UH Hilo poised to weather economic uncertainty

by Chancellor Rose Tseng

As we return to the classroom, I am struck by how quickly time flies. It seems like we were just congratulating our Spring 2009 graduates, and now a new school year is upon us.

This year a new campus tradition added to the excitement of orientation week. Our first ever New Student Convocation was held August 18 at the Performing Arts Center. A standing-room-only crowd of 500 freshmen, transfers and graduate students was on hand for formal induction into the academic community. About 200 parents attended as well.

Such upbeat events provide a welcome contrast to the deep and serious budget crisis we’re facing. Fortunately, our proactive budget planning and spending reductions have prepared us for this year’s budget challenges. We also see several encouraging signs:

- Last year’s $6 million in private donations was our best ever, including a $1.5 million dollar anonymous gift. We also met our ambitious $15 million goal for the multi-year UH Centennial Campaign.
- Last year, UH Hilo’s extramural grants topped $19 million.
- New buildings are being built, with the Science and Technology Building under construction and facilities to temporarily house the College of Pharmacy nearing completion. Meanwhile, the Legislature approved planning and design money for permanent facilities for both the College of Pharmacy and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke’elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.
- Fall 2009 enrollment is expected to increase 7% to another all-time high. As we grow, UH Hilo remains a leader in global awareness and diversity, with students representing an eclectic mix of cultures from 40 countries and throughout the United States. This fall we will welcome our first four students from the Sino-American 1+2+1 dual degree program.
- At the same time, scholarship opportunities developed by our

Accreditation update: WASC site visit October 14-15, 2009

by Dr. April K. Scazzola

Inspired by the findings of the March 2008 special visit by a WASC site team, UH Hilo spent the 2008-2009 academic year clarifying governance structures and designing new policy and curriculum processes. In its response to WASC concerns, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke’elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language has developed assessment plans for its graduate programs and, with the Graduate Council, articulated policy statements that bespeak the institution’s commitment to intellectual integrity and rigor.

On October 14-15, 2009, a smaller, more focused WASC site team will come to campus with the assignment of evaluating the Ph.D. program in Hawaiian and indigenous language and culture revitalization and UH Hilo’s progress in institutional governance.

In preparation for the visit, the University has submitted a special visit report that describes our progress while also describing other major initiatives undertaken by the University and other challenges we’re facing. Among these are the new General Education curriculum, set to go into effect Fall 2010, and the highly effective Long Range Budget Planning Committee and the Enrollment Management Implementation Team. The report and appendices are posted at http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/accreditation/SpecialReport-forOctober2009Visit.php

Institutional governance has been strengthened by the work of the Task Force on Institutional Gover-
Center for Global Education and Exchange are increasing the number of UH Hilo students going abroad to experience other cultures first hand.

I also do my part to bring an international dimension to UH Hilo. This month, I’ll meet with universities and alumni in Korea, then travel to Beijing to deliver the keynote at the Forum on Media and Communication in Higher Education at the Communication University of China, which is sponsoring my trip.

Here at home, UH Hilo fuels the island and state economy through our students, research, and workforce development, which will accelerate as we secure additional student housing and Hilo becomes a true “college town.”

Yet economic development must not jeopardize the special nature of our community and environment. In this regard, UH Hilo performs an important community service through our Office of Mauna Kea Management. As stewards of the UH Mauna Kea Science Reserve, our role is to protect the summit’s natural and cultural resources and, through community involvement, to foster an environment where culture, nature and science can co-exist and thrive.

It is largely community members and groups who are showing the way forward, by volunteering their time, energy, and knowledge to inform decisions about the future of Mauna Kea. UH Hilo works hard to involve numerous individuals and organizations representing business, unions, government, environmentalists, Native Hawaiians, and science.

Last July, the Thirty Meter Telescope announced it will pursue a site on Mauna Kea. If TMT is approved, the lease compensation will provide significant educational benefits for the Big Island, and an educational pipeline will be created to prepare local students for future observatory jobs.

The fiscal and academic responsibilities of deans have also been clarified, as have their planning and decision-making roles. The Deans Council, established in September 2008, meets monthly to discuss and review all academic matters of substance. The deans manage their college budgets, college academic and personnel processes, and serve on the Enrollment Management Initiative Team and the Long-Range Budget Planning Committee.

In conducting their successful project of bringing their program into alignment with WASC expectations, senior CHL faculty consulted with the Dean of the UH Mānoa Graduate Division and others experienced in the administration of doctoral programs. CHL faculty participation in WASC-sponsored assessment workshops in California and Honolulu produced sustainable and meaningful assessment plans for all CHL graduate programs.

Among the UH Hilo officers and faculty who will be invited to meet with the WASC team are the students and faculty of the Ph.D. program, task force members, Congress General Education and Assessment committees, as well as the chancellor, the vice chancellors, and the deans.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April K. Scazzola is Accreditation Liaison Officer.)

UH Hilo appoints Honda Director of Business Services

Marie Honda has been named Director of Business Services at UH Hilo, replacing JoAnn Nishiioka.

The Honoka’a native has more than 13 years of experience in business and finance at UH Mānoa, and is a recent graduate of the prestigious UH President’s Emerging Leader Program, which trains and mentors future leaders within the UH System.

“We are extremely pleased to have Marie as part of UH Hilo’s business and financial team,” said Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, vice chancellor for administrative affairs. “Marie’s financial expertise is critical to ensure that campus operations continue to be well-managed during these difficult financial times.”

As Director of Business Services, Honda will oversee purchasing, contracts, accounting, student cashiering, and financial reporting at UH Hilo.
Two giant leaps for the Hawaiian language

The Hawaiian language took two giant steps forward in technological applications over the summer, thanks largely to UH Hilo’s Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.

The first was the development of a Hawaiian language interface for Google, the world’s most popular Internet search engine. The second, easy access to the ‘okina and kahakō –diacritical marks essential for text messaging, sending email and Web surfing in Hawaiian – on the latest Apple iPhone 3G S.

The Google Hawaiian interface translation was completed by Keola Donaghy, an associate professor at Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani, as part of the Google in Your Language program, which encourages advocates of minority and indigenous languages to translate several of Google’s products into their own languages.

“The addition of a Hawaiian language interface for Google is a tremendous development for Hawaiian speakers,” said Dr. Kalena Silva, director of Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani. “Google is the most heavily-used search engine on the Internet, and from a practical and a symbolic standpoint, this interface puts Hawaiian on par with the many other languages that Google currently supports.”

According to Donaghy, a real selling point of the new iPhone to writers and speakers of the Hawaiian language is the simplicity of the application.

“Users do not have to install custom fonts and keyboard in order to display ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i with contemporary orthography on the iPhone and Macintosh,” Donaghy explained. “That used to be a big barrier for users over the years – having to install custom software and perhaps later having to upgrade it.”

“Best Bowl” cook-off!

All UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College faculty and staff are invited to participate in the First “Best Bowl” Cook-Off, to be held on Tuesday, September 15 from 11am-1pm in the Student Life Center.

What is a Best Bowl Dish? Chili, Soup, Stew, Curry, and other dishes that has to be cooked in a pot and served in a bowl. The choice is yours!

Entries will be divided and judged in categories. Winners will be recognized in each category and an overall, grand champion will be named “Best Bowl 2009.”

**Prizes!** The winner of the Best Bowl will receive:

- One year membership to the Student Life Center
- Best Bowl Award (for display in office). Category winners will also receive a recognition award
- Photo on the Best Bowl Hall of Champions Web page
- The admiration of your peers and bragging rights for one year

**Not a cook?** Mark your calendar for lunch on this day! All faculty and staff can come and get full belly by tasting/judging all the great food prepared by your peers. FREE! Vote for your favorite dish to determine the “Best Bowl” on campus.

**Free Prizes!** All attendees (tasters and cooks) will receive a punch card that will allow 5 free visits to the Student Life Center.

**Social Event!** Talk story with your colleagues, eat great food and make new connections across the campus. It is also a great opportunity to meet new professionals and welcome them to the University.


Sponsored by UH Hilo Social & Community Building Committee and the Division of Student Affairs.
Robert Fox, Professor, Physics, had two papers accepted by the International Astronautical Federation for presentation at the 60th International Astronautical Congress in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, next month: “Operating A Lunar Analog Test Site: Business and Entrepreneurial Considerations” and “An Innovative Approach to Connecting Science and Culture.”


Catherine Becker, Associate Professor, Communication, was awarded a Finger Lakes Project Mini-Grant as part of a partnership with Ecovillage Ithaca. Becker will develop an online project that teaches how communication can help foster sustainable behaviors.

Helen Wong-Smith, Librarian, presented her paper, “Preserving Hawai‘i’s Many Cultures through Five Governments,” at the annual conference of the Society of American Archivists in Austin, TX last month.

Cecilia Mukai, Associate Professor, Nursing, presented the paper, “Nurse CARE (Career Advancement, Retention, Education) in Rural Hawai‘i,” at the Rural Nurse’s Association Conference in Boise, ID. Nurse CARE is a federally-funded project that supports an accessible, flexible learner-paced online RN to BSN program at UH Hilo, geared toward nurses living and working in rural areas. Additionally, Mukai was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by the American Cancer Society, East Hawai‘i, in July. She has served as the faculty adviser for the UH Hilo Relay for Life.

Peter Mills, Professor, Anthropology, and Steve Lundblad, Assistant Professor, Geology, are co-authors with Jennifer Kahn (Bishop Museum), Patrick Kirch (UC Berkeley), and John Holson (Pacific Legacy, Inc.) on the article, “Tool Production at the Nu‘u Quarry, Maui, Hawaiian Islands: Manufacturing Sequences and Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Analyses,” which appeared in the recent edition of the peer-reviewed New Zealand Journal of Archaeology. Additionally, Mills’ and Lundblad’s recent work on non-destructive sourcing of Polynesian stone artifacts was featured in the international magazine World of Archaeology, and was one of three studies chosen to be included in the journal American Anthropologist as an example of positive collaboration between archaeologists and indigenous communities. An additional feature story was included in the UH Systems’ research publication, Kaunana.

Luoluo Hong, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, served as the keynote speaker last month at the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault Annual Conference on preventing violence against women.

Kenith Simmons, Professor, English, had her poem, “Augury,” appear in Beyond Forgetting: Poetry and Prose about Alzheimer’s Disease, a volume of The Kent State University Press’s Literature and Medicine series.

Kelly Burke, Associate Professor, MIS, presented his paper, “ICT Use among Micro-enterprises and Larger SMEs,” at the International Decision Sciences Institute Conference in Nancy, France over the summer. He also had...

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, participated as portfolio reviewer at the Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, OH, for the Studio Art Advanced Placement Program of the Educational Testing Service and College Board in June. He is currently participating in the Serie Print Project XVI Exhibition at the Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin, TX where he is presenting work that was created during a residency at the Serie Project, Coronado Studios in Austin in May.

Kirsten Mollegaard, Assistant Professor, English, had her paper on the social power of rumors and contemporary legends, “Black-Marketeers in White Lab Coats: Stories about the Illegal Trade in Human Organs,” published in Jordens Folk, a journal published by the Danish Ethnographic Society, 44.1(2009):48-54.

Stephen Worchel, Professor, Psychology, has received fellowship and been named a fellow to George Soros’ Open Society Institute where he will serve as International Scholar in the Higher Education Support Program of the OSI. He will work with Tblisi State University in Tblisi, GA to enhance research and teaching programs. The OSI works with universities in Eastern Europe, Russia, Mongolia, Turkey, and Balkans. Additionally, he was an invited discussant for two panels at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology held in Dublin, Ireland in July: Intergroup Processes after Severe Conflicts: Reconciliation or Reconstruction of Social Ties? and Narratives in Intractable Conflicts.

Dan Landis, Affiliate Professor, Psychology, had his book, Handbook of Intercultural Training, 3rd Edition, translated in Chinese by Professor Shijie Guan, Peking University, Peking University Press. The book was originally published by Sage in 2004 and is one of the first on intercultural training published in China.

Bryan Kim, Professor, Psychology, co-authored and presented the paper, “Client Cultural Values, Therapist Multicultural Competence, andSession Evaluation,” at the 117th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association held last month in Toronto, Canada. Additionally, Kim and Cheryl Ramos, Associate Professor, Psychology, co-authored and presented “Cultural Values and Behavioral Discrepancies and Asian American Parent-Child Conflicts” at the same conference.

Jean Ippolito, Associate Professor, Art, presented “Globalization and Teaching the Contemporary: Including Important Avant-garde Contributions to the International Art Arena from the People’s Republic of China” at the Seventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Beijing, China, in June. She also presented “Art Commodities from Japan: Propagating Art and Culture via the Internet” at the International Conference of Arts in Society in Venice, Italy, held in conjunction with the Venice Biennale, in July. Additionally, two new publications were finalized over the summer: “The Search for New Media: Early Avant-garde Momentum for the Digital Art Pioneers of Japan,” Art Inquiry: Virtual Art/Virtual Domains of Art, and “Words, Images and Avatars: Explorations of Physical and Virtual

**Marianne Takamiya**, Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy, received an award from the National Science Foundation on Star Formation Rate and Extinction in Galaxies, Near and Far, to work on research with undergraduate students for three years. She also received an award from the Cottrell College Science Awards to work on research in Extinction and Star Formation Rate Maps of Nearby Galaxies with undergraduates for two years. Both awards are complementary and require using different telescopes and instruments atop Mauna Kea.

**Adam Pack**, Assistant Professor, was awarded a Seed Money Grant from the UH Hilo Research Council to investigate humpback whales. Also, Pack led a research expedition in Frederick Sound, Alaska over the summer to study humpback whales on their feeding grounds. Pack’s research on whales was featured in a new National Geographic television documentary, “Humpbacks: Inside the Pod,” which aired on the National Geographic Channel in New Zealand and in various parts of Asia.

**Misaki Takabayashi**, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, chaired an exclusive session of the Hawai‘i Conservation Conference in Honolulu where 11 undergraduate and graduate students from her Ku‘ula Hawaiian Marine Resource Management class presented their work. The presentations showcased creative ways to understand the environment of the Big Island and Midway Atoll based on both western and Native Hawaiian science and were supported by the Kealohola STEM and LSAMP internship programs along with the UH Hilo Office of Research and CAS.

**Drew Martin**, Associate Professor, Marketing, was invited to speak at the University of Florida’s Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series this month. Also, he presented “Using YouTube for Teaching Travel Marketing” at the 6th Bi-Annual Symposium of Consumer Psychology of Tourism, Hospitality, and Leisure, in Vienna, Austria, in June, and co-presented with **Tom DeWitt**, Assistant Professor, Marketing, “Credible Form Letters for Hospitality and Tourism Services Recovery Strategy” at the same conference. Both were peer reviewed presentations.

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**Tenure and Promotion awarded**

Congratulations to the following faculty members who received tenure and promotion:

**Tenure and Promotion:**

- Marilyn Brown, Assistant Professor, Sociology
- Harry Keith Edwards, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
- Jeanie Flood, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Jean Ippolito, Assistant Professor, Art
- Charles Langlas, Assistant Professor, Hawaiian Studies
- Yoshitaka Miike, Assistant Professor, Communication
- Cedric Muir, Assistant Professor, Biology
- Mark Panek, Assistant Professor, English
- Joan Thompson, Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Tracy Wiegner, Assistant Professor, Marine Science

**Tenure:**

- Harald Barkhoff, Associate Professor, Kinesiology and Exercise Sciences
- Kathryn Besio, Associate Professor, Geography
- Norbert Furumo, Associate Professor, Chemistry

**Promotion:**

- Katharyn Daub, Associate Professor, Nursing
- Marta deMaintenon, Associate Professor, Marine Science
- Donald Price, Associate Professor, Biology

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First student convocation at UH Hilo a rousing success

Over 400 new students and their families took part in the first-ever Student Convocation at the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center last month.

The event, part of Fall Orientation and the brainchild of the Task Force on New Student Programs, is designed to be a bookend to Commencement. The new students gathered as an entering class to meet their faculty and deans at the beginning of their collegiate experience.

“The Student Convocation was successful beyond our expectations,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng, who welcomed the new students to UH Hilo. “It was an opportunity for the students to celebrate their entrance into the University, as well as to reflect upon their very real commitment to strive for academic excellence.”

Students were introduced, college by college, to their respective deans. The student body president then led students in a pledge of commitment. UH Hilo administrators then expressed their expectations to the new students and impressed upon them the importance of the educational journey they are about to take.

“I believe the ceremonial nature of the Convocation provides the new students with a preview of the excitement and the accomplishment they will feel upon achieving the goal of graduation,” Tseng said.

Panels ponder, debate Dubya

With the George W. Bush years now history, political scientists from across the country descended upon the UH Hilo campus this summer to deconstruct the two four-year terms served by the 43rd president of the United States.

Dr. Todd Belt, associate professor of political science, and the UH Hilo Conference Center organized the three-day conference, “Evaluating the George W. Bush Presidency,” in July. Support was provided by the Political Science Department, College of Arts and Science Dean Randy Hirokawa, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Philip Castille and Chancellor Rose Tseng.

The conference featured presentations by 20 scholars on five panels. Panel discussions dissected the Bush Administration on a number of topics, including his management of the executive branch, presidential power, media relations, public opinion and the War on Terror.

The keynote speaker was Michael Genovese, an internationally recognized scholar on the presidency and Chair of Leadership Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Southern California. His final day address was a comparison of presidential powers during times of crisis to powers during times of normalcy, spotlighting changes that occurred during George W. Bush’s Presidency.

Guests were taken on short excursions, including the Pacific Aquaculture & Coastal Resources Center (PACRC), the World Botanical Gardens at Umauma and a closing tour and reception at the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center.
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