Focus on Retention and Graduation
UH Hilo continues to work toward broadly affecting retention and graduation through advising and select student success initiatives.

[CONTINUING] 4-Year Academic Maps
The colleges continue to revise and refine undergraduate program check sheets and 4-year academic maps for all undergraduate degrees at UH Hilo. These maps are better informing course offerings and appear on the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs’ webpage at: [http://hilo.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcaa/CheckSheetSamplePlans.php](http://hilo.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcaa/CheckSheetSamplePlans.php) Maps to better articulate transfer from the community colleges are currently being drafted.

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[CONTINUING] Freshman Guaranteed Academic Schedule (FreGAS)
The interim Retention Project Manager, Career and Academic Advising Center, and select staff from the Office of Admissions coordinated, managed, and implemented FreGAS’ 4th year this fall. The 4-year academic maps continue to guide this effort. [http://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/advising/FreshmenGuaranteedAcademicSchedule.php](http://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/advising/FreshmenGuaranteedAcademicSchedule.php)

Contact: Jeff Dale, Retention Project Manager, Division of Student Affairs
Kainoa Ariola, Executive Director Career and Academic Advising

[new] EBI Mapworks
Fall 2014 is the first semester of EBI Mapworks at UH Hilo. Mapworks is an early warning platform designed to foster student success through predictive analytics and facilitating intra-campus communication. The campus is focusing initial efforts on freshmen. In addition to the Career and Academic Advising Center, other on campus units being called upon to provide holistic outreach include housing (residence life) and special population offices like Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, Minority Access and Achievement (MAAP), Student Support Services Program (SSSP), and the Pacific Islander Student Center (PISC). The inaugural fall transition survey remained open for 1 month and the response rate was 72.8%.

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[CONTINUING] “Freshman ‘Eleu” (Freshman Intrusive Advising)
2014-15 is the second year of Freshman ‘Eleu. All incoming freshmen are in contact with their Banner-assigned professional advisor in the Career and Academic Advising Center starting in May, before they arrive. They are encouraged to see an advisor during orientation. During the academic year, they are required to meet with their assigned advisors in the Career and Academic Advising Center or special population office, at least once per semester for their first year, or risk receiving a registration hold. Students are also asked to do an evaluation of their advising appointment, as well as provide feedback on FreGAS.

Contact: Kainoa Ariola, Executive Director Career and Academic Advising
[NEW] First-Year Advising Syllabus
Created out of the Career and Academic Advising Center to guide Freshman ‘Eleu, the goal of first-year advising is to ease the transition to UH Hilo and provide students with the support and guidance of a meaningful first year. The syllabus was introduced to incoming freshmen at orientation and are being revisited during Freshman ‘Eleu appointments.

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[NEW] Freshman Village
Fall 2014 is the first semester pilot of blended living-learning communities at UH Hilo. The current communities include Natural Sciences, Health and Recreation, and the Title III funded, Environmental Kinship. http://hilo.hawaii.edu/nsp/freshmenvillage.php

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[NEW] Career and Academic Advising Center
On September 2, Career Development Services merged with the Advising Center to create the Career and Academic Advising Center. Professionals are cross-trained to provide academic and career advising. Additionally, the unit houses Student Employment. In the process of this merge, electronic testing was moved to the College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS).

Contact: Kainoa Ariola, Executive Director, Career and Academic Advising

[CONTINUING] UHH/HawCC Transfer Summits
Hawai‘i Community College and UH Hilo continue to meet and strategize how transfer can be strengthened between both campuses. Currently, the campuses are examining institutional data to inform current initiatives as well as to explore other possible collaborations to improve transfer efficacy and articulation.

[NEW] Academic Programs
Effective Fall 2014, UH Hilo added 4 additional degree programs.

College of Business and Economics
Academic Subject Certificates:
- Accounting
- Asia Pacific - US Economic Relations
- Finance

College of Pharmacy
Graduate Degree:
- MS Clinical Psychopharmacology