hamilton, Instructor, Physics and Astronomy, attended the joint meetings of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and American Astronomical Society 212th meeting held in St. Louis, MO in June and presented a poster on “Ashra: All-Sky Survey High-Resolution Air-shower Detector” (Hamilton, Robert Fox, UH Hilo, and Yoichi Asaoka, University of Tokyo). Additionally, Hamilton and Christian Andersen were invited by NASA to attend a national field robotic test held at Moses Lake, WA in June, which was in connection with their summer research work with UH Hilo’s Pacific International Center for Space
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**Audrey Furukawa and Friends establish endowed scholarship for study abroad**

Audrey Furukawa always dreamed of creating a scholarship for students at UH Hilo. Now, with the help of family and friends, her dream became a reality by establishing the Audrey S. Furukawa Study Abroad Scholarship Endowment.

“Extending a very special thank you to my family and the many friends who joined me in creating this endowment,” Furukawa said. “I am deeply honored by your participation and generosity in establishing this educational legacy. Your gift will enable eligible Hawai‘i students to begin their global education journey and open infinite doors of opportunity. New geographical and cultural landscapes will enrich their lives and expand their vision. The impact of your gift is immeasurable and everlasting.”

To be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate at UH Hilo and demonstrate academic merit. The study experience will be at least one semester and for students who have not studied, traveled or lived abroad for more than a month. Preference will be given to Hawai‘i high school graduates.

Three personal core values have driven Furukawa: family; friendship and opportunity. She credits her family – husband Ronald, daughter Liane Higa and son Tyler – as her passion and inspiration.

“I also cherish the many friends who have journeyed with me and shared their love and support,” she said. “And I applaud the students, the true teachers who are so eager and bright-eyed to experience the world and leave their indelible and hopeful footprints for peace and harmony.”

A lifelong resident of Hilo, Furukawa spent over 30 years as a faculty member and administrator at UH Hilo, retiring in 2008 from dual positions as executive assistant to the chancellor, and director of the Center for Global Education and Exchange, which she established in 2005.

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**Focus on UH Hilo features research and Student Life Center**

Focus on UH Hilo puts the spotlight on research and the new Student Life Center during its October telecasts. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs live Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. Michael Crosby appears on the October 1st program to discuss research activities and related programs, along with the benefits they provide students and the community-at-large.

The guest lineup for the October 15th program includes Student Life Center Director Tim Moore, who will update activities at the Center, which opened to students, faculty and staff in September.

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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**Hats off**

Michael Marshall, Professor, Art, participated in “Abstraction,” Atrium Gallery, St. Louis, MO, June-August; “Abstract Only,” Wailoa Center, Hilo, HI, August; and Inaugural Exhibition opening October 10, Kerry S. Kuehner Fine Arts Building, John Burroughs School, St. Louis, MO. He is also included as one of 84 featured artists in Studios and Workspaces of Black American Artists by Dennis L. Forbes. Featured artists include numerous Guggenheim, MacArthur, Pew, and National Endowment of the Arts award recipients in both two- and three-dimension art media.

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5th Annual UH Hilo Alumni Golf Tournament this month!

The UH Hilo Alumni & Friends Association hosts its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on October 25 at the Hapuna Golf Course in Kawaihae and invites anyone who possesses an established handicap.

The one day tournament, chaired by Dale Tokuuke, begins at 8:00 am, followed by lunch at Arnie’s. The golf fee of $175 includes a premium golf shirt, quality merchandise, green fees, cart, mulligans and lunch.

“Come join us for fun in the sun and a chance to win lots of quality prizes,” said Yu Yok Pearring, marketing and alumni director. “There will be a hole-in-one vehicle donated by our title sponsor Big Island Honda, and other prizes include stays at hotels, a mountain bike, rounds of golf and much more.”

UH Hilo’s Alumni Golf Tournament was initiated in 2004 to raise scholarship funds for students attending UH Hilo. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic merit and financial need. Scholarship applicants must be or have an immediate family member who is an alumnus of UH Hilo in addition to possessing the required GPA. To date, 15 scholarships have been awarded.

Special room rates at Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel starting at $160 per night have also been secured for the weekend of the tournament. Those interested in participating in the tournament as a golfer or as a sponsor should call x47643 or x47501, or visit the alumni golf website at http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/alumni/golf.

Second group of UH Hilo Pharmacy students to take oath of profession

Community leaders will join Chancellor Rose Tseng, College of Pharmacy Dean John Pezzuto, faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy for the Class of 2012’s White Coat Ceremony on October 12 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The event is a rite of passage for students entering their first year in the professional program to affirm their commitment to professionalism, respect, integrity and caring.

The event also serves as a formal introduction of the 90 students who make up the College’s second class. The students, who will be wearing white consultation coats, will be presented with an Hawaiian lei and will recite the Oath of a Pharmacist in front of their peers, professors, community and families. Other members of the community are welcome to attend based on seating availability.

White Coat ceremonies have become a tradition at many schools of pharmacy, medicine and other health care professionals throughout the country. The American Pharmacist’s Association states that the presentation of the white coat to new students represents their passage into the pharmacy profession with all the opportunities and responsibilities associated with professionalism.

The College of Pharmacy seated its inaugural class in fall 2007 and is the only pharmacy school in the Pacific basin. Current plans call for the addition of 90 students per year for a total of four classes. For more information about the College of Pharmacy, call x32909 or email pharmacy@hawaii.edu.
## Campus Events

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