Graduating from college has not only been a personal goal for many COP students, but a long-life dream of their parents and their many supporters. On May 16th, family and friends of eighteen COP alumni celebrated as they marched on stage to receive their well deserved college diploma. At the end of this summer, seven more COP alumni will be graduating from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Congratulations to all COP alumni graduates:

**Bachelor’s Degree: 2002:** Jami Ablan, Kauanoe Mossman, David Velasco. **2003:** Kyle Higa **2004:** Ashlee Alfonso, Charity Baloran, Matthew Bruening, Ava Cavaco, Matthew Coelho, Sydney Coelho, Krystle Coloma, Lina (Reyes) Crowell, Matthew Fredeluces, James Funtanilla), Janice Gabriel, Ryan Hoan, Rajat Jetley Cindy Li, Angelica Rabang, **2005:** Jarrett Ku, Leila Lagundino, Mariel Seveses, Christine Vo

**Master’s Degree: 2002:** Jonah Chang-Purdy
As we all know, the recruiting, screening, and selection process for COP students is a long and arduous process. This year, it took over six months to select 70 students to participate in this summer’s COP 2009 program. As the COP staff had months of decision making, the new COP 2009 students had just one day of student orientation to learn about what is in store for their summer, to meet their new classmates, and decide who they would want to room with, before the summer program began.

The COP 2009 Student Orientation was held on May 13th at UHM’s Campus Center Ballroom. The whole day was dedicated to preparing the students for the summer: what to pack, what classes they’re taking, what dorm they’ll be staying in, and who their roommate will be.

To help answer the multitude of questions, COP alumni offered advice. “Remember to be open-minded and respect other people…”, advised Mariel Seveses (COP ‘05). Sydney Coelho (‘05) recommended COP ’09 to find their passion and make a difference in their community.

Another portion of the orientation was ice breakers and hands on activities. At first everyone seemed shy and intimidated, but towards the end of the day, everyone opened up and enjoyed themselves. All it took was just that one day and friendships started to blossom. Before the day even concluded, the students exchanged information and made plans to go out to the beach together. It will be a great summer to look forward to.
As the 2009 Spring semester neared its end, the COP staff organized its first ever COP Alumni Graduation Party to recognize graduating COP alumni. Family and friends of the graduating COP alumni were invited down memory lane as COP advisors Mike and Gina talked about the trials, tribulations, and congratulatory moments of the graduating alumni. Also in attendance were COP alumni Kumu Kaliko Baker (’90) and Kumu Haili Baker (’90) to give the graduates words of advice as they embark on a new chapter in their life. COP Retention Coordinator, Tasha, also surprised the graduates with their very own COP stoll to wear as they marched during the graduation ceremony.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS COP Alumni Graduates!

If you want to be recognized with a COP stoll upon graduation, get involved! Give back to the program that made it all possible for you. Volunteer your time and participate in activities sponsored by COP or even become a COP Alaka‘i mentor.

For more Information, contact Retention Coordinator, Tasha Valenzuela at 956-6186.
Leadership can be defined as the position or function of a leader, ability to lead, or an act or instance of leading, guidance, or direction. I came into leadership because I wanted to make a difference in our school and my community.

My interests lie within the Hawaiian language and culture. When I found out that there was no Hawaiian Club here at Mānoa, I took the initiative upon myself to learn more. With help and encouragement from various advisors, I decided to organize a Hawaiian club at Mānoa. I soon learned that there once was a Hawaiian club, so I found friends to help me organize and resurrect Hui Aloha ʻĀina Tuahine. Active members in this club continue to perpetuate and promote the Hawaiian language, culture, and history within UH and the community. We hold meetings, participate, and chant at various events and conferences.

Experience I gained as President of Hui Aloha ʻĀina Tuahine gave me confidence to run for the Associated Students of the University Hawa‘i (ASUH) Senator position, representing the undergraduates of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge and the School of Pacific and Asian Studies. I was successfully selected to represent my school and now I am hoping for much more new experiences that may come my way. I know that this is a growing and learning experience that will be very beneficial for my life.

I encourage all of you to be aware of what’s going on and to get involved on our campus, whether it may be in student government, clubs, or sports. Realize your passion, search for people with common interests, and make an impact. Get active and stay involved. Like the C.O.P. motto “To Be The Best You Can Be”, that is what I am striving to accomplish and so should all of you!
Jasmine Enos-Amanonce '07: Jasmine’s outstanding record of academic achievement earned her the recognition of being selected one of ten Presidential Scholars. This honor provides her with UHM college tuition for two years and includes a one-time $2000 travel grant.

Kacie Galarza '02: Kacie just welcomed her second baby girl, Alyssa Arnold on July 6th. Her first daughter, Lily Arnold is 1 years old! Congratulations!

Bronson AhTou ’06 and Jovana Shigetani ’08: Selected to attend the Summer 2009 Student Development Seminar in Oregon.

The following COP Alumni were elected as ASUH Senators for this academic year: Bronson AhTou ‘06, Kamakana Aquino ‘07, Clifford Badua ‘06, Ergel Valenzuela ‘07, and Justin Ragasa ‘07. Congratulations!

In the News
What are COP Alumni Up to Now?

UH Mānoa’s NEW Parking Policies

Effective July 1, 2009, new parking rates will take effect at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa campus. It will be in effect over the next two years.

Parking permits rates will increase 25% for the upper campus and 15% for the lower campus for the first year. For the second year, 10% for both the upper and lower campus permits.

Lower campus daily flat parking rates will be $4 prior to 4:00 p.m. Upper campus daily parking rates are $4 per hour prior to 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m., a flat parking rate of $5 will apply to the entire campus.

Additional information:
• Same day unlimited re-entry will be allowed at no additional cost with a paid daily flat rate parking ticket.

• Evening parking permits are available to students at a monthly flat rate.

• Fall 2009 UPASS (discounted bus passes) will be available for purchase by students with valid UH IDs at the Campus Center Ticket, Information and ID Office, and the UHM Parking Office.

Please visit the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Parking Web site at www.hawaii.edu/parking for the new rate schedule and for more detailed information.