



September 8, 2008

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** David McClain  
President

**FROM:** Linda K. Johnsrud   
Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy

**SUBJECT: FALL 2008 PRELIMINARY OPENING ENROLLMENTS—ALL  
CREDIT PROGRAMS**

I am pleased to announce that the fall 2008 opening enrollment for the University of Hawai'i system reached an all-time record of 53,509—the highest in the institution's history—a year after its centennial anniversary. The previous opening enrollment high was in fall 1994 at 52,229. Since then, enrollment dipped to the 44,000 level in 2000 before increasing to and remaining at the 50,000 level for the past five years. 2008 preliminary opening credit enrollment figures increased by 2,705 students (+5.3%) compared to last fall.

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***These enrollment figures are ready for distribution. Draft press comments are enclosed for use as appropriate.***

   
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David McClain Date  
President

Enclosures

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**University of Hawai'i  
Preliminary Opening Headcount Enrollment  
Credit Students Only  
Fall 2008**

Campus	Fall 2007 Enrollment	Fall 2008 Enrollment	Number Change	Percent Change
<b>System Total</b>	<b>50,804</b>	<b>53,509</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
UH Mānoa	20,006	19,969	-37	-0.2%
UH Hilo	3,608	3,786	178	4.9%
UH West O'ahu	971	1,163	192	19.8%
UH Community Colleges	26,219	28,591	2,372	9.0%
Hawai'i	2,551	2,909	358	14.0%
Honolulu	4,078	4,188	110	2.7%
Kapi'olani	7,656	8,327	671	8.8%
Kaua'i	1,049	1,101	52	5.0%
Leeward	6,047	6,890	843	13.9%
Maui	3,001	3,236	235	7.8%
Windward	1,837	1,940	103	5.6%

Source: University of Hawai'i Institutional Research Office

Note: Enrollment figures at the four-year campuses are as of the "last day to add" period; enrollment figures at the two-year campuses are as of the fifth day of instruction.

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## **FALL 2008 OPENING ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Preliminary opening credit enrollment figures indicate that 53,509 students have registered for classes on all campuses of the University of Hawai'i. This number reflects an increase (+2,705, 5.3%) in student enrollment than at a comparable date in 2007. UH Hilo, UH West O'ahu, and the UH Community Colleges experienced increases in enrollment while UH Mānoa experienced a slight decrease from a year ago.

Separately, approximately 27,000 registrations in non-credit programs are expected throughout the UH system.

### **Highlights:**

- UH's fall 2008 opening enrollment of 53,509 is the highest in the institution's history. Opening enrollment has remained at the 50,000 level from fall 2003 through fall 2007.
- UH Mānoa's enrollment stands at 19,969, 37 or 0.2% fewer students than at a comparable date in fall 2007.
- UH Hilo's opening fall enrollment increased to 3,786, with a gain of 178 students, or 4.9%.
- UH West O'ahu's opening credit enrollment increased to 1,163, with a gain of 192 (19.8%) compared to a year ago. The campus enrolled its second freshman class in fall 2008.
- UH Community College enrollment stands at 28,591, with an increase of 2,372 or 9.0%. All seven campuses reported increases ranging from 2.7%–14.0%.
- The Leeward campus posted the largest numerical gain with 843 students followed by Kapi'olani with 671 students. The Mānoa campus posted the only numerical loss with 37 fewer students.
- The greatest percentage gains in enrollments were at UH West O'ahu (19.8%), Hawai'i CC (14.0%), and Leeward CC (13.9%).

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**University of Hawai'i**  
**Preliminary Opening Headcount Enrollment of Credit Students, by Campus**  
**Fall 1998 – Fall 2008**

Fall Semester	System Total		UH Mānoa		UH Hilo		UH-West O'ahu		UHCC Subtotal		Hawai'i		Honolulu		Kapi'olani		Kaua'i		Leeward		Maui		Windward	
	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg	No.	Pct Chg
1998	45,248	-0.9	16,825	-2.9	2,696	3.8	687	5.7	25,040	-0.3	2,335	2.1	4,161	3.4	7,302	1.3	1,127	-11.5	5,771	-3.4	2,836	1.1	1,508	-2.0
1999	45,967	1.6	17,223	2.4	2,776	3.0	689	0.3	25,279	1.0	2,281	-2.3	4,645	11.6	7,293	-0.1	1,134	0.6	5,559	-3.7	2,841	0.2	1,526	1.2
2000	44,587	-3.0	17,148	-0.4	2,873	3.5	670	-2.8	23,896	-5.5	2,098	-8.0	4,323	-6.9	6,920	-5.1	1,057	-6.8	5,367	-3.5	2,661	-6.3	1,470	-3.7
2001	46,198	3.6	17,601	2.6	2,912	1.4	733	9.4	24,952	4.4	2,116	0.9	4,567	5.6	7,203	4.1	1,168	10.5	5,643	5.1	2,697	1.4	1,558	6.0
2002	48,477	4.9	18,709	6.3	3,069	5.4	834	13.8	25,865	3.7	2,273	7.4	4,411	-3.4	7,221	0.2	1,224	4.8	5,915	4.8	3,055	13.3	1,766	13.4
2003	50,765	4.7	19,742	5.5	3,340	8.8	821	-1.6	26,862	3.9	2,319	2.0	4,444	0.7	7,679	6.3	1,210	-1.1	6,318	6.8	3,004	-1.7	1,888	6.9
2004	50,802	0.1	20,463	3.7	3,365	0.7	847	3.2	26,127	-2.7	2,414	4.1	4,358	-1.9	7,337	-4.5	1,100	-9.1	6,141	-2.8	2,998	-0.2	1,779	-5.8
2005	50,309	-0.9	20,619	4.4	3,431	2.7	869	5.8	25,390	-5.5	2,370	2.2	4,160	-6.4	7,307	-4.8	1,060	-12.4	5,879	-6.9	2,882	-4.1	1,732	-8.3
2006	50,310	0.0	20,307	-1.5	3,517	2.5	897	3.2	25,589	0.8	2,353	-0.7	4,194	0.8	7,480	2.4	1,116	5.3	5,823	-1.0	2,837	-1.6	1,786	3.1
2007	50,804	1.0	20,006	-1.5	3,608	2.6	971	8.2	26,219	2.5	2,551	8.4	4,078	-2.8	7,656	2.4	1,049	-6.0	6,047	3.8	3,001	5.8	1,837	2.9
2008	53,509	5.3	19,969	-0.2	3,786	4.9	1,163	19.8	28,591	9.0	2,909	14.0	4,188	2.7	8,327	8.8	1,101	5.0	6,890	13.9	3,236	7.8	1,940	5.6

