Hale ‘Alahonua: More than a place to live

by Ken Hupp

To the casual observer, the newly opened Hale ‘Alahonua Residence Hall is a place for students to live and socialize with fellow members of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo community. But University officials, elected representatives and others who spoke at last month’s dedication say the addition of the first on-campus housing units since 1989 represents something much bigger.

“This is the beginning of a new era for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, for the Big Island of Hawai‘i and its academic commitment,” said Governor Neil Abercrombie. “The capacity for the Big Island to be a center of learning and academic excellence is practically bottomless and we’re going to support that.” Abercrombie sees the University as a catalyst for the UH System to play a more central role in the Asia Pacific region in the 21st Century.

The $32.5 million development, located on 33 acres across from the main Kawili Street entrance, spans 105,505 square-feet and features approximately 300 units within a trio of three-story residential wings. Chancellor Don Straney said Hale ‘Alahonua will be a

Strengthening local food production through islandwide collaboration

by Chancellor Don Straney

Welcome to the new academic year! A special aloha to our new faculty and staff. It’s always exciting to reunite our University ‘ohana after the summer break.

I’d like to share with you an important event that happened over the summer.

Early in August, I had the pleasure of hosting an Agricultural Summit at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. The summit, the first in a series of strategic discussions, evolved out of some initial discussions between myself, the dean of UH Hilo’s College of Agriculture, the County of Hawai‘i Department of Research and Development, and the deputy director of the Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture. The four of us discussed ways to focus the collective efforts of publically-funded educational institutions and agricultural support services to enhance food self-reliance on the island of Hawai‘i.

Our goal for the first summit meeting was to start a larger discussion by bringing together a cross section of stakeholders, including local farmers, ranchers, and food distributors, and representatives from several key county, state and federal agencies charged with providing programs in support of local food production.

From the county, we invited R&D and workforce development. From the UH System, we invited fac-
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place of learning.

“In the modern way that dormitories are used, students learn about themselves, about living with others, and the social aspects of life outside of the classroom when they live in a facility like this,” Straney said. “And this is creating one of the most important new learning opportunities we have for our students.”

Each suite houses two students in private, enclosed bedrooms that include a bed, shelving and computer desk, in addition to a common space with an entry area, sink and bathroom. Eight units are fully accessible to accommodate students in wheelchairs; sixteen are designed for the visually and hearing impaired.

The new complex also includes two exterior courtyards with a spacious common area measuring 9,581 square-feet. Amenities include a recreational/TV lounge with pool tables, a 16-unit computer lab, study/conference rooms, two kitchens, mailing facility, and a laundry room.

Hale ‘Alahonua also addresses the fundamental issue of producing an adequate housing inventory for a University that has been servicing an enrollment in excess of 4,100 (as of Fall 2012) with approximately 600 beds in its residence halls. Mayor Billy Kenoi said the new units are key to the continued growth and development of UH Hilo, which he described as “an incredible economic driver” and “the hope of our future.”

“What is good for the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is good for the community on Hawai‘i Island and vice versa,” Kenoi said. “The only limiting factor in the growth of this excellent University, aptly called the Center of Academic Excellence in the Pacific, is the availability of student housing.”

Kenoi also announced that the Kapi‘olani Street extension connecting Mohouli and Lanikaula Streets will be going out to bid shortly. The County-sponsored initiative is expected to open up over 50 acres, which could be used for additional student housing.

The name Hale ‘Alahonua, or “the breeze upon which the fragrance of earth is carried,” was recommended by the Hanakahī Council’s Sub-Committee on Naming. Housing and Dining Services Executive Director Miles Nagata had requested a name that would tie the complex into the landscape’s environment.

Hale ‘Alahonua was designed by Mitsunaga and Associates, Inc. (MAI), built by Albert C. Kobayashi, Inc. and managed by SSFM International. The project was completed in less than 24 months, with construction taking only 14 months.

(Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

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ulty, deans and directors from Hawai‘i Community College, UH Hilo College of Agriculture, and UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, along with researchers, the director of CTAHR’s agribusiness incubator, and several extension agents. Represented were the Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, Rural Development, and the Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center.

Also invited was the director of the Small Business Development Center of Hawai‘i and the executive director of the Hawai‘i Island Economic Development Board. Several Hawai‘i Island lawmakers attended.

Representatives from private agencies with local farm interests also joined us, including a co-op specialist and farm manager from the non-profit Kohala Center, and farming/food production experts from the Ulupono Initiative, Kamehameha Schools Land Assets Division, the Hamakua Agricultural Group, the Ku I Mana New Farmer Program, and KTA Superstores.

First, we heard from each of the groups and agencies, who shared information about their services along with the challenges and trends that lie ahead for their programs. This helped lay a foundation for understanding the terrain of programs, issues, and opportunities.

Then, in an energetic discussion, we heard from a large cross section of local farmers—Hawai‘i Island food producers—who shared their thoughts on services they believe are most useful to their businesses or that they think could do the most to advance new food farming systems on our island. I, along with everyone in the room, gained much insight from the questions, answers, and ideas shared between local cattle ranchers, fruit and vegetable growers, distributors, flower producers, mac nut growers, and county, state and federal representatives.

This exchange of program descriptions and farmer mana‘o provides very useful food for thought. Some topics discussed were the need for collaboration, partnerships, cooperatives, food hubs, collective purchasing, crop aggregation, farmer training programs, a vision for the future of agriculture on our island, and strategic planning. The topics of fertilizer and feed were brought up often, along with energy issues and the high cost of doing agriculture on Hawai‘i Island.

This summit will be the starting point for further discussions about how the UH System and other agencies can renew our focus on strengthening local food production on Hawai‘i Island.

Stay tuned for future reports on the progress of this initiative. If you’d like to see photos, read the notes from this series of meetings, or view some of the presentations, visit my blog at http://hilo.hawaii.edu/blog/chancellor/.

Aloha,

Donald C. Shaney

Tenure and Promotion awarded

Congratulations to the following faculty members who recently received tenure and promotion!

Tenure and Promotion:
Jason Adolf, Marine Science
Makalapua Alencastre, Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program
Norman Arancon, Horticulture
Jonathan Awaya, Biology
Mazen Hamad, Chemistry
Betty-Joann Iokepa-Guerrero, Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program
Keisuke Nakao, Economics
Yucheng Qin, History
Janet Ray, Education
Scott Saft, Linguistics
Marianne Takamiya, Physics and Astronomy

Tenure:
Maria Haws, Aquaculture
Adam Pack, Psychology
Martha Wheeler, Distance Learning

Promotion:
Harald Barkhoff, Health and Physical Education
Todd Belt, Political Science
Benjamin Chavez, Pharmacy Practice
John Cusick, Biology
Alice Davis, Nursing
Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Psychology
Sarah Marusek, Political Science
Faith Mishina, European Language
Kirsten Mollegaard, English
Mark Panek, English
Syed Rahman, Computer Science and Engineering
Hats off to...

Jan Ray, Assistant Professor, Education, had her paper on “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Children – What Elementary Teachers Should Know” accepted for publication in the Kappa Delta Pi Record. She also co-presented two papers at the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity: “Preservice Teachers’ Attitudes and Behaviors Related to Tiered Lesson Planning” and “Providing Experiential Education through Learning Gardens for Students with Diverse Needs.”


Helen Wong Smith, Librarian, College of Pharmacy, was elected to a three-year term to Council, the governing body of the Society of American Archivists, which is the oldest and largest national archival professional association. Last month, she presented “What’s an Ar-ki-vist?” at the Society’s annual conference in New Orleans, LA. Additionally, she was elected president of the Hawaiian Historical Society in Honolulu.

Adam Pack, Associate Professor, Psychology, is co-author of “Humpback whale song: who sings?” which is published in Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology. He was also recently appointed the Hawai’i Island representative to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.

Fore! on October 26 to raise alumni scholarship funds

The UH Hilo Alumni and Friends Association offers its 10th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 26 at the Waikoloa Beach Course. The tournament’s format is a two-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8 am. Cost is $185 per player, which includes a premium golf shirt, green fees, cart, lunch, and goodies.

Since 2004, the UH Hilo Alumni and Friends Association has supported deserving UH Hilo students with alumni scholarships. To date, 29 students have benefitted from this scholarship program. The Association organizes two signature events annually to fund these scholarships: the Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet held each spring, and the Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament held each fall.

To register or for more information, go to: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/alumni/registration-information.php.
PRT update highlights Strategic Plan Goal #2

by UH Hilo Strategic Plan Progress Review Team (PRT)

Welcome back for the Fall 2013 semester! The UH Hilo 2011-2015 Strategic Plan Progress Review Team (PRT) reported on implementation progress in the May issue of Ka Lono Hanakahi last semester. That first report focused on initiatives supporting Goal #1. This month we report on initiatives that are in progress related to Goal #2, which aims to inspire excellence in teaching, research and collaboration.

Goal #2 is designed to support and recognize teaching excellence by establishing a program that is responsible for promoting the development and sharing of innovative teaching and mentoring practices. Beginning in 2011, the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo began hiring faculty to support instruction in academic areas which would help reduce students’ journey to receive their degree. The UH System IRO reported that the proportion of students who completed at least 30 hours in their first academic year has increased by 2% each year. Also, the number and proportion of students who graduated within the 4-6 years has increased by 2-3% each year.

Development of a four-year academic map for each major and degree program is being worked on at this time. The academic map will include milestones to help indicate a timely progress toward graduation.

Another objective for Goal #2 is to restructure research support services, both pre-award and post-award, this to increase efficiency and improve the quality of support to faculty and staff that apply for and receive funding. To support this goal, the institution implemented the use of the on-line grant submittal system, MyGrant. Grant writing workshops will be offered to the faculty, staff, post docs and graduate students twice a year or once a semester. The first workshop was offered on January 19, 2013 with 27 in attendance. Satisfaction with the pre-award and post-award services for the faculty and staff has increased.

Look for another update in the series of Strategic Plan progress reports in the October issue of Ka Lono Hanakahi. The topic of that report will be Goal #3, fostering a vibrant and sustainable environment within which to study, work and live.

Aloha and Mahalo!

New NHERC exhibit features music, nostalgia

“Honoka’a Loves Music” is currently on display at the UH Hilo North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center’s Heritage Center that celebrates the legacy of musicians and music in the Hamakua community.

The exhibit begins with Hawaiian oli (chants) of Hamakua, which had the second oldest community band on the island in 1884. The Honoka’a Band was reorganized after World War II and became known as the Hamakua County Band.

The exhibit also features plantation bands that toured from camp to camp playing at manso dances (a type of taxi dance) and other events. Groups like the Harmonizers and Bob Fernandez Orchestra were largely made up of plantation workers who would spend their weekends playing music.

This year marks the 35th year since Honoka’a High School music teacher Gary Washburn started at the school and created the Jazz Band and Ensemble. The exhibit contains a retrospective on the band as well as some featured performers who have gone on to careers in music.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 8 – 4 p.m, and Saturdays, 9-1 p.m. The Center is located at 45-539 Plumeria Street in Honoka’a.
Construction Update: Major initiatives nearly completed

by Ken Hupp

The Hale ‘Alahonua Residence Hall dedicated last month was one of several capital improvement projects taking place on and off campus that are transforming the physical makeup of the University while providing a welcome boost to the island economy.

The additional housing units created by the completion of Hale ‘Alahonua will be supplemented by the establishment of the University’s Living, Learning Community (LLC) program at the site of the Hale Kanilehua residence hall. Work wrapped up at the end of May on Phase I, which included various renovations and upgrades that added a classroom, separate living accommodations for a scholar-in-residence, a fully functioning community kitchen and another 20 beds to the Hale Kanilehua facility. Attention now turns to the $3.4 million Phase II and Phase II A add ons, which will further enhance the Living Learning Community concept.

On-site work began in July on Phase II A, which includes a connecting structure extending from the existing Hale Kanilehua lobby to a new dormitory wing to be built under Phase II and an enclosed second floor lanai for use as a multi-purpose room. Work is expected to be finished by the end of November.

Phase II begins this fall with construction of additional parking at the Lanikaula Street parking lot that should be completed within two months. Work on the dormitory wing, to include 17 additional beds and an open air classroom pavilion, will commence following completion of Phase II A and is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2014.

Meanwhile, work on two major new buildings is wrapping up and will be finished by the end of the year.

The building and parking lot for the $18.1 million Student Services Center has been completed and the County has issued a certificate of occupancy. The 48,842 square-foot facility will replace the existing building next door with a one-stop shop that provides all the services needed to support students’ collegiate success. Student service programs to be housed in the new building include Enrollment Services (Admissions, Records, Financial Aid, Registrar), Advising Services (Advising Center, Counseling/Testing, Career Center), Student Support Services (Student Development, Minority Access, International Student Services) and Business Offices.

The unfinished work is largely limited to installation of security cameras, fire lane and trash enclosure, exterior stair roof and other punch list items, along with construction of an off-site maintenance shed at the former Army Reserve property on Lanikaula Street.

All major construction has been completed on the $28 million complex that will provide a permanent home for all the programs and operations for Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke’elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.

The two-story structure on Nowelo Street in the UH Hilo Science and Technology Park spans 36,760 square-feet and includes a Performing Arts Auditorium that can be subdivided into three spaces. Special-use rooms include a library, curriculum and media resource room, tutorial, archive and telecom...
Teaching award recipients honored

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo honored faculty with excellence in teaching and recognition awards during this year’s spring commencement held on May 11.

Rayna Morel, instructor of communication, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Morel was described by one nominator as a teacher who engages students using clever and relevant examples that make abstract concepts more tangible and meaningful to them.

The Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Dr. Kalena Silva, professor and former director, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. A key member of the team that made the College a reality, Silva is described as a teacher first and foremost. He helps students learn through studies of historical language resources, how to understand the relevance of those materials, relate that understanding to contemporary times, and understand the importance of viewing Hawaiian as a living, evolving language.

Dr. Faith Mishina, assistant professor, Spanish, received the Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She is described as a committed teacher who helps students learn another language by using it as a window into the larger world of global opportunities.

Dr. Norman Arancon, assistant professor, horticulture, received the Chancellor’s Special Recognition Award for Contribution to Campus and Community. Arancon has pioneered research in the utilization of earthworm-worked soil amendment, referred to as vermicomposts, which has benefited Hawai‘i’s agriculture industry and local communities. Students in his courses grow produce on campus that are given to students in residence halls and sold at a student-organized farmer’s market.

Conference rooms, a computer lab, student and faculty lounges and 30 offices.

When finished, the facility will provide the physical resources to accommodate continued curriculum development, high-technology learning, distance education needs, and host indigenous people from around the globe who frequently visit the College. Outstanding work is primarily confined to installation of VOIP communication switches, security cameras, electrical sub-meters and various punch list items.

Future initiatives will benefit from a $3.5 million Water Infrastructure Improvement project that began last year and is expected to be completed next July. Plans call for a well, pump, transmission lines, and related improvements to ensure a sufficient water supply for planned development as well as fire protection needs.

The well is presently being drilled in the University Park above Komohana Street and will supply approximately 1,800 gallons per minute. Drilling is expected to be completed by July 2014.

Seven elevators located in six buildings across the campus are being modernized and renovated through a $2 million Health, Safety & Code Requirements (HSCR) project. The elevators include two in Mookini Library, and one each in the Campus Center, current Student Services Building, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, Edith Kanaka‘ole Hall and Hale Kehau.

Work includes replacement of hydraulic pumps and cylinders, controller and call buttons along with refurbishment or replacement of the cabs, doors and door frames to improve reliability, reduce maintenance costs and to comply with current building codes as well as ADAG requirements.

Crews expect to complete all work including testing and inspections of the Campus Center and both Library shafts by the end of the month. Work on the Old Student Services Building will begin once the building is vacated. The final three will be done and completed during the Summer of 2014.

Off campus, work is wrapping up on a $1.5 million facelift of facilities at the Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center (PACRC) in Keaukaha. Phase I improvements include repairs to the existing fresh and salt water pumps to establish a more reliable system. At the same time, the older buildings are being upgraded to provide research labs and offices for faculty and staff.

The improvements are expected to enhance research activities at the Center, which has been successful in obtaining millions of dollars in grants and contracts through work done over the past five years at both its Keaukaha and Panaewa locations.
Pharmacy students and faculty in China and the U.S. will have more opportunities to work together, thanks to a new agreement signed July 26 at The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Officials met at one of DKICP’s administrative locations on Rainbow Drive to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) intended to encourage the exchange of scholarly pursuits. Lei Fu, associate dean at Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s (SJTU) School of Pharmacy, met with several DKICP faculty members, including Rose Tseng, professor and director of international programs.

“We are uniquely positioned to influence the future of pharmacy in China because there is no comparable degree program for pharmacists there,” said Tseng, who is UH Hilo chancellor emerita and also serves as international advisor to current Chancellor Donald Straney, who met Fu in Hilo. “At the same time, their science programs are very strong, giving our researchers even more opportunities to develop projects that will improve health care worldwide.”

The collaboration began through a network of industrial connections with DKICP faculty, Tseng said. “The University has a wonderful reputation, and I knew of the quality of Dr. Fu’s education, who received his Ph.D. from Stanford, so I thought this was a good opportunity.”

With 41,000 students, SJTU is about twice the size of the UH Manoa campus. The School of Pharmacy, which opened in 2000, occupies about 160,000 square feet of building space on the campus in Shanghai. The School of Pharmacy, which was called “a rising star” in pharmacology and toxicology programs by ScienceWatch, has 70 students enrolled each year in its masters and Ph.D. programs, according to Fu, who has been a principal investigator with SJTU since 2006.

“We look forward to the potential exchange of students and faculty because of the close proximity of our universities, but also because of the many common interests we share, including natural products,” Fu said. “We are hoping to co-develop a PharmD program, as well as create favorable circumstances for postdoctoral associates and visiting scholars.”

Researchers from the Chinese University collaborate with many international institutions, including facilitating exchanges with scholars in Germany, France and Switzerland. In the U.S., SJTU has MOUs at several universities, including the University of Pittsburgh and the University of the Pacific.

“Because we are the only school of pharmacy in the Pacific area, it’s critical to reach out as the first line of communication in order to give students in this region a level of training never before available,” said DKICP Dean John M. Pezzuto. “This has the potential to spin off into a variety of directions, and we are excited and prepared to meet the challenge.”

UH Hilo currently has another MOU with China’s Zhejiang University. Spearheaded by Tseng in 2008, the MOU was expanded for another three years last fall.
Legacies: Ho‘omau benefit is Sept 14

Tickets are currently on sale for a one-night only extravaganza at the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center when past and present University performers grace the stage in a special event to benefit the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center and Department.

Legacies: Ho‘omau takes place on Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the performing arts. “It is a way of not only paying tribute and honoring all of the gifted artists that came before, but hopefully it will also inspire the young up and coming talent to go forth and embrace their talents and pursue their dreams,” said Lee Dombroski, PAC manager.

The evening features live music by an eight-piece band under the direction of Trever Veilleux, a host of singers, including faculty, students and alumni, and dance performances in an array of genres, as well as short comedic film offerings.

To add to the excitement, surprise gift boxes will be available for $10. Surprises may include a handcrafted koa bowl, UH Hilo PAC season ticket packages, Fall Quatro ticket packages, pairs of tickets to UH Hilo PAC events, and other novel items.

Tickets are reserved seating and priced at $20 General, $10 UH Hilo / HawCC students (with valid ID) and children up to age 17, and are available by calling the UH Hilo Box Office at 974-7310 or ordering online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.


UH Hilo announces year-end award recipients

A student, staff, and faculty members were honored at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s 2013 Awards and Recognition Celebration held on campus.

Xietan Kawai Anuhea Dutro, a student fiscal/administrative assistant at Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language, was honored as Student Employee of the Year. Dutro has worked at the College since 2008 and is an integral part of its preparation and planning for events and activities as well as short comedic film offerings.

The Outstanding University Support Employee Award was presented to Shana Kaneshiro whose work as an office assistant in the Financial Aid Office positively affects the 8,200 students applying for financial aid each year. Kaneshiro redesigned all the FAO forms that can now be done online, and each year volunteers for the College Goal Sunday events in Hilo and Kona that help up to 400 students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). She has served as president of the UH clerical support group Nā Laulima, and has been the campus clerical representative on the UH Hilo Chancellor’s Professional Development Committee since 2011.

College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) Program Coordinator Corinne Tamashiro, who began working for the College as a student in 1971, received the Professional Staff Award. A former Interim and Acting Dean, Tamashiro played a significant role in planning and establishing the North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC) in Honoka‘a, and single-handedly built UH Hilo’s summer session program into what it is today.

The Taniguchi Excellence & Innovation Award went to Dr. Philippe Binder, professor of physics, and Dr. Ramon Figueroa-Centeno, associate professor of mathematics. Binder and Figueroa-Centeno were recognized for their work on three-dimensional visualization of complex mathematical objects in ‘Imiloa’s 16-meter state-of-the-art stereoscopic planetarium. Their work offers significant advances in the presentation of complex mathematical data sets, which allow data to be manipulated so that it can be better understood and become a powerful tool in physics and mathematics courses. The first of its kind to be presented in a planetarium environment, the data has been presented at a national level visualization conference and used in university level classes.
The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center has unveiled its schedule of performances for the 2013-14 season, which begins on Thursday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. with the innovative improvisation of Broadway’s Next Hit Musical.

“It’s all improvised and its all funny,” said PAC Manager Lee Dombroski. “Every song is fresh, every scene is new and every performance is different.”

Six-time GRAMMY® Award-nominee and versatile songstress Nnenna Freelon takes the stage on Friday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. Described as a captivating performer, Freelon will be joined by three equally impressive musicians.

The Intergalactic Nemesis Company presents Book Two: Robot Planet Rising from their Live-Action Graphic Novel on Friday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. A one-of-a-kind theatrical performance, the Intergalactic Nemesis series has thrilled even the most skeptical members of the audience.

The spring season begins with Rasta Thomas’ Bad Boys of Dance. The group is known for its physicality and athleticism, and returns by popular demand with a brand new show on February 11.

Then fasten seat belts for Rhythmic Circus’ Feet Don’t Fail Me Now on March 11. This percussive dance phenomenon electrifies audiences with its hard-hitting rapid-fire tap, sidesplitting humor and finger snapping tunes.

Traditional Irish music and song takes the spotlight when Danu, from Ireland’s County Waterford, performs on March 21. The season closes with the hit musical Miss Saigon, directed by UH Hilo Drama Professor Jackie Pualani Johnson, with Musical Director Armando Mendoza and choreography by University Dance Instructor Celeste Staton. Performance dates are April 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 at 2 p.m.

The PAC is also planning a special fundraising event on Saturday, September 14, with proceeds supporting both the Performing Arts Center and Department. Legacies~Ho’omau is conceived and directed by PAC Associate Manager and long-time dance program member Dori Yamada, and features performances by alumni, current students, and UH Hilo faculty and staff members.

“A lot of talent from the Performing Arts Department has graced the PAC stage over the years and made good art,” Yamada said. “We want to celebrate that good art, support the Performing Arts Department and the Performing Arts Center’s programs, and above all make more good art!”

Season subscription packages ranging in price from $64 to $132 are currently available by calling the PAC Box Office at (808) 974-7310 or by ordering online at artscenter. uhh.hawaii.edu. Single performance tickets will be available beginning September 10.
Campus Events

September

2      Holiday: Labor Day
6      Last day to completely withdraw from classes without owing tuition. (Student fees are still owed.)
13     Final deadline to apply for Fall 2013 Graduation
       Last day to exercise Credit/No Credit
       Last day to submit Auditors Form
14     *Legacies: Ho’omau* benefit, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
16     Last day to drop a class without “W”
       Last day to receive 50% refund of tuition for complete withdrawals
       No refunds issued after this date
26     *Broadway’s Next Hit Musical*, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission