Fall convocation honors UHCC’s best

When President Kenneth P. Mortimer arrived at the University of Hawai’i in 1993, he requested that the University hold an annual convocation to share information among colleagues and the community and, more importantly, to celebrate the excellence of the University’s faculty, staff and administrators. The convocation has quickly become an important tradition within the University and, again this year, boasts many UHCC faculty and staff among those to be honored. In addition to the systemwide celebration on September 7, 2000, at UH-Mānoa’s Kennedy Theatre, the UH Community College honorees are invited to join other UHCC award recipients in a special afternoon program hosted by Chancellor Tsunoda, the UHCC Provosts and ETC Director.

Congratulations to the following UHCC colleagues for their dedication and talent. Their accomplishments are an inspiration to everyone in the educational community.

John Wilt of Maui CC, shown here with one of his Administration of Justice students, is one of two recipients of the Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Award for Faculty Service to the Community. For more on these honorees see page 9.

Board of Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Hawai’i CC

Diane Ferreira, Professor of English, has been teaching for the University since 1970. As a founding faculty member of Leeward CC, she created the ENG 102 curriculum, which remains an integral part of the core of the A.A. Degree in Liberal Arts. In 1993, she began teaching at Hawai’i Community College.

Ferreira is known for her passion for teaching and helping students succeed. A colleague describes her as “a brilliant and masterful teacher. She engages and elevates her students to perform beyond their own expectations.” In 1999, Professor Ferreira team-taught

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back! The first new academic year of the 21st century promises to be an exciting one for us.

First, we welcome Angela Meixell as the Interim Provost at Windward CC, Mark Silliman as the Interim Provost at Leeward CC, and Kathleen Jaycox as the Interim State Director for ETC.

Secondly, we congratulate all of the honorees featured throughout this issue of the UHCC Newsletter. Our Community Colleges boast some of the most innovative, dedicated and talented faculty and staff anywhere. It is “can-do” attitudes such as yours which help us achieve success. So thank you all. I look forward to celebrating your day of recognition with you at the University of Hawai‘i Convocation and our UHCC reception on September 7.

Thirdly, I would like to update you on some of our program initiatives. It seems our years of planning, in partnership with business and government, are now coming to fruition. One prime example is UHCC eLearn, our distance-delivered Associate in Arts Degree program. It is being well-received by the community and offers increased access to education, especially for non-traditional students. Thank you to all involved in this effort. I am pleased that the distance learning committee, headed by Helen Sina of Kaua‘i CC, continues to strive for improved accessibility, with more on-line capabilities and services.

The Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training (PCATT) will soon become an important tool for workforce development in the State with the cooperation and involvement of all of our campuses. Honolulu CC is taking the lead on developing PCATT’s training capabilities. With the help of our mainland colleagues who have established similar technology centers, we are shaping a plan to ensure that PCATT becomes a world-class, high-tech training center for Hawai‘i and the Pacific region.

Our accreditation self-study is another task that has involved many individuals and is moving us forward. Any of you participated in the thorough self-study of the UHCC Chancellor’s Office as well. Though this was not required as part of the accreditation process, this voluntary review is providing important insights into our institution. I thank everyone who has given so generously of their time to work on these reports. We look forward to a productive visit by seven accreditation teams in October 2000.

Finally, as we vision a future for the UHCCs we see many transformations ahead, some of which are beyond our control, and others which we ourselves are initiating.

External forces such as new “e-technologies” are driving dramatic changes locally and throughout the world. Other changes, such as the University’s new general education core, are of our own doing. To successfully welcome these changes, we must understand the external and internal forces that are their catalysts.

With this in mind, I propose a new “slogan” for the UHCCs:

We help you learn—anywhere, anytime, anyone.

I welcome your thoughts.
After more than a year in the planning stages, the UHCCs launched the Distance-Delivered Associate in Arts Degree program, UHCC.e-learn, in mid-July. The program, a collaboration of all campuses, was developed by a multi-level committee consisting of deans, IT professionals and others from across the UH system. It is a truly systemwide effort to increase access to education for non-traditional students. The committee, headed by Helen Sina of Kaua‘i CC, had to meet the challenges of many campus and systemwide obstacles in everything from registration and credit transfer to course coding to make the program work easily and seamlessly for students. And once students heard about it, they were very interested in learning more. The public announcement of the program was made in July through a series of radio and print advertisements and several articles in various newspapers. An accompanying brochure with the schedule of courses was also created.

The minute the ads were published, the phone at the Chancellor’s Office began to ring. Many of those who called had already “tried” to attend college, but couldn’t seem to find the time. Most were interested in the added convenience and the opportunity to work toward their college degree from home. About 90 percent of the calls were from women, most with children, and many from areas that were at least five miles away from a campus or learning center.

UHCC.e-learn allows students to select courses from various campuses and register for the courses they select at one “home” campus. They can choose from web-based, cable TV, or HITS (Hawai‘i Interactive Television System) courses. By following the recommended curriculum, a full-time student who successfully completes the program can receive an Associate in Arts degree within a two-year period. Check out the Web site at www.hawaii.edu/uhcc.e-learn to learn more.

From the high rate of response, it appears that there is a real need for further development of distance learning opportunities for students.

With the Distance Ed committee continuing to move the project forward, we are sure to see many exciting things happen with UHCC.e-learn.

Many thanks go to Helen Sina, Committee Chair; Paula Mochida, Special Assistant for Distance learning, UH; the UHCC deans of instruction and deans of student services and registrars; the campus distance education coordinators; Bonnie Honma, Yves Sakai and Kenwrick Chan of UH Information Technology Services; and everyone who has gotten UHCC.e-learn off to a great start.
UHCCs to develop ACT Centers

The UH Community Colleges are among 40 two-year colleges in the nation to develop ACT, Inc.'s network of computerized testing and training centers that will use state-of-the-art technology to deliver services to businesses and individuals. The centers will offer training in employability skills, computer and information technology, and professional and personal development. Along with these computerized education and career-guidance programs, computer-delivered certification and licensure tests for various trades and professions will be included. The ACT Center will be a resource for area employees and employers to benefit from the latest training programs and methods. Local residents can use the ACT Center to boost their skills and qualify for better jobs. Employers can use the assessment and training programs to hire and develop employees, raising productivity and profits.

ACT is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education planning, career planning and workforce development. As a leader in educational assessment for the past 40 years, ACT is best known for its ACT assessment college entrance exam.

Xerox Hawaii presented a $22,500 grant to Kapi'olani Community College. Shown are, (l to r) John Morten, Kapi'olani CC Provost; Pat Gooch, Director of Alani Children's Center; Patrick McFadden, President of UH Foundation; and Glenn Sexton, Vice President and General Manager for Xerox Hawaii.

Xerox Hawaii donates to KapCC child care center

Xerox Hawaii presented a $22,500 grant to the Alani Children's Center at Kapi'olani Community College. The grant will be used to replace the Center's current playground equipment so that it meets the safety standards for national accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood programs as well as the new requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Alani Children's Center provides quality early childhood care, primarily for the children of students attending Kapi'olani CC. The Center also serves as a training site for the Early Childhood Education Program at Honolulu Community College and provides much needed on-site training opportunities for licensed day care providers in Hawai'i. Honolulu CC also runs Early Childhood Education Programs at Leeward CC and its own Dillingham Street campus.

The grant was made through the Xerox Dependent Care Development Fund which supports projects to increase quantity and quality of dependent care resources in communities where Xerox employees work and live.

Glenn Sexton, vice president and general manager for Xerox Hawaii, said that the organization selected the Kapi'olani CC daycare center because of the many benefits it provides to our community.
Two from WCC vie for State Titles

Windward CC’s Scott Masuno and Michael Garcia are the University’s nominees for the 2000 Governor’s Awards for Distinguished State Service and State Manager of the Year.

Masuno, a computer specialist, and Garcia, dean of instruction, will be honored along with other department nominees when the state’s top manager/employee/team will be announced on Oct. 6, at the State Capitol auditorium. The program recognizing outstanding employees is coordinated through the state department of human resources development.

Scott K. Masuno has taken the lead on many critical projects including making the UH Community College system’s registration and student information Y2K compliant.

His involvement in the project allowed all UHCC campuses to successfully continue operations smoothly into the new year.

Administrators say they would be lost without the help and dedicated support of Masuno.

Michael Garcia’s career at the University spans nearly 30 years. He was initially hired as an instructor in accounting at Kapi‘olani CC in 1970 and served there for 17 years before becoming assistant dean at Windward CC in 1987 and later assumed his permanent position in 1997. He was also acting provost when Pete Dyer was on leave.

Garcia is known for bringing a sense of camaraderie among the college community. His leadership has improved Windward CC’s instructional programs, faculty relationships and student support.

E-TERMS FINDING PLACE IN VOCABULARY

The information age has provided us with a whole new vocabulary. So, the University of Hawai‘i has come up with a few guidelines for usage of some of the more common terms. Here are the recommended usages:

dot-com: For use as an adjective, as in “The alumnus formed a dot-com company.”

e-terms: (e-mail, e-business, e-commerce) Lower-case “e” -except at the beginning of a sentence or as a proper name.

home page: Two words, both lower case.

Internet: One word and capitalized; this is a formal noun.

Net: Capitalize it if you use it, but realize that it is a slang term. “Internet” is preferred.

online: One word for both adjective and other uses “Hurry up and put the style guide online.” “We need an online guide.”

Web: (Web page, Web site) Two words, capitalize the “W” but lowercase the “p” or “s.”

World Wide Web: This is a formal noun, so use caps on each word.

Generous gesture creates new endowment

Walter Serikawa passed away on June 3 at his residence at the Hawai‘i Kai Retirement Center. One of his last gestures was to make a $36,000 gift to the UH Community Colleges in support of students with disabilities. His contribution will be placed into an endowment from which income will support scholarships to students with visible and invisible disabilities and ADA training for faculty/staff/administrators.

Walter’s intent had always been to help others, especially those who are physically disadvantaged, so they may help themselves and become productive citizens of our community. His legacy and commitment to providing educational opportunities to Hawai‘i’s people will live on through his generosity.

The University of Hawai‘i has developed a University Seal for each of its campuses to increase consistency and fortify the message that we are a university system. The Chancellor’s Office is now represented by this symbol and has selected this gold color (Pantone 124) used throughout this issue of the newsletter.
with colleagues in a program called “Creating Communities for the New Millennium.” She has served on the University of Hawai‘i Professional Assembly Executive Committee since 1995, and as the president of the Hawai‘i Association of Staff Program and Organizational Development (HASPOD) for eight years. Ferreira currently serves on the editorial boards of the Makali‘i: The Journal of the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges and Thought and Action.

Board of Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Honolulu CC

John Richard Ziegler is a professor of history and American studies at Honolulu Community College who teaches on several levels. He uses his extraordinary knowledge to guide his students toward a clear understanding of historical events and how they shape our cultures and our pathways.

At another level, Ziegler teaches by helping students to experience history. Through his work with the College’s Associated Students and Associate Professor John Shen, Honolulu CC has the only standing dinosaur exhibit in the state which has provided over 100,000 Hawai‘i children with close-up experiences of the world before humans.

Through Ziegler’s work with the German-American community and contractors, Honolulu CC has the largest display of the Berlin Wall in the nation. He also worked with students and the community to create a time-line on the campus sidewalk. On their way to class, students can now measure the passage of time, from its beginnings some 4.5 billion years ago, to the present.

Board of Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Kapi‘olani CC

Kathleen Sullivan is an assistant professor of nursing at Kapi‘olani Community College and was selected by the campus for her total dedication to students in both class and nursing clinical settings.

Sullivan has incorporated service learning, involving HIV prevention education, into five nursing courses and two non-nursing courses. Her service learning and HIV work was presented at the World AIDS Conference in Geneva. Sullivan was also selected to serve as a Rotary International Ambassador to work with the Fiji School of Nursing, World Health Organization, and the Fiji Ministries of Health on HIV prevention strategies.

She authored a grant from the Community Campus Partnership for Health, entitled “Partnership in Caring and Community Service Learning in Nursing Education.”

Board of Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Kaua‘i CC

Dennis J. Chun is an assistant professor of Hawaiian studies at Kaua‘i Community College. Regarding his role as a teacher, Chun calls himself an alaka‘i or leader who guides students through a maze of discovery and excitement, and helps them realize their own significant roles in their journey of learning. “Teaching and learning are extensions of each other and never end,” stresses Chun. His students “learn how to learn.”

Chun embodies his philosophy most clearly in his active involvement in the re-birth of the Hōkūle‘a and the Hawaiian voyaging tradition.

Chun has led his students on voyages of discovery as well, through annual trips to Kaho‘olawe and through organized exchanges with students in New Zealand.

Chun coordinated the Hawai‘i Studies program for Kaua‘i CC and developed a curriculum for the colleges, which serves as a cornerstone in the building of a two-year liberal arts degree with an emphasis in Hawaiian studies.

Board of Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Leeward CC

Jacob Darakjian, Jr. is a professor of automotive technology, Leeward Community College. Darakjian has served as an automotive mechanics technology faculty member at Leeward CC since 1974. A graduate of Leeward CC and of the Universal Technical Institute, he has received many certifications in his field.

Through his leadership as committee chair, Leeward CC was awarded
Employment Training Center’s Employee of the Year

Diane Nazarro is the chef instructor of the Employment Training Center’s Culinary Arts program. Her duties include being in charge of operating the Island Style Bistro Restaurant located at the Kapi’olani CC campus, a facility that provides a realistic venue for students to learn all aspects of food service. Nazarro recently upgraded the program’s curriculum to include customer service, international cuisine, and cashiering. Student interns also gain catering experience under Nazarro’s leadership, reinforcing what they learn through participation in events such as A Taste of Honolulu, the Holiday Luncheon for the Windward Shelter for Abused Women and Children, and others. She and her students have also appeared on Fox 2 News; the TV Food Network, and Hawai‘i’s Kitchen.

Nazarro, a graduate of Honolulu and Kapi‘olani Community Colleges, has also completed “A Chef’s Handbook” for students.

Nazarro demonstrates a sauté technique to ETC culinary students.
Congratulations to three UHCC faculty members who have been awarded the Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching this year. The Frances Davis Award is a memorial award to the late Frances Davis who taught at UH Mānoa and Leeward CC for 19 years.

Robert V. Hunckler, Instructor in geography, Leeward Community College

Hunckler creates an exciting arena for learning geography with a combination of his ever-pleasant and upbeat presentation of the course material and with his gently probing questions. His sincere enjoyment in working with students generates a catalyst for student learning. Hunckler’s dedication to teaching is clearly witnessed in his many efforts to maintain success of his students. He engages faculty colleagues in discussions on teaching strategies and techniques and ways in which to maintain student interest.

Nomination documents all note that colleagues and students hold Hunckler in high regard for his strong sense of character, personal integrity, and professional expertise in his field of geography.

Grant Sato, Instructor in culinary arts, Employment Training Center

One of the keys to Sato’s success as instructor is his belief in and demonstration of the value of mutual respect between students and teachers. Sato recognizes the value of positive reinforcement and self-esteem. He credits his students for their creations and provides them opportunities to personally explain their work to customers of the Island Style Bistro’s simulated restaurant located on the Kapi’olani CC campus.

The Employment Training Center has successfully started a new food service program at Leeward CC under Sato’s direction. Students have engaged in numerous hands-on catering experiences, such as the NFL’s Pro Bowl Experience, the Community Colleges’ annual Excellence in Education Conference and the Leeward CC Scholarship Breakfast.

Charlene Yoshida, Instructor of mathematics, Kaua’i Community College

One of the cornerstones of the University of Hawai’i’s undergraduate learning experience is to acquire a solid general education in mathematics. Yoshida prompts students on getting an early start in this experience. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she annually coordinates the highly successful High School Math Meet held at the College.

With physics instructor Marshall Mock, Kaua’i Community College’s recipient of the 1999 Regents Medal for Teaching Excellence, Yoshida has developed a learning community around technical math and technical physics. This approach strengthens understanding, application, and retention in both subjects. Yoshida and Mock coordinate labs to use hands-on, technical examples to teach both subjects in context. Students learn more about how information, even in different courses, is closely integrated. Yoshida also plays a leadership role at the other end of the spectrum of education by serving as the college’s systemwide mathematics representative.

Bourassa awarded Willard Wilson

Donald Bourassa, Dean of Planning, Information and Development at Honolulu Community College, is the 2000 recipient of the Willard Wilson Distinguished Service Award. Over the course of his 27-year career, Bourassa brought Honolulu CC’s Automotive and Auto Body Technology Program into certification by the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation Group; he has managed the development of the Cisco Academy Training Centers; and he serves as a charter member of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC), a group of 120 community colleges specializing in high-end technical training. This year he also serves on the NCATC board of directors as its president.
Before retiring during the summer, Jean Hull, associate professor in the Hawai‘i CC Food Services Program, University of Hawai‘i Center West Hawai‘i was awarded the Masaki and Momoe Kunimoto Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions to Vocational Education.

Hull developed the food service program for West Hawai‘i and has built a supportive and productive community-based advisory council for the program. During her tenure at Hawai‘i CC, she established an extensive network with professionals in West Hawai‘i who volunteer to work with students and hire graduates. Since 1992, Hull has held the Certified Culinary Educator designation, awarded via a nationally recognized application process by the American Culinary Federation. In 1997, when the Board of Regents established the University Center above the Kona International Airport, Hull developed the conceptual design of the new facility for its Food Service program. There, Hawai‘i CC’s award-winning Food Service program expanded its connections with the hospitality industry in the West Hawai‘i areas.

Under Hull’s leadership, “culinary community partnerships” developed whereby, in cooperation with restaurants, civic organizations, and events, the students gain experience in their culinary skills by participating in community events. The participation is significant. In 1999 alone, thirty students contributed over a thousand hours to community service. Hull received the Kunimoto Award for Outstanding Contributions to Vocational Education.

The Second Annual Hilo Culinary Classic was held at Hawai‘i Community College late last semester. This event, under the direction of Alan Okuda, Associate Professor in Food Service at Hawai‘i CC, is a food show competition open to high school students and community college students on the Big Island. Competitors in each division may choose to enter one or more of seven categories. Hawai‘i CC Food Service program at the UH Center West Hawai‘i was awarded the Best of Show trophy for the event. In addition, the students proudly earned three gold medals, one silver medal, and four bronze medals for this event.

Trina Nahm-Mijo, Professor, Psychology, Dance and Women’s Studies, and Chair of Social Sciences at Hawai‘i CC, was cited for her long-standing diverse contributions in the fields of culture and the arts, mental health and women’s issues. Her volunteer community service with organizations includes service to the Family Crisis Shelter, the Big Island Dance Council and as founder of the Women’s Center.

John B. Wilt is Associate Professor in the Administration of Justice at Maui CC. He works as a trained mediator in the community, has worked as a non-paid commissioned Police Reserve Officer, been involved in the Maui Crime Stoppers Board of Directors since 1981, and served as a non-paid Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem on behalf of abused children. Furthermore, Wilt has served on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and as a volunteer coordinator of the Police Training Institute Program.

Simona Denzinger-White, Chancellor Joyce Tsunoda, Provost Sandra Sakaguchi, and Ronald Smith display the “Best of Show” trophy.

West Hawai‘i Food Service Program takes “Best of Show”
Vanilla recipe contest promotes Culinary Institute

The Hawaiian Vanilla Company and the UH Community Colleges’ Culinary Institute of the Pacific are in the midst of the first recipe contest which incorporates Hawaiian vanilla beans as the primary component of the recipe.

The Hawaiian Vanilla Company is sponsoring the first Annual Hawaiian Vanilla Bean Recipe Contest, which began on Aug. 24 at Chef Mavro’s Restaurant in Honolulu where culinary and patisserie students from throughout the Community Colleges were invited to create recipes using the vanilla. The students were judged by The Food Network’s David Rosengarten at Chef Mavro’s.

But the winner was not announced at this event. The suspense was drawn out and the winner of the contest will be announced at the Honolulu Symphony Gala pre-concert event on Sept. 14 at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Other Hawaiian vanilla bean-based foods will also be presented and made available for tasting.

Also that evening, Tom Kadooka, Hawai‘i’s pioneer vanilla orchid grower, will be recognized for his work and contributions to the cultivation of vanilla beans in Hawai‘i with the establishment by the Hawaiian Vanilla Company of the Tom Kadooka Scholarship Fund.

LCC’s Upward Bound offers meaningful experiences

Forty-four high school youth from Hawai‘i and the Pacific Islands sailed on the Hōkūle‘a with Nainoa Thompson and members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society as part of Leeward CC’s Upward Bound Math/Science college preparatory program. The Hōkūle‘a became a floating marine science classroom for the July weekend as the students in attendance learned about the scientific and cultural aspects of celestial navigation.

Leeward CC’s Upward Bound program works to raise educational attainment of communities by selecting high school students who are from low income families and/or first generation to potentially matriculate to college.

Students live in UH Mānoa dormitories for six weeks while they get a taste of college life through classes at Leeward CC. Program Director Michael Moser explains, “The hands-on experiential instruction is designed to instill academic skills and motivation for college readiness.”

The majority of the program’s target high schools have college-going rates lower than 20 percent. However, the Upward Bound program boasts that 95 percent of its graduates are placed in college, with some earning scholarships totaling nearly $50,000.
Eighty-one women attended the Women in Transition (WIT) Seminar, co-sponsored by the Kona Branch of American Association of University Women and the University of Hawai‘i Center, West Hawai‘i. The seminar, held June 17 at the Aston Keauhou Beach Resort was modeled after a national AAUW event in which adult women entering/re-entering college partner with local higher education institutions to do so. A recent AAUW study, Gaining A Footnotd: Women in Transition through Work and College, noted the value of such a seminar to provide women with information regarding college attendance.

Keynote speaker, Dorothy Mitchell, Career Center Coordinator for Long Beach Community College, stated, “So often people think you grow up and find that magic career or major and go through life and not have to make a thousand other decisions. Every single day we are making career decisions.” Luncheon speaker, Dr. Amy Agbayani, Director of UH Mānoa’s Student Equality, Excellence and Diversity Office, emphasized the need for women to be politically active in order to provide themselves with a government responsive to women’s educational concerns.

Also, Jean Schaeffer, past President of the Kona Branch of AAUW announced the W.I.T. $1,000 scholarship specifically for the adult woman entering/re-entering college.

**Scholarships help UHCC students as they gear up for year abroad**

Two UHCC students will take part in the international exchange programs with Japanese colleges this year. Daniel Thiel, of Kapi‘olani CC will be going off to Aichi University in our first official exchange with that institution. Kelli Myers of Maui CC will be heading to Kansai University for the year.

Through the Paul S. Honda International Opportunities Fund, both students will also receive scholarships to help fund their year abroad. The scholarship fund was created in 1998 by M. r. and M. rs. Honda to promote educational opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region and offer a broad cross-cultural experience to UHCC students.

The international exchanges are offered annually to UHCC students. Those interested in learning more about upcoming application and selection processes, as well as scholarship opportunities, are urged to call Susan Lee at the Chancellor’s Office at 956-3859.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Kauai Bible Church Concert**
  Sept. 8. Kaua‘i CC Performing Arts Center. For more information call 245-8270.

- **Timely Cuisine**
  WCC’s Millelimun Lecture Series. Sept. 12, 7 p.m., Hale kuhina Special Events Rm. Call 235-7470 for information.

- **¡Cubanismo!**
  Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m., LCC Theatre. Former Sierra Maestra trumpeter Jesús Alemán and his 15-piece line-up of musicians. $20/$18. For information call 455-0385.

- **Lihue Hongwanji Gleemen Plus**
  Sept. 16, Kaua‘i CC Performing Arts Center. For more information call 245-8270.

- **Bang on a Can All-Stars**
  Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., LCC Theatre. UH Mānoa Outreach College. Six performers of new music give an adventurous musical performance. $24/$16. Call 455-0385.

- **Kauai Concert Association Orion Quartet**
  Sept. 21, Kaua‘i CC Performing Arts Center. For more information call 245-8270.

- **Honolulu Theatre For Youth: The Amazing Bone**
  Sept. 23 & 30 and Oct. 7, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. LCC Theatre. $10/$7.50/$5. Call 839-9885 for information.

- **Mokihana Festival**
  Sept 24 & 25, Kaua‘i CC Performing Arts Center. For more information call 245-8270.

- **Hawai‘i CC Celebrity Roast**
Greetings of Aloha and O ki were exchanged as seven students from a Special Studies course from Kaua`i Community College landed in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The group was greeted by Lorelee Water Chief from the Old Sun Community College of the Siksika Nation. Kalahiki Chang and Kapono Kamaunu from Maui Community College; Brandy Hanohano, Kekaha Helm, and Buffy Purdy from the Moloka`i Education Center; and H aliaka Juarez and Lehua Kauwai from Kaua`i Community College were accompanied by Kamuela Chun, Chancellor’s Office; Lui Hokoana, Maui CC, and Jill Kouchi, Kaua`i CC. The Native Hawaiian Education Association was represented by Peter Hanohano and David Keala.

Visits were made to the Old Sun Community College, Red Crow Community College, Muskwachees Cultural College, Blue Quills Community College, and the University of Alberta, Native Student Services. The organizers of the Spruce Meadows Millennium Pow Wow invited the group to participate in the opening ceremony of the event. The group offered an oli, a kahiko by Kapono Kamaunu, and a mele for the audience. A visit to the Nakoda Nation included a tour of the site for the 2002 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education. The group also met with elders and learned about their history. A bow hunt with elder Jerry Saddle Back of the Cree Nation was very exciting for the group. The group also experienced a sweat lodge, erecting a teepee, and a social work indigenous ways course.

As noted in the journals of the students, the connection to another indigenous group made a tremendous impact on their understanding of their own culture. One student recognized the important link between language and culture. The experience provided students insight to the work of another indigenous group that inspired and will probably motivate the students to move forward. The course was supported by the Native Hawaiian Vocational Education Association funded by ALU LIKE, Inc., through a grant from the United States Department of Education.

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