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During their 35th anniversary year, UH Community Colleges celebrated their past, assessed the present, and began work on many new initiatives which will help the colleges move Hawaii into the 21st century. Some of these new programs have been developed as the result of the UH Community Colleges' involvement with groups such as the Millennium Workforce Task Force. Others have evolved from conversations with local business and industry leaders. New government mandates for education have motivated other changes. Yet, perhaps most importantly, some of the transformations taking place within the UHCCs are due to the new ways in which people learn.

Following are a few of the exciting new programs and events happening on our campuses:

FOCUS ON EMERGING INDUSTRIES

Through their involvement with the members of the Millennium Workforce Task Force, the UHCCs have identified six areas of focus to help Hawai'i in its economic devel-

opment efforts. These areas are: Information Technologies, Biotechnology, Transportation, Environmental Technologies, Healthcare, and the Visitor Industry.

This new focus is changing many facets of the institutions. For instance, in the past five years, more than 15 programs have been eliminated from UHCC curriculum. Yet, in that same time, 11 new programs have been introduced and many others have been

updated or now include training in new tools and technologies.

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Biotechnology and Environmental Technologies are two of the areas the Millennium Workforce Task Force has identified for Hawai'i's economic development.



We have the team to take on the challenges

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Joyce S. Tsunoda
Senior Vice President UH, and Chancellor for Community Colleges

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It is amazing to think that a year has passed since we joined with friends, colleagues and educational partners to celebrate our 35th anniversary. We have entered a new millennium, welcomed new partnerships, and seen many changes in this past year.

It was good to see many of you again at our 17th Annual Excellence in Education Conference in March. Whenever we get together, it reminds me of the importance of staying together...and working together.

At the conference, we learned from Dennis Jones, the keynote speaker, that we still have much to do (see page 11). Mr. Jones pointed out some stark facts about how we compare with the other 49 states and other higher education institutions. Examples: Hawai'i

- has lower participation of part-time undergraduates than most comparison states;
- has very low production of undergraduate certificates and degrees;
- receives relatively low grades in the 1999 Report Card for economic development (at right).

In short, the state has quite a lot of room for improvement. Mr. Jones called upon our community colleges to be a primary force in helping Hawai'i meet the challenge.

I know we are up to the task because I have seen how successfully individuals from across our UHCC system come together as committees to give of their time, energy and talent during the past year. This includes:

- **The Y2K committee.** As the clock ticked toward 2000, this group of information technology professionals from all of our

campuses came together to create Y2K readiness plans, implement software updates, and run tests. They seamlessly brought the community colleges' information systems into the new millennium.

- **The Excellence in Education planning committee.** For 17 years now, a group of volunteers has come together to create this annual conference... and it keeps getting better every year.
- **Accreditation self-study committees.** Across the campuses and at the Chancellor's Office, people are diligently assembling data for our self-studies and preparing for visits by the accrediting committees in October.
- **The distance education committee.** Given the daunting task of creating an Associate in Arts degree program that is completely accessible via distance education, this group is quickly closing in on its goals.
- **Various event committees.** Campuses have gone the extra yard this year in creating community-oriented events that promote awareness, increase community participation, help raise much-needed funds, and benefit us, our students and our communities.

Hawaii 1999 Report Card

Performance	D
Business Vitality	F
Development Capacity	C

As we again celebrate our anniversary and National Community College Month in April, I would like to extend a sincere note of appreciation to

these and all individuals who have come together as a family, focusing on our mission to help people learn. Your combined efforts enable the UHCCs to sustain excellence and focus on our commitment to the community.

We have the team and the talent. Let's take on these challenges and make Hawai'i's future brighter. 🌱

Joyce S. Tsunoda

UHCCs meet new training and education needs

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Employers see the benefits of the hands-on education their employees receive at community colleges.

The UHCCs have restructured some degree requirements and are focusing more closely on competencies in determining student success in meeting national and industry standards.

The UHCCs are also finding that closer collaboration between credit and non-credit programs is giving students a more broad-based education. The value of a student's skills-specific training and hands-on learning experiences is strengthened by the critical thinking skills developed through a solid educational background.

PACIFIC CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRAINING (PCATT)

The Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT) is now in the planning stage. PCATT will allow the Community Colleges to design and deliver customized training for growing high technology industries in Hawai'i. Focusing on fast turn-around and responsiveness, PCATT will work to streamline and simplify procedures for business and industry. The establishment of such a center will signal to

the local business community and the world that Hawai'i is prepared to meet their specialized training and education requirements.

PCATT will build upon advanced training capabilities already in place across the Community Colleges, including computing and networking, telecommunications, aeronautics technologies, and digital media.

PCATT will:

- Develop partnerships between businesses or industry consortia and training entities;
- Utilize training design and development teams to research and prepare new curricula materials;
- Acquire access to specialized equipment and training materials;
- Acquire training resources to respond quickly to new opportunities;
- Keep abreast of changing workplace requirements; and
- Provide faculty and staff with the opportunity to acquire additional training and certification consistent with emerging industry standards.

GET AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

In the fall of 2000, the UH Community Colleges will offer a system-coordinated sequence of distance delivered courses that enable students to acquire an Associate in Arts degree via distance education. Courses will incorporate synchronous and asynchronous television, internet and on-site teaching and will be available statewide.

The UHCCs have long been a

leader in distance education services to the community. Already, throughout the UH Community College system there are hundreds of programs and courses available via distance education. However, this is the first time that the degree will be offered as a collaborative multi-campus, multi-media program.

PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (H.R. 1385) rewrites current federal statutes governing programs of job training, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation, replacing them with streamlined and more flexible components of workforce development systems. The legislation requires the use of individual training accounts (vouchers) to pay for training and stipulates the development of "One Stop Shops" for training, education, and employment assistance.

The UH Community Colleges are presently reviewing the requirements stipulated by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) so that they can determine their roles and possibly take the lead as Hawai'i's one-stop shops throughout the state.

As one-stop shops, the UH Community Colleges will help customers receive a preliminary assessment of their skill levels, abilities, and support service needs. They will also provide information on a full array of employment-related services and help with job placement assistance and career counseling and provide access to up-to-date labor market information. 🌱

UHCCs CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

In recognition of National Community College Month in April, the UH Community Colleges have planned a month-long calendar of events, including lectures, art shows, open houses and more to educate, enlighten and just have fun.

This year, to promote awareness of their longtime commitment of service to the community, the UH Community Colleges are partnering with Hawaii Literacy, Inc. to collect new and gently-used children's books and distribute them at Family Literacy centers and various Even Start programs throughout the State on April 29.

The UH Community Colleges kicked off their on-campus book drive in March, asking faculty, staff and students to donate new or gently-used books for children ages 0-5, CD-ROMs, video cassettes and other educational materials for children. In April, the public is invited to donate their new and gently-used children's books at the campuses and at many of the Community College Month events, including two events at Borders Books & Music on Oahu.

Hawaii Literacy, Inc. is a private non-profit organization founded in 1971 to promote and advocate literacy in Hawai'i. 

Coordinated by HawCC's marketing committee, volunteers will clean and repair areas of the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo. For information call 974-7425.

The "New-to-College" Educational Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kaahumanu Shopping Ctr., Kahului. Maui CC and the UH Center-Maui offer educational and career information, mini counseling sessions, and activities. Call 984-3286 for information.

April 9

WOFA - African "Stomp"

7:00 p.m., LCC Theatre. These West African performers are taking the world by storm. Percussive ballet of dances, rhythms and music of the lower coast of Guinea. Call 455-0385 for information.

April 11

Marking Time with Music

7 p.m., Windward CC Little Theatre. WCC Associate Professor Gloria Moore sees music as a reflection of cultural, social and political conventions. Call 235-7326 for information.



The Hana Hawaiian Family Affair*

9 a.m.-5 p.m. As part of the East Maui Taro Festival, Maui CC's Na Pua No'eau Center presents a series of Hawaiian arts workshops. Call 984-3364 for information.

April 4

Chancellor Tsunoda talks live on KUAI

7:45-8:00 a.m. In connection with Kaua'i CC's radio promotion, Chancellor Joyce Tsunoda will be on-air with KUAI's Bill Dahle.

Middle Eastern Culture

Lecture by Dr. A Karim Khan, 9:30 a.m. Leeward CC Biological Sciences Bldg. Rm. 208B. Free. For information call 944-7784.

April 6

Mahalo Award Presentation & Reception
Hawaii CC. Community

partners and advisory councils are recognized for their ongoing support. Call 974-7591 for information.

April 7

LCC Lab Theatre Production: "World Blend"

8:00 p.m., LCC Theatre, Fairy tales from around the world, adapted by Garrick Paikai, performed by LCC students, directed by Paul Cravath. Also runs April 8, 13-15. \$5. Call 455-0385 for information.

April 8

Borders Books & Music Community College Awareness Day*

Noon to 4 p.m., Ward Centre. Performances and information showcasing the UHCCs. Call 956-3862 for information.

2nd Annual Community Service Project

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Haw CC,

April 1

Celebrate the Century with Stamps

WCC's Gallery 'Iolani. Revisit the century through the unique artistry of US postage stamps. Exhibition runs through April 7. Call 235-1140 for information.

Hawaii CC Student Marketing Displays

HawCC marketing students' work on display all month long in the windows of the Business Ed. Bldg. and Building 379. Call 974-7426 for information.



April 20

Earth Day at Hawai'i CC*

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Haw CC. Plant sale, crafts and lots more for the whole family. For information call 974-7658 on the Big Island.

Kaua'i CC Solutions 2K with Pacific Business News

10 a.m. Performing Arts Center. For information, call 245-8234.

Kaua'i CC Film Club Film Festival

Runs through April 24. For information, call 245-8234.

April 21

12th Annual LCC Dance Festival

8:00 p.m., LCC Theatre. Under the direction of Stephanie Palombo, a two night festival featuring the best of island dance. \$11/\$9. Call 455-0385 for information. Also runs April 22.

The Box Pilgrimage

WCC's Little Theatre. A multimedia production with masks, video and stories. Fri & Sat evenings through May 6.

April 22

Haw CC Alumni & Friends Assn. General Membership Meeting

4:30 p.m. Call 974-7426 for more information.

Kaua'i CC's Earth Day Celebration*

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kaua'i CC

campus. For information call 245-8234.

Windward CC Ho'olau-le'a 2000—A Voyage of Discovery*

9 a.m.– 3 p.m., WCC campus. Free entertainment, exhibits, crafts and food booths, Easter egg hunt, pancake breakfast. Call 235-7396 for information.

April 28

The Guitar: Spain's Gift to the World

11:30 a.m., Windward CC Little Theatre. A lecture and demonstration of Latin guitar music by Dr. Juan DeVilbiss-Munoz. Call 944-7784 for information.

April 29

Hawaii CC Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Alumni and Friends Association. For information, call 974-7426.

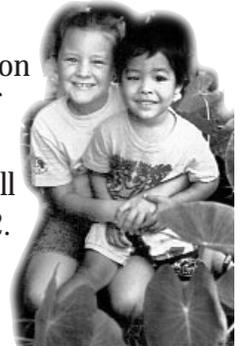
“Uncle Gunjiro's Girlfriend”

LCC Theatre. An original drama featuring Brenda Wong Aoki, telling the true story of California's first mixed marriage. For information, call 455-0385.

UHCC/Hawaii Literacy Inc. Book Giveaway
Children at seven Even Start/Family Literacy Centers throughout the state receive books collected through the UHCC book drive. Information on distribution times and sites is available from Marilyn Walsh at 956-3862.

*All events marked with an asterisk are events with book drop-off sites for those wishing to contribute to the UHCC Hawaii Family Literacy Drive.

For more information on any of these events, call 956-3862.



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April 15

Borders Books & Music Community College Awareness Day*

Noon- 4 p.m., Waialea Shopping Ctr. Demonstrations, performances and information showcasing the UHCCs. Call 956-3862 for information.

Hawai'i Island Chamber Scholarship Auction*

5:30 p.m. Haw CC. Proceeds benefit scholarship endowment for HawCC students. To donate or purchase tickets, call 974-7611.

Hawaii Pacific Fashion Show *

9 a.m. Hon CC Cafeteria. \$14 per ticket includes lunch. Designers include Nakeu Awai, Manuheali, Tali Goetz, Puamana Crabbe. Craft booths, and segment for HCC Fashion Tech students. Call 845-9278 for information.

Windward CC Career Expo at Windward Mall*

10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Windward Mall. Exhibits, mini-classes, demonstrations. Call 235-7396 for information.

Dinosaur hatchlings at Hon CC



Professor Rick Ziegler and Associate Professor John Shen show off the new attractions at Hon CC's dinosaur exhibit.

Honolulu Community College is becoming a veritable Jurassic Park with the addition of 10 baby dinosaurs to its dinosaur exhibit. The Stegosaurus, Ceratosaurus, Carreasaurus, Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus, Apatosaurus, Ankylosaurus, Struethiomimus, Edmontosaurus and Pteradon, plus embryos of a Troodon, a Saurapod, a Hadrosaur, a Therizinosaur, and a Titanosaur have been added.

The acquisitions were purchased by the student government, and are the work of noted scientific artists William Monteleone and John Fischner. They have been

Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops, and a real dinosaur egg.

Hon CC is the only institution in the state with a permanent dinosaur exhibit that is open to the public free of charge, with reservations, during the regular school year. The exhibit is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. For reservations call 845-9253. In order to celebrate the "new arrivals," the Student Senate hosted an open house on February 15 for students, faculty, and staff to see the new acquisitions. According to attendees, the prehistoric creatures are "really cute." 🌿

LCC RECEIVES FIVE-STAR STATUS

Leward Community College's Alpha Lambda Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students in two-year institutions, received special commendation during the Pacific Regional Convention by fulfilling all requirements for distinction as a five-star chapter, the highest rank possible. 🌿

FUJIKAWA GETS ACCOLADES FROM STUDENTS & COLLEAGUES

Linda Fujikawa, instructor in Japanese and language arts at Kapi'olani CC, was pleased to find out that she would be included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000" and was even more honored to learn one of her students nominated her. Additionally, Fujikawa has been selected to do a presentation for the 22nd Annual Conference of the National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education this Spring in Kailua-Kona. Her topic is "International Service Learning: Beyond the Classroom into Global Hearts and Minds." 🌿

Kaua'i community gets involved in Fair

Kaua'i Community College hosted a Career Fair for the New Millennium in March. According to Provost Peggy Cha, "One of the most exciting aspects of the fair was the number of partners who stepped up to be part of the event. Our thanks go out to Hawai'i Community Foundation, Kaua'i Business Assistance Corporation, the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, Na Lei Wili Area Health Education Center, the County Office of Economic Development, Pacific Missile Range Facility, the Society for Human Resource Management, and the Workforce Development Division of the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for their assistance. Mahalo as well to our own Rural Development Project which was also an active supporter. 🌿

Culinary student wins top award

By Verna Post, Hawai'i CC

Cy Yamamoto, a recent graduate of the University of Hawai'i Center at West Hawai'i, won the American Culinary Federation Western Region Junior Chef of the Year award.

The ACF Western Region drew applicants from Alaska and the western states, as far south as Arizona and including Hawai'i. The purpose is to honor those junior members whose dedication and service to the American Culinary Federation, their community, and their profession enhance the image and professionalism of the chef.

Yamamoto was an active member in the ACF Junior Kona-Kohala Chapter, participated in numerous

volunteer activities in Kona-Kohala resorts, was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and was captain of the Hawai'i Culinary Arts Exposition where his team won bronze and gold medals.



Hawai'i CC culinary graduate Cy Yamamoto

Yamamoto has been employed with the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Historic Kaupulehu since October 1998. ❁

WCC'S MOORE TO SING AT VATICAN

Windward CC Music Professor Gloria Moore will be on her way to the Vatican this summer with the Hawaii Vocal Arts Ensemble. The group has been chosen as the official choir for the pilgrimage of the beatification of Father William Chaminade, founder of the Marianist order. The ensemble will perform in various European cities en route to the Vatican, then on September 3, they will be at the Vatican to witness the beatification.

Moore is scheduled to talk on "Marking Time with Music" on April 11 at 7 p.m. in Hale Kuhina on the WCC campus. ❁

Kap CC hosts International "Milestone"

Kapi'olani Community College

kicked off its twelfth annual International Festival on March 21, 2000 with a Hawaiian blessing by Kap CC instructor Kawika Napoleon and the students of Hawaiian language. The festival is

KapCC's largest event of the year and celebrates the cultural diversity that has become such an important part of Kap CC and Hawai'i.

A parade of cultures (*shown*



above) followed the blessing and the four-day event featured a number of experts and entertainers representing cultures from around the world. ❁

Honda study-abroad grants available

Study abroad grants are now available through the Paul S. Honda International Opportunities Fund for eligible UH Community College students. International businessman Paul S. Honda established this fund to provide international opportunities for UH Community Colleges students. In addition to study abroad grants, the Fund provides support for campus-based international activities. For information, contact the Office of International Affairs, UH-Manoa, Physical Science Building, Room 102. APPLICATION DEADLINE is APRIL 15, 2000. ❁

Mahalo

The following individuals deserve and receive our thanks for helping us to survive Y2K. These members of the UHCC Y2K committee, the campus support staff, and all the technical coordinators were responsible for keeping our computer systems running smoothly throughout. Mahalo to:

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Steve Shulte	Alan Subica

Honolulu CC

Kelly So	Dale Daida
Wayne Chun	Sharon Isa
Helen Rapozo	Kats Ige
Ken Kato	Harriet Miyasaki
Margaret Haig	

Kapi'olani CC

Charles Aoki	Mona Lee
Bert Kimura	Ann Kinningham
John Messina	Mike Tagawa

Kaua'i CC

Eric Chu	Tom Kajihara
Earl Nishiguchi	Gary Nitta

Leeward CC

Cliff Togo	Charlotte Watanabe
Stuart Uesato	Rich Yamane

Maui CC

Steve George	Kris Shibano
Les Souza	Alvin Tagomori
David Tamanaha	

Windward CC

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We thank these individuals and everyone across the UHCC system who helped bring our information systems successfully into the new millennium.

MAUI CC STUDENTS TAKE THE GOLD

Maui CC's culinary team came back from the recent 2000 American Culinary Federation Western Regional Competition in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with the championship and will represent the AFC Western Region at the National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in July. Team members, who qualified to compete in Idaho by winning the state finals competition, are Captain John Meriales, Gilbert Galiza, Suwanlee Pease, Don Hill, and alternate Belia Hernandez. At the competition, students prepared

a signature four-course menu within 90 minutes and participated in a one-hour skills competition that tested cutting techniques.

Master chefs judging the competition said that the MCC team's menu was the "best in town" and that they would order it in any restaurant. The team served Pacific Rim Seafood Consomme with Prawn Quenelles Island Vegetable Terrine with Plum Wine Essence; Coconut Crusted Duck Breast with Tamarind Port Sauce; and Lilikoi Chiffon Cream Cheese Cake with Guava Puree. 🌿

Raft replaces vest at Hon CC aviation

Honolulu CC's flight training program is the first civilian user of a new one-person wearable life raft. Every Hon CC student pilot on an overwater flight now wears the back pack type life raft. According to Director Ed Helmick, it is a very small back pack which has been used by NASA and the military for years, but had not been approved for civilian use until now.

About six months ago, Honolulu CC and University of North Dakota persuaded the company, Survival Technologies, to go to the FAA to obtain approval. Approval was obtained and the very first ones arrived at Hon CC in late February. Honolulu CC is the first civilian user in the nation. But, as Director



Michael Baton of Aviation Life Support displays one of Hon CC's new inflatable safety rafts.

Helmick explains, "Many local parties are very interested in them since they arrived." According to Helmick, the new life raft, which replaces the life vest, will keep the legs of the crash victims out of the water and away from possible shark attacks. 🌿

Rare books nourish WCC's Kuhi Lā'au

by Windward CC's Ka'Ohana news staff

That mystery plant growing in your yard is just another challenge for super-sleuth Professor Inge White and her team of botany students at Windward CC.

Since WCC's plant identification lab opened two years ago, White's students have ID'd more than 300 plants that community members have brought in. One of the keys to their success is the steadily growing collection of rare books—some dating back to the 1800s—that students use for referencing under White's watchful eye.

WCC recently honored two major donors of these books in a ceremony in the college's new science building. The event marked the official dedication of Kuhi

Donor Jean Inouye, Heidi Bornhorst and Inge White examine some of Kuhi Lā'au's materials.

Lā'au, the college's tropical plant and orchid identification facility.

The donors are the former Honolulu Orchid Society president Jean Inouye and Dr. Mien Rifai, Indonesia's vice minister for research and technology. Their generosity has now been acknowledged with an engraved plaque marking the Inouye and Rifai Collections.

During the ceremony, Inouye said Kuhi Lā'au is an important asset to the community because there is no orchid identification lab in Hawai'i. "Until now, we had been sending plant species to Florida, "



she explained. "This facility at Windward could become the Pacific center for tropical plant and orchid identification." 🌿



International ties with Taipei strengthened

In a brief ceremony on March 10, 2000, at Bachman Hall, University of Hawai'i President Kenneth P. Mortimer and President of the National Taipei University of Technology (NTUT), Professor Frank Ten-Jin Chang, signed a statement of understanding between the University of Hawai'i and NTUT.

The ceremony serves to strengthen the bonds between the two academic communities and contributes to greater understanding and communication between the two insti-

tutions. Shown above at the ceremony are President Mortimer NTUT President Chang, Honolulu CC Acting Provost Ramsey Pedersen, and UHCC Chancellor Joyce Tsunoda.

The signing of the document also opens the doors for more formal exchange agreements between the UHCCs and the National Taipei University of Technology. The UH Community Colleges is considering various exchange opportunities with NTUT within the technology and science fields. 🌿

Accreditation self-study update

The third draft of the Chancellor's Office Self-Study is now being assembled at the Chancellor's Office. All committee members have now submitted their revisions and these will be forwarded to various individuals throughout the UHCC system for their review, comments, and suggestions.

Once final compilation of the document is completed it will be posted to the UHCC Chancellor's

Office web site.

Your input in this document is important and your time and input are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to be forwarded an electronic file of the self-study once this draft is compiled, please call 956-3862.

Campuses are also reporting that much of the initial work on their self-studies is now being compiled for final drafts. 🌿

HawCC dragsters hit world record

Two graduates from the Automotive Mechanics Technology and Auto Body Repair and Painting programs at Hawai'i Community College, Charles Asato and Keoki DeSa, co-own the world's quickest VW-style dragster and were recently featured on the cover of Dune Buggies and Hot VWs. Their quarter-mile record was a 7.16/182.16 blast of speed—that number is in seconds!

This was not the first time for a story in Hot VWs. DeSa's turbo-charged Porsche Speedster was featured in September 1997. But, wanting to run quicker quarter-miles, the Porsche was sold and a joint decision was made to build a dragster. After the basics were completed, modifications were made on the look of the

body with the help of former HawCC graduate Darwin Okinaka.

After many testing sessions in a less-than-perfect environment in Hilo (no track rentals or test sites AND the rain), DeSa finally felt he had his estimated 900-plus horsepower dragster race-ready. He blasted off and took the No. 1 spot for the quickest VW-style (engine configuration) dragster in the world.

Crew members also included the following HawCC graduates: Robert Camacho, Curt

Fukumori, Noel Barrileaux, Danny Namihira, and Larry Suria.

The AMT/ABRP faculty AT Hawai'i CC are proud of these graduates who have collectively produced extraordinary accomplishments in a very specialized field. 🌿



IT'S GRADUATION TIME!

Congratulations to all the hard-working students who will receive certificates, degrees and/or otherwise complete programs this Spring. The faculty and staff of the UH Community Colleges wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

Graduation Ceremony Schedule

- Kapi'olani CC** — Thursday, May 11
6:30 p.m., Waikiki Shell
- Leeward CC** — Friday, May 12
5:00 p.m., LCC's Tuthill Courtyard
- Honolulu CC** — Friday, May 12
5:00 p.m., Waikiki Shell
- Kaua'i CC** — Friday, May 12
6:00 p.m., War Memorial
- Hawai'i CC** — Friday, May 12
7:00 p.m., UH Hilo Gymnasium
- Windward CC** — Saturday, May 13
1:00 p.m., WCC Great Lawn
- UH Center West Hawai'i**
— Sunday, May 14
3:00 p.m., Keauhou Beach Hotel
- Moloka'i Education Center** —
Friday, May 19
- Maui CC** — Sunday, May 21
1:00 p.m., Maui Arts and Cultural
Center's Castle Theatre 🌿

ASSESSMENT TOPIC OF PACIFIC RIM CONFERENCE

University administrators, faculty and strategic planners are invited to be a part of the Pacific Rim Conference on Higher Education Planning and Assessment, June 3-7, 2000 at UH Hilo. Please visit the conference web site at: www.uhh.hawaii.edu/~confctr/caps.htm or contact Nicky Reiss, reiss@hawaii.edu or 1 (808) 974-7555 for information.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Jones calls on UHCCs to play a lead role in Hawai'i's workforce development efforts

A review of issues raised by Dennis Jones, keynote speaker at the 17th annual Excellence in Education Conference, March 2, 2000.

During his keynote address at the 17th annual Excellence in Education Conference, Dennis Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) hit upon some crucial issues facing the UH Community Colleges. Some of the issues he presented are more extensive statewide economic and cultural issues. Others focus directly on the UHCC's role in workforce development and the educational health of our state.

For instance, in examining the State's economy, Jones pointed out that we are basically a service economy, with more than 80% of our industries in non-goods producing trades. Our service economy makes for low growth, high unemployment rates, and high outmigration. Add to that a higher than average tax burden and large, relatively low basic educational proficiency, and the UH Community Colleges are facing some tough challenges in helping to turn our economy and workforce around to meet the demands of the global economy.

According to Jones, the University of Hawai'i system cannot prosper if the state does not prosper. And, for the state to prosper, it must have a stronger, more diversified economy. As the key intellectual asset in Hawai'i, the UH system must play a central role in economic development and diversification

efforts.

Jones suggested two methods of taking on this role to develop our intellectual assets: The *proactive component*, which includes capacity building in research, instructional programs, and technology transfer infrastructure, and the *reactive component*, developing effective higher education that includes workforce training and applied research/technical assistance.

Jones also called on the UHCCs to take the lead in developing short-term training, to provide assistance in recruiting employees, and to develop more certificate programs.

He also asked the colleges to help the state move forward in changing the mind-set and organizational structure, not only of the University, but of the state government as well. Jones noted that Hawai'i is very "risk-averse," explaining, "The state is willing to spend \$1 million to uncover the source of a \$500 mistake." Giving people the freedom to innovate and make mistakes, and eliminating the barriers to entrepreneurial behavior are essential to effective involvement in economic development.

Getting employers involved in the educational process at the faculty/instruction level, focusing on com-

HAWAII'S NEW ECONOMY SCORES FROM THE STATE NEW ECONOMY INDEX

INDICATORS	Rank	Hawaii Score	US Average
OVERALL	26	46.14	48.07
OFFICE JOBS	16	19.1	19.6
MANAGERIAL PROFESSIONAL JOBS	40	22.0	24.9
WORKFORCE EDUCATION	10	66.3	58.5
EXPORT FOCUS OF MANUFACTURING	45	14.0	18.1
FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT	1	8.8	3.9
GAZELLE JOBS	50	9.2	14.3
JOB CHURNING	10	2.9	2.7
IPOS	46	0.02	0.42
ONLINE POPULATION	21	32	31
COMMERCIAL INTERNET DOMAINS	13	0.28	0.26
EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY	3	3.63	2.0
DIGITAL GOVERNMENT	45	46.3	60.4
HIGH-TECH JOBS	46	1.5	4.5
SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS	19	0.46	0.42
PATENTS	47	0.14	0.48
INDUSTRY R&D INVESTMENT	50	0.0	1.8
VENTURE CAPITAL	30	0.04	0.17

petencies and increasing certification opportunities are also essential. In short, Jones stated, it is "Out with regulation and in with incentives."

He also pointed out that with increased faculty and staff freedom of action comes increased accountability.

Jones pointed out that Hawai'i has many assets which could work in its favor for moving into the new economy. Yet, there are many barriers as well. If the state does not move forward in these areas, we may find our economy still worsening while the rest of the US continues to lead the world in the development of the new economy.

Learn more about these economic indicators and their impact on the new economy at <http://www.neweconomy.org>, a web site developed by the Progressive Policy Institute. 

Groundbreaking for Maui CC's new media center

by John Fitzpatrick - for Maui CC's on-line newspaper, Ho'oulu

Maui CC students, faculty, staff, and members of the community attended the February 22 ground breaking ceremony for the college's new Media Technology Center, an advanced facility that takes the campus into an educational environment only imagined ten years ago, when planning for it first started.

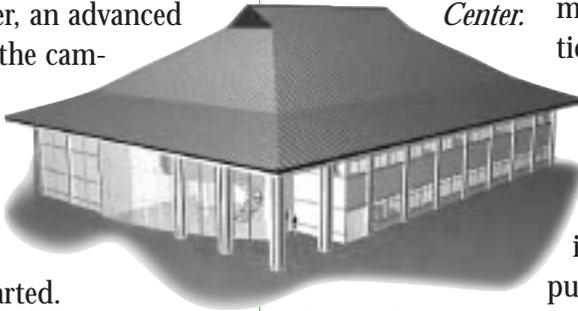
Maui CC Provost Clyde Sakamoto welcomed guests and introduced speakers Mike Unebasami, UHCC Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs; Ted Yamamura, Governor's Liaison; and Richard Kipper, Provost's Advisory Council member. Reverend Kealahou Alika, assisted by Maui CC Dean of Instruction flo wiger, conducted the blessing ceremony.

According to Media Center Coordinator Chris Gentsch, the new building will house the media center, the computing center, and the elec-

tronics and computer engineering technology program. It will support the faculty in their preparation of multimedia instructional materials and courses and will house a parallel processing supercomputer cluster for advanced computer instruction.

The 37,000 square foot center will contain seven distance learning classrooms surrounding a master control room, a fully equipped TV production studio, a digital media lab for 3D computer animation and the digital media arts. It will house distance learning; media campus-wide support services; computing campus-wide support services; instructional programs dealing with media computer technology; and intercampus telecommunications. ❁

Artist's rendering of Maui CC's new Media Technology Center.



MCC students gain valuable experience from internships

As a result of a joint effort between Walette Pellegrino, Co-op Education Coordinator at Maui CC, and Alice Lee, Director of Human Concerns with the County of Maui, students are reaping the benefits of internship programs at Maui CC.

For the last nine years, over \$60,000 has been available for student internships with the County of Maui.

For a student, an internship can be an excellent way to gain practical experience, earn college credit and income, and explore or transition into a new career.

Internship field experiences may be part-time or full-time, paid or volunteer, and located on or off campus. But no matter where they are located, they will most likely provide valuable lessons that students might not otherwise experience. ❁



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