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Career & Technical Ed always ready for change

Career and Technical Education, formerly known as vocational education, has undergone a name change. The new name reflects larger changes in the workplace, such as changes in the skill sets that lead to successful employment and the rapidly changing technologies at work in industries such as computer networking, healthcare and communications.

But, if any area of education is adaptable to change, it is Career and Technical Education. Career and Technical Education focuses on career-specific skills that prepare students for the workforce. For these educational programs to be effective, they must always be industry-based, technologically up-to-date, and provide hands-on experiences using the latest tools and techniques. Career and Technical Education programs must also be "in sync" with economic and workforce trends to ensure that students are prepared for

good-paying jobs when they complete their studies.

Looking back at the long history of career and technical education in the state, the UHCCs have been, and remain, a predominant force in preparing people for career and technical occupations.

During the first half of the last century, as the demand for workers trained in agriculture, mechanical arts and office skills grew, five vocational schools took root in Hawai'i. They offered courses such as diesel engine repair, carpentry and boat-building as well as business-related fields. In 1964, those five vocational/

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Career and Technical Education includes professions in healthcare, computer technologies, management, and sales and marketing. Shown here is Kapi'olani CC Prof. Robert LeClair with students of the legal education program, which prepares students for work as paralegals, court reporters and legal secretaries.





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Celebrating and strengthening our commitment to students

In January, the University of Hawai'i partnered with the UH Foundation as hosts of a reception to honor and thank Paul Honda, James and Betty Wo, and Robert and Juanita Wo for their generous contributions to the Community Colleges. I found myself in a rare moment, searching for the right words to convey my gratitude to these amazing individuals. I wanted to thank them for hearing us and validating our reason for being. I wanted them to know how passionate we all are about our work in education and that we will not let them down.

With these, and other community partners at our side, we embark on our journey into the new millennium with renewed vigor and added confidence that we do not travel alone.

On this note, I invite you to join me at the 18th Annual Excellence in Education Conference to be held Friday, March 9, 2001 at Kapi'olani Community College. (See pg. 9 for details.) The Excellence in Education Conference brings together close to 1,000 faculty and staff from our eight campuses to celebrate teaching and learning excellence. And again, it promises to do what it has done for the past 17 years—reaffirm and strengthen our commitment to education.

The theme of this year's conference is "2001: A Learning Odyssey."

Within a variety of colloquia integrated by topics, we will explore our development as learning-centered colleges. Our keynote

speaker will be Dr. Mark Milliron, the new CEO and President of the League for Innovation in the Community College. As an educator and innovator for the 21st century,

Dr. Milliron brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our conference.

"Teachers have always been learning-centered innovators who care deeply about their students and their craft," states Milliron. As facilitators of learning, how have we enhanced student learning? What works, what hasn't worked? What have our students taught us about the process of learning? What can we learn from our colleagues about learning? These are just some of the many questions we will ask and explore during our forthcoming conversations.

As a reminder, we make our Excellence in Education Conference day a special non-instructional working day, providing all of us with the occasion to meet with our peers from across the state. I ask that we all demonstrate our respect for one another by devoting the day to the Conference. Let's seize the moment to learn from one another.

Carry these thoughts and I will see you on March 9th!

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Career and Technical Education

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Educational partnerships with industry help provide students with up-to-date skills and training in today's tools. Servco Toyota, a long-time partner of the UHCCs, recently expanded its relationship with Honolulu CC to include training in Toyota auto body repair methods and techniques.

technical schools became known as Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapi'olani, Kaua'i, and Maui Community Colleges.

Shortly thereafter, to complete the system of UH Community Colleges we know today, those five were joined by Leeward and Windward Community Colleges and the Employment Training Center. Under the direction of the University of Hawai'i, the UHCCs took on the dual role of providing technical and vocational education as well as the basic liberal arts core education that leads to a baccalaureate degree.

Students ultimately benefit from the variety and diversity that has developed as a result of this co-mingling of liberal arts education and career skills training. With the growing use of technology in all facets of our lives, the line between technical

and liberal arts education often blurs. Today, all students need computer skills. Students are also finding that a broad-based education aids in the development of critical thinking, an essential ingredient for success in today's complex workplace. Plumbing apprentices at Honolulu CC, for instance, found that a dose of liberal arts

education in the form of Speech and Communication classes helped improve students' verbal responses to instructors, increased interaction among students, and prepared them for working with the public.

Some liberal arts students are "customizing" their education by enrolling in credit and non-credit courses in technical classes such as computer networking or e-commerce.

Through the UHCC's system of open-door institutions, students can experience a broad range of educational opportunities and discover their career niche. Whether it is in the traditional trades or in some of the newly developed technical fields, the UHCCs offer the diversity, convenience and flexibility for students to

explore, develop and succeed. They can choose from one of the 70 career-oriented programs or work to attain their Associate in Arts degree.

The more traditional programs in construction trades, automotive and diesel mechanics, food service and business are as essential as ever in training employees for today's jobs and keeping Hawai'i on the move.

Yet, career and technical education continues to change as a new era of scientific and technological discovery prompts the development of new educational programs. The UHCCs now offer biotechnology, computer animation and computer networking to help Hawai'i meet new industry demands.

Through close relationships with business and industry, attention to workforce development, and their learning-centered focus, the UH Community Colleges are positioned to help Hawai'i build and maintain a trained workforce for years to come—just as they have done since the turn of the last century. ♣



Educational programs in computer electronics and networking help Hawai'i meet the demand for skilled computer networking professionals.

Taking Notice

LCC WINS INNOVATOR AWARD

The League for Innovation in the Community College recognized Leeward Community College's Ernie Libarios and Wally Mitsui with the prestigious Innovations of the Year award for PATH (Perseverance Achievement Transition Heart), a program that transitions high-risk teens from the Hawai'i Army National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (YCA) into college or work.



Ernest Libarios

Libarios, a counselor at Leeward CC, and Mitsui, a YCA lead counselor, created the collaborative, student-centered program. PATH's goals are to help students build positive self-esteem, become more responsible, improve relationships with family members and the community, and to embrace the importance of continuous learning.

PATH is anchored by a seven-week, three-credit self-development course at Leeward CC and offers participants the opportunity to receive their high school diploma through the Waipahu Community School for Adults.

Since its inception in Spring 1996, 380 students have completed the PATH program and obtained their high school diplomas. About 50 percent of participating students now enter a Community College as a result of PATH.

UHCC BUILDING & GROUNDS CREWS RECEIVE ACCOLADES

Three of the five finalists for the 2000 President's Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds

Maintenance were UHCC staffers.

They are:

Kapi'olani CC's **Michael Dang** who was nominated for his tireless work and "welcoming and accommodating environment" he creates for Kap CC's faculty, staff, and students.



Jae Han of Leeward CC was again nominated by his campus. He was the overall award winner in 1999.

Windward CC's **Xavier "Frank" Chang**, the general maintenance and services supervisor was nominated for "his cheerful demeanor, technical competence and outstanding managerial ability," according to Windward CC staff.

This year's overall winner was UH West O'ahu custodian Iona Iona, Jr.

KAP CC RESPIRATORY DIRECTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Stephen Wehrman, director of Kapi'olani Community College's Respiratory Care Program recently received the Dr. Charles H. Hudson Award for Cardiopulmonary Public Health from the American Respiratory Care Foundation. The award was presented at the American Association for Respiratory Care International Congress in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Hudson Award recognizes efforts to positively influence the public's awareness of cardiopulmonary health and wellness. Past recipients of the award include: Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Senator Frank

Lautenberg, and the American Lung Association. Wehrman was recognized for his work with his students who have put in over 10,000 hours of community service over the last five years, for his work with children who have asthma, seniors with lung diseases, and his research associated with volcanic air pollution and sugar cane burning.

KAUAI CC BOTANY CLASS HELPS FOOD BANK HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Brian Yamamoto, botany professor at Kauai Community College, encouraged his students to grow food for the needy, and grow they did.

The students donated a box of cucumbers, choi sum, and a box of oranges to the Kauai Food Bank, in addition to 314 pounds of rice as part of the Holiday Food Drive.

KAP CC PROF SELECTED AS NATIONAL MENTOR

John Berestecky, Kapi'olani CC Microbiology professor and former Peace Corps Member in Liberia, has been selected as a National Mentor for the new Centers for Disease Control/American Association of Community Colleges program, "Bridges to Healthy Communities." Kap CC was supported in the first CDC/AACC round of funding, 1996-2000, and now Berestecky will mentor a new cohort of American community colleges as they use service-learning strategies to promote total health and prevent HIV and AIDS. He will also continue to develop new cohorts of Kapi'olani CC students here in Hawai'i. ❀



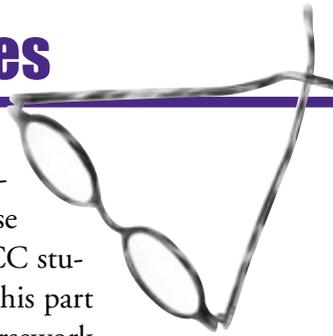
LCC offers nation's first online opticianry courses

Leeward Community College has responded to a need in the community by offering the first two online courses in the nation for the National Federation of Opticianry Schools.

The orientation for these courses took place January 23, when students in the courses met with the instructor, Amy Endo.

Students will access materials online and communicate with the instructor via e-mail. The courses also have a clinical component, and local opticians and optometrists have

opened their facilities to these Leeward CC students for this part of the coursework, making this a true college/community partnership. Leeward CC has received authorization to plan the curriculum with the idea of seeking program status for opticianry in the future. For information, contact Bernadette Howard at 455-0268; e-mail mbhoward@hawaii.edu. ❀



Hawaii State Career & Technical Ed Award nominations due

The Hawai'i Association for Career & Technical Education and the Office of the State Director for Career and Technical Education are seeking nominations for the 2001 Awards. Categories are: Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student, Outstanding Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Student, Exemplary Business or Labor Involvement, Outstanding Educational Program, and Outstanding Educator. Nominations are due to the State Director's Office by March 16, 2001. For information or to download applications, visit the Web site: www.hawaii.edu/vocational/news.htm or contact the Office of the State Director for Career and Technical Education at 956-4761. ❀

Kaua'i CC offers farming classes



Kaua'i CC and the Garden Island community are partnering to offer free courses to current isle farmers and those interested in growing produce and other crops.

The program, which began January 27 and will run for six consecutive Saturdays, is run in conjunction with the Lihu'e Neighborhood Center and covers a wide realm of topics of importance to farmers.

Subject matter includes small-farm accounting and taxes, produce marketing, packaging, labeling and more. The sessions at the Kaua'i CC farm will cover farm safety, irrigation techniques, plant propagation, nursery practices, organic fertilizers, harvesting, grading of produce and more. The sessions are part of Kaua'i Products Council's Business Advancement Project. Kaua'i Food Bank is also participating, teaching people how to grow their own food and buying the Grade-A produce that students harvest. ❀

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Hawai'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i community are saddened by the passing of former provost, Mits Sumada. In 1964, Mits was head administrator for what was then Hawai'i Technical School. For the next 23 years, he oversaw the institution in its several embodiments, retiring in 1987 as Provost of Hawai'i CC.

Mits' contributions to Hawai'i were renowned, but it is his legacy as an educator that will persist in benefiting our community: Every year, an endowment honoring Mits awards financial aid scholarships to students attending Hawai'i CC. ❀



(l to r) Steven Kameda, Judith Kappenberg, Patricia Neils, Leon Richards, UHCC Chancellor Joyce Tsunoda, Paul Honda, UH President Kenneth Mortimer, Beng Poh Yoshikawa.

“We must build better partnerships with the private sector to create solutions to meet funding needs of UH Community College students. Individuals like the Hondas and the Wos are helping us send a loud and clear message that the Community Colleges are major players in economic development, workforce training, and education.”

—Joyce S. Tsunoda, Senior Vice President, University of Hawai'i and Chancellor for Community Colleges

IMPLEMENTING OPPORTUNITIES

To implement the international opportunities which this greatly expanded fund provides, a group headed by Leon Richards will work to develop a solid scholarship program and research other international learning opportunities. The “Honda International Learning Champions” also includes: Fred Meinecke, Windward CC; Beng Poh Yoshikawa, Honolulu CC; Steven Kameda, Maui CC; Patricia Neils and Judith Kappenberg, Leeward CC; Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Kaua'i CC; Judy Guffey, Employment Training Center; and Shirley Metcalf, Hawai'i CC. At present, the Honda Scholarship for International Study is awarded to five University of Hawai'i Community College students who wish to study overseas and thereby internationalize their education.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The current scholarship awards have an application deadline of March 15. A brochure with selection criteria and information about the application process is available online at: www.kcc.hawaii.edu/students/finaid/private.htm. Information is also available from the Office of International Affairs at (808) 956-3101. ❀

Honda gift increases students' international opportunities

In a brief ceremony at Bachman Hall in early January, the University community thanked and recognized Paul S. Honda for his further commitment to the UH Community Colleges and their international efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Honda initially funded an international scholarship program for UH Community College students two years ago with a gift of \$250,000. Since that time, the Hondas have reinforced their commitment to the UHCCs and in December pledged \$1 million to the

Paul S. Honda International Opportunities Fund for University of Hawai'i Community College Students.

“Travel is important. It gives young people broader ideas. I have studied the politics and economy of Hawai'i carefully and have observed the very important role the UH Community Colleges have played. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to get ahead in life. That's why I support the UH Community Colleges.”

—Paul S. Honda, donor and retired business executive

Through their generosity, the Hondas provide study abroad scholarships for students who show promise in and commitment to study and work in a field that contributes to international awareness and cross-cultural understanding. Their gift will also enhance the UHCC's abilities to provide international and cross-cultural learning experiences for students here in Hawai'i.

Wo gift offers faculty enrichment

A \$1 million pledge from the Robert and Betty Wo and James and Juanita Wo Foundations will fund the development of faculty enrichment projects for the UH Community College system. The Wos provided an additional gift of \$25,000 to assist with start-up activities and will build the endowment over the next five years. In subsequent years, the Community Colleges will be able to draw a portion of the interest to fund faculty enrichment and renewal programs.

IN THE PLANNING STAGE

The Chancellor and provosts recognized that the most effective way to take advantage of this gift was to invite UHCC teachers to lay the architecture for the enrichment program. Each campus identified one person to serve as a “learning champion.” Headed by Louise Pagotto, assistant dean of arts & sciences and curriculum development at Kap CC, these individuals met for the first time in January to lay the groundwork. The first group of Wo Learning Champions are: Richard Carmichael, Kaua’i CC; Leigh

Dooley, Kapi’olani CC; Ellen Ishida-Babineau, Windward CC; Sharon Fowler, ETC; Larry Fujinaka, Leeward CC; Vinnie Linares, Maui CC; Joni Onishi, Hawai’i CC; and Cynthia Smith, Honolulu CC. At a

“The open admission policy is an extraordinary opportunity for those who, for many reasons, may not be able to or choose not to enter the University of Hawai’i’s four-year campuses. This is our opportunity to help those people further their education, better their standard of living, and thereby build a better future for themselves and for their children. It is in this spirit that we decided to be partners with the UH Community Colleges.”

—Robert C. and James C. Wo, donors and Hawai’i businessmen

ceremony in early January, they had the opportunity to gather with others from the University and community to recognize and thank the Wos for their generosity and vision.

THE FUTURE

Initially the group will focus on a system of renewal and investment—renewal for current faculty and investment in new faculty. The Wo Learning Champions will spend Spring 2001 learning about effective programs through consultations with colleagues, attendance

at conferences, and visits to exemplary institutions.

Investing In Hawai’i’s Future

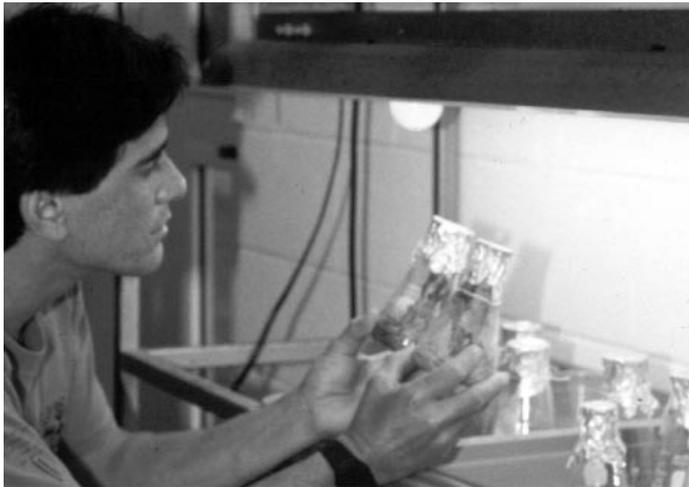
Paul Honda, Robert Wo, and James Wo are pivotal links to our local and business community. They serve as volunteers in many non-profit organizations that actively raise significant gifts from individuals, businesses, and foundations throughout the state, and the UH Community Colleges are fortunate to have their support. The \$1 million pledges from the Honda and Wo families represent an opportunity for education, advancement, and life-enhancing change for our students. After all, if Hawai’i wishes to continue creating opportunities, there is no more important investment than education.

The Wos’ gifts have opened a new level of enrichment possibilities for UHCC faculty. And because great teachers truly impact the lives of thousands, their gifts will enhance the quality and depth of learning for UH Community College students far into the future. ❀

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(l to r) Louise Pagotto, Sharon Fowler, Ellen Ishida Babineau, Vinnie Linares, Joni Onishi, Joyce Tsunoda, Robert Wo, Kenneth Mortimer, James Wo, Leigh Dooley and Larry Fujinaka.



Windward CC students learn some of the latest techniques used in the biotechnology industry through the college's Biotechnology Plant Tissue and Cell Culture Training course.

WCC educates students for tomorrow

At Windward CC, career training can mean anything from agriculture technology and art gallery experience to 21st century training in environmental research.

Many WCC courses include a healthy dose of hands-on experiences to give students a chance to build their skills and find their career niche.

The college is one of the state's leaders in geographic information systems and global positioning systems training. GIS/GPS skills have proved valuable in environmental studies, business planning, land management and other areas. Windward CC was the only community college in the nation to receive a \$93,000 NASA grant in 1997 to establish the state-of-the-art training center.

The college also offers the only agriculture technology program on O'ahu. Students practice their landscaping and turfgrass training in the campus greenhouse or the college's three-hole golf course.

Professor Dave Ringuette said, "There's a growing demand for landscape maintenance and nursery workers. People call us all the time looking for employees."

In liberal arts, students can explore careers even as they fulfill their core requirements:

Art students can train for museum work in the campus art gallery; ceramic students learn the business side of art through their popular, twice-yearly sales for the community.

Astronomy students can work in the Aerospace Lab, where 3,000 children and their families visit each year.

Botany students help people island-wide identify mystery plants through WCC's plant ID lab, *Kuhi La'au*, as well as do research.

Journalism and English students produce award-winning publications while learning all phases of the publishing world.

Marine Option Program students learn to do environmental monitoring, coral reef surveying and projects at the Hawai'i Institute for Marine Biology.

Psycho-Social Development students do field work in community agencies, schools and hospitals.

It's all part of a new definition of career training—to help students discover rewarding work, using their talents in a fast-changing global environment. ❀

Third Annual Taste of Hilo a sweet success



By Nancy Shein, Hawai'i CC

For the third year in a row, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted the Taste of Hilo benefit for Hawai'i Community College's Culinary Arts program. The event, held October 22, 2000 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, was a fabulously delicious affair featuring 33 restaurants, confectioneries, and beverage distributors, and offering a variety of other treats through its silent auction. Over the past three years, more than \$18,000 has been raised.

The capacity crowd of 400 enjoyed an afternoon of creative food presentations and great entertainment. Honolulu guest chefs Chai Chaowasaree, of Chai's Island Bistro, and Douglas Lum, of Mariposa Restaurant, participated in cooking demonstrations and prepared favorite dishes. Brickwood Galuteria, of Hawai'i's Kitchen, was Master of Ceremonies for the day.

Proceeds for this year's event totaled \$7,235. The money will help both first- and second-year students attend the American Culinary Federation's Western Regional Conference in Kona. Attending this extraordinary event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many students and faculty. ❀

Haw CC service learning goes environmental



It could be the lush environment and diverse geography, or maybe it is the Hawaiian cultural ties to the *'aina*. Whatever the reason, service learning at Hawai'i Community College offers a growing list of activities for students interested in learning about and participating in environmental protection efforts.

During the summer, after forest fires ravaged Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i CC service learning students from a wide range of programs participated in reseeding and reclaiming the area. Students have also been involved in the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge weeding and plant propagation project and other projects, including the annual Hawai'i CC Earth Day celebration and a new inter-island environmental service learning program for future environmental biologists.

Though their environmental service learning programs are strong, Hawai'i CC has not overlooked other areas. Hawai'i CC participates in tutoring and America Reads projects, assists senior citizens and is involved in a wide range of community-based services such as volunteering at Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. ❀

TUITION PROPOSAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Students and others are invited to present testimony on the University's tuition proposal at open public meetings that will be held at the times and places listed below.

Island	Date	Time	Place
Hawai'i	Fri., Feb. 2, 2001	3:00	UHH Wentworth 1
O'ahu	Tues., Feb. 6, 2001	3:00	Leeward CC GT 105
Mau	Wed., Feb. 7, 2001	3:00	Mau CC Student Lounge
O'ahu	Thurs., Feb. 8, 2001	3:00	UHM Campus Ctr Ballroom
Kaua'i	Fri., Feb. 9, 2001	3:00	Kaua'i CC Campus Center

The public meetings will begin promptly at 3 p.m. and end when all present have had the opportunity to testify. The UH Tuition Proposal, 2001-2002 Through 2005-2006, is available on the World Wide Web at: www.hawaii.edu/ovppp/. Copies are also on file at campus libraries.

REGISTER TO ATTEND NOW!

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**www.lcc.hawaii.edu/about/exceled/
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- Discuss topics of interest to you and your peers

Register early to secure your place and help our planners to do their jobs well!

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By Fri., February 28, includes: food, beverages, materials, aloha reception

Late registration \$30

By Tuesday, March 6, includes: food, beverages, materials, aloha reception

On-site registration \$30

March 7 - 9, On-site, includes: materials, aloha reception (Sorry, too late for food and beverages)

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Questions?

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Apprentice programs at heart of Community Colleges

Ever wonder where the person laying concrete for the foundation of a new building gets his or her training? How about all the construction workers, pipe fitters, sheet metal workers and electricians? They are most likely graduates of apprenticeship programs that include classroom training at the UH Community Colleges.

The apprenticeship training programs at the Community Colleges provide related classroom and lab instruction for more than 1,200 people every year in Hawai'i who are apprenticing in the construction and mechanical trades. Training in more than 30 fields is offered, ranging from plumbing to brick laying to air conditioning and refrigeration. According to Wilfred Arakaki, Honolulu CC coordinator for apprenticeship programs, apprenticeship training has been an important asset to Honolulu CC and all the UHCCs for more than 25 years.

The close working relationship that the apprenticeship programs create between local industries and the UHCCs has benefited the colleges in many ways. Arakaki notes, "When new products become available for use in the industry, the apprenticeship training programs are often the first to have them. For instance, when metal



Carpentry, sheet metal and plastics, welding, and refrigeration are just a few of the 30 or so apprenticeship programs that offer training through Honolulu CC.

housing came into use, it was up to the apprenticeship programs to ensure that workers were trained in this new construction technique."

The UHCCs have also benefited from the apprentices' skilled labor, which they often donate for the beautification, repair and maintenance of the campuses. Arakaki said, "The apprentices need hands-on training, so they are often called upon by their employer or union to 'lend a hand.'" Projects at Honolulu CC have included a new campus sign and a shelter for those relying on the Handi-Van for transportation; Apprentices also volunteered their time to put together light displays for the Governor's Christmas lighting ceremonies and helped Leeward CC construct observatories for two large telescopes.

In 1941, the state began its formal apprenticeship program and the Department of Education was designated as the classroom training entity. In 1967, responsibilities for classroom training were revised to include the UH Community Colleges and by 1985, the UHCCs became home to almost all training programs. On O'ahu, Honolulu CC became the primary location (except for two programs at Kapi'olani CC). Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i



Apprentices helped construct buildings to house Leeward CC's 24-inch telescope.

Community Colleges became the training locales on their respective islands. Training is offered for new apprentices as well as for journeyworkers who desire to upgrade their skills in their respective trades.

Aside from the introduction of new materials and tools in training, apprenticeship programs have not changed much over the decades. Apprentices work and get on-the-job training during the day, and attend school one or two evenings a week. The duration of a program varies depending on the trade.

The number of students enrolled in a program is determined by a committee or sponsor. When an industry requires new workers, a recruitment drive takes place. The Joint Apprenticeship Training Coordinators of Hawai'i, working with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, determines recruitment drives for most industries. Retirement levels, the state of the economy, and the strength of an industry all affect the number of apprentices that will be recruited during any given year.

With Hawai'i's economy on the rebound, and the UHCC's strong commitment to workforce training, apprenticeship programs in Hawai'i should have a bright future ahead. ✿

LCC to host Japanese college

Leeward CC and Nakamura Gakuen are undertaking their first step in the international exchange agreement they signed late last year. The first group of 33 students from Nakamura Gakuen will arrive at Leeward CC on February 16 for a 13-day study program. In addition to receiving English as a Second Language instruction, students will have an opportunity to learn about Hawaiian culture and the Hawaiian natural environment while interacting with Leeward CC students.

Nakamura Gakuen students will work with students in Leeward CC Hawaiian language classes to prepare Hawaiian food in preparation for a *pā'ina* (Hawaiian party). Students will also teach their Japanese guests how to string leis and do a hula for the *pā'ina*. In addition, Nakamura Gakuen students will join students in the Hawaiian ecology class for a service learning experience in a local wildlife refuge, and students in astronomy classes will set up telescopes so the visiting students can experience Hawai'i's night sky. ❀

Leave a legacy to benefit the UHCCs

A bequest is a simple and effective way to leave a legacy that will benefit future generations of students at the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges. As you work with your advisors to create your legacy for the UHCCs, please consider the following sample language:

Language for a will: "I give (specific dollar amount, property, proportion of estate, or rest and residue of estate) to the University of

Hawai'i Foundation, for the benefit of the Community Colleges within the University of Hawai'i system."

Whether a will or a living trust, your legacy may reflect your own special interests. You could endow a professorship, a scholarship, or library acquisition fund. For information, please contact the UH Foundation at 956-4215 or e-mail: giftplanning@uhf.hawaii.edu. ❀



In January, the University of Hawai'i System libraries launched a new online library management system that offers Web-based access to the online catalog, patron account information, and Internet sites through browsers such as Netscape and Internet Explorer.

As a library user, you will be able to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Murray Turnbull/Recent Works
February 9 - March 9 (closed Sun. & Mon.), 1 - 5 p.m. Gallery 'Iolani, Windward CC. Free and open to the public. For information, call 235-7346.

Noche Flamenca
February 10, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$18/\$15. Call 455-0385 or order tickets on line at: <http://alaike.lcc.hawaii.edu/theatre/>.

Career Success—A celebration of Career & Technical Education
February 17 and 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Center Stage, Pearlridge Shopping Center, Uptown.

Kaua'i CC Annual Booksale
Sun., February 18. For more information, call 245-8253.

Hawai'i Youth Symphony
Monday, February 19, 7:00 p.m., Kaua'i CC Performing Arts Center. For information, call 245-8270.

Keola Beamer in Concert
Sat., March 3, 7:30 p.m. Kaua'i CC Performing Arts Center. For information, call 245-8270.

Afternoon of the Elves
Leeward CC Theatre. Presented by Honolulu Theatre for Youth. March 3, 10 & 17, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$7.50/\$5. For information, call 839-9885.

Kaua'i H.S. Band Pops Concert
Thurs., March 8, 7:30 p.m. Kaua'i CC Performing Arts Center. For information, call 245-8270.

Excellence in Education Conference
March 9, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. See article on page 9 for details.

San Francisco Opera Singers presented by Kaua'i CC and the Kaua'i Concert Association
Saturday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 245-8270.

Maui CC fashion tech classroom named

By Mona Stevenson, Maui CC

At a recent dedication ceremony, Maui Community College's Fashion Technology classroom was named in honor of William and Leona Rocha Wilson. The Wilsons are part-time Maui residents who have established a \$100,000 endowed scholarship fund for students attending Maui CC.

Rocha Wilson is a Maui girl who grew up in Hāmākuapoko and Kahului, far from the bustle of New York City. After graduating from high school, she joined the U.S. Army intent on using the G.I. Bill to fulfill her dream of attending college.

Rocha Wilson's life thereafter unfolds like a Cinderella story revolving

around fashion, spunk, and fate. While attending the Fashion Technology Institute in New York, Rocha Wilson became an entrepreneur when she invented the *Fashion Ruler*. She obtained a patent for the product and began producing, marketing, and demonstrating her products through her company, Fashionetics.

"My mom remembers going to a Waikīkī hotel where Leona was introducing and demonstrating the Fashion Ruler," said Maui

CC Fashion Technology student assistant, Anne Miyashiro. "For the home sewers in those days there were very few tools. Most drafted their own patterns using saucers and plates for curves. The Fashion Ruler was really an important tool for them."

In 1983, Rocha Wilson embarked on another life change. She sold her company and took a job as a consumer spokesperson for Simplicity Patterns and then as a company representative for Butterick/Vogue Company. Her leadership within the industry grew to include the honor of being the first woman president of the American Home Sewing Association, a manufacturer's organization.

As fate would have it, the Maui girl, already an inventor and successful businesswoman, ended up marrying Bill Wilson, the then owner/President of Butterick/Vogue. Today the Wilsons are retired (although Bill still sits on the company board) and staunch supporters of education.

"Education is more than preparation for a career . . . it is the start of a lifestyle which enriches and enhances your view of the world. It frees you from fear, enabling you to be open to new opportunities," says Rocha Wilson. ♣



Maui CC's Fashion Technology classroom was named in honor of Bill and Leona Rocha Wilson. The Wilsons are shown at the dedication and naming of the classroom on January 19, 2001.



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