Giving high schoolers a head start

The bell sounds for the start of another day. They fill the halls, rushing to classrooms with a thousand worries on their minds: homework, grades, teachers, parents and friends, and, of course, that big question that looms over all: What will I do after graduation?

This is the life of the high school student. It can be a very challenging and frightening time, especially for juniors and seniors who walk the precarious path toward adulthood and independence.

In their high school years, students make important choices about education, career, and life, and need all the support and guidance possible. That is why the Community Colleges and the Employment Training Center work closely with high school principals and counselors, the Department of Education, school-to-work program administrators and other state agencies to provide opportunities and information about college life and career paths. Yet, in the rapidly changing world we live today, these decisions are becoming even more difficult. To meet the complex educational needs of students, the Community Colleges are developing new opportunities to help high school students make informed career decisions and attain educational goals. There are exciting new programs emerging on all our campuses to assist parents, teachers and students during this critical transitional period.

One example is a new outreach program at Leeward Community College’s Waianae Education Center. With the support of federal and state grants and in partnership with U H Mānoa, the Kalama Education Academy has been developed to support high school students interested in college and workforce training.

Through partnerships with high schools and participation in events such as the Career & College Fair, the U H Community Colleges help high school students make difficult decisions about their future. In the foreground here are counselors Richard Stoicovy and Midge Oler.
Dear Colleagues:

Because this is the holiday edition of our newsletter, I wish to begin by sharing with you my warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and for a prosperous 1999. Hard to believe that 1999 is upon us already! But more importantly, as we begin a new year and glimpse the new millennium just beyond the horizon, I wish to focus on an important concept which is the key to our identity as Community Colleges. I call this the “Partners for Life” concept.

To some of you, this may seem no different from Lifelong Learning. But Lifelong Learning is just one aspect of the “Partners for Life” concept. As we hear repeatedly from economic development experts, the workplace of the twenty-first century will change so dramatically, and so frequently, that no individual will be able to complete an education and then expect lifelong success in the workforce. Instead, learning—whether formal or informal—will be an ongoing process which will contribute to an individual’s flexibility and success in the workforce.

But defining the Community Colleges as “Partners for Life” encompasses a concept much broader than Lifelong Learning alone. It starts with our uniquely defining trait, the open door. As open door institutions, we invite into our colleges those who may never have envisioned for themselves the opportunities which post-secondary education can provide. And we say to these individuals, “Whether or not you have found academic success in the past is not important. What matters is your willingness to work toward future success. We are committed to helping you learn.” Based on this philosophy, we realize that many of our students will find the path to success is, indeed, a long and winding road.

There may be stop-outs due to career changes, to family needs, to personal challenges. But when a learner is ready to pursue education, whether in a classroom, via HITS, or via the World Wide Web, the UH Community Colleges stand ready, as “Partners for Life,” to provide the desired opportunities.

And “Partners for Life” also reflects a recognition that learning is impacted by more than just the teacher-student relationship. While this is clearly the most vital and most basic of learning relationships, a student’s partnership with our UH Community Colleges extends beyond the classroom. It includes relationships with admissions personnel, academic and career counselors, librarians, business office staff, job placement workers, maintenance workers, groundskeepers, technicians, administrators—everyone who plays a role in making learning opportunities available. It includes, as well, those partners from the corporate and professional world who serve on advisory committees to ensure that our programs are up-to-date, and our benefactor partners whose generosity provides much-needed fiscal and moral support.

Finally, there are our taxpayer and governmental partners whose support is the very basis of our creation.

In April of 1999, the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges will celebrate our 35th anniversary. During the months to come, as we prepare for that anniversary celebration, we will also celebrate the many ways our “Partners for Life” offer a vision of the next thirty-five years.
At the annual awards banquet on October 24, 1998, the Hawaii Vocational Association had the impossible task of selecting just one Community College student as the outstanding post-secondary vocational education student—a task so impossible, in fact, that they picked two. Actually, the organization named two scholarship winners and recognized yet another student for her inspiring story of success.

Patricia N. Ludlow of Honolulu CC was selected for her leadership, career and academic achievements, selfless community service and success in overcoming hardships. A full-time substance abuse counselor with the Salvation Army, Ludlow is also president of Honolulu CC’s ‘O Makou I Lawelawe Club. She has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. These feats in themselves are noteworthy, but Ludlow has also risen above the turmoil of growing up in a troubled family, serving prison time and overcoming a drug dependency. She is working to attain her State Certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor and plans to pursue further education in social work.

Windward CC student Carol Henry was also named Outstanding Post-secondary Vocational Education student. As one of only two children in a family of eight to complete high school, she had no way to support her family if something ever happened to her husband. Thirteen years after high school graduation, Henry returned to school at Windward CC. A full-time parent and student, she also works part-time, is an active PTA and church member and helps with outreach activities in the community—while maintaining her 4.0 GPA. Henry is working toward a certificate of completion in Business Technology with a long range goal of earning a Master’s degree in business.

Also recognized was Marla Stillwell, who has overcome a learning disability and is extremely dedicated. A post-secondary scholarship was also awarded to Kapiolani CC respiratory therapy student Cyndi M. Lacar-Mateo, and the Sharon Gau Memorial Scholarship went to Kelly Ann Goodick, a Honolulu CC fire science major.

Honors also went to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Hawaii CC, named the Outstanding Post-secondary Vocational Education Program. The program was accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission in Spring 1998.
Hawai‘i CC offers Hawaiian Life Styles

A new Hawaiian Life Styles Academic Subject Certificate has been inaugurated at Hawai‘i Community College. The Hawaiian Life Styles ASC will support students interested in exploring Native Hawaiian culture and traditions. The program will also facilitate community movement toward Hawaiian cultural understanding and the communication and preservation of Hawaiian traditions. Students may now specialize in Hawaiian studies while fulfilling the program requirements for an Associate in Arts degree. The curriculum provides a foundation upon which students may continue toward a baccalaureate degree in Hawaiian Studies or Hawaiian Language at the four year campuses. Establishment of this certificate supports the University of Hawai‘i’s efforts to preserve the native Hawaiian heritage in language, culture and history. The certificate is also in line with Hawai‘i CC’s vision of becoming a center for the study of Hawaiian culture, with an emphasis on the practice, perpetuation and evolution of the culture.

Approval of the new program is retroactive to the beginning of the Fall 1998 semester to allow students who are currently taking Hawaiian language and culture classes to get full credit toward their certificate.

On November 13, the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents appointed Peggy Cha to be provost of Kaua‘i CC. For Cha, the appointment represents a permanent homecoming to the campus where she served in various capacities from 1982 to 1991. A graduate of Roosevelt High School, Cha holds a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a masters in English from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. After teaching and serving as an academic adviser at UH Mānoa for four years, she held positions in the business community and taught remedial reading and writing.

Returning to Kaua‘i CC in 1984, Cha coordinated a federally-funded development project and oversaw computerization of the campus. She also served as acting director of community services and assistant dean of instruction for academic support before joining the Employment Training Center as assistant state director.

Cha spent a year as acting program officer in the UH Office of the Vice President for Planning and Policy, focusing attention on strategic planning, distance learning and other policy issues, until, in February 1998, she was named interim provost at Kaua‘i CC.

Cha reported, “I am pleased to be back on this campus and having a lot of fun. It is an especially exciting time to be here because we are making many changes, beginning to think out of the box, and about to realize many innovations.”

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Peggy Cha, Provost Kaua‘i Community College
As part of their tour of Asia, Honolulu CC Asian Studies Assistant Professor David Wong brought 16 students to one of the most remote, yet intriguing places on earth—Mongkok, Myanmar. It is an area where tourist travel is normally prohibited, and restrictions are in place for an obvious reason—rubies. The deep red colored stones are everywhere and one can easily pick them up from the ground. The precious gems are mined there, and the revenues are used by the military to finance their existence and operation.

For the students, the visit to Myanmar was an unforgettable experience. Amid all the wealth, the poverty was overwhelming. Despite their hardships, the people of this military-controlled country were delightful, friendly and outgoing. Though unbelievably poor by western standards, their daily lives seem filled with laughter, song and friendship.

To get to Mongkok, the group journeyed eight hours by bus, with a military agent who was assigned to the group for “their protection.” Then the group began a three mile hike to the village and quickly realized just how isolated these people were. On their arrival, the group was treated as if they were celebrities. At the local school young children and their teachers sang songs in their native tongue, then asked their American visitors to join them in a rendition of “Jingle Bells.” Professor Cynthia Smith, with her long sandy blonde hair, also captivated the villagers. One boy was so enamored by her that he handed her a small bag of rubies. She, in turn, gave him something valuable by their standards—a ball point pen—which he accepted gleefully.

The trip helped students see the great differences in the cultures and lifestyles that exist in the world. Yet, the frequent smiles, the kind gestures and open hearts of the Myanmar people also brought home the realization that we are all human. Wong hopes to return to Mongkok in the summer, and again take up the “ruby shuffle,” a term coined by his students when they kept their eyes on the ground as they walked, looking for that red reflection in the earth. Wong, too, was mesmerized by the amount of gems in the area, but he knows the experiences with the people of Myanmar are the real jewels of the journey.

If you are interested in learning more about Asst. Professor Wong’s future tours to Asia, call him at 845-0254.

In late November, Maui CC hosted several at-risk students from Lahaina Juna High School’s Alternative Learning Center to work with faculty to build their own web pages. The students in this program had been expelled from their school for disruptive behavior (including one girl who repeatedly threw rocks at her classroom window).

By the end of one week in the program, the principal of the high school was so amazed at the attitude change in the students, that he treated all of them to Maui CC’s fine dining experience. Seems the students loved working on their web pages so much, they didn’t even want to take a break. This type of alliance with the high schools is going to be part of a new grant-funded program called Halau A’o, which is now in planning stages.
Virtual counseling has global reach

Students from all over the world, in every time zone, now have access to one-on-one academic counseling via the Leeward CC website, www.lcc.hawaii.edu.

Leeward Webmaster Randy Araki noted an increase in e-mailed questions from web surfers about enrolling at Leeward. He suggested involving counselors directly by setting up an e-mail link (leeward@lccada.lcc.hawaii.edu) from the website. The result has been a more efficient and responsive process.

Counselors take turns answering questions on admissions, transcripts, applications, and programs—even questions on converting foreign currency! Since June 3, 1997, Leeward counselors have received more than 600 e-mail messages from such faraway places as Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Spain, Norway, Brazil, and Argentina, as well as all areas of the United States. Students from England, Greece, Hong Kong and Germany are currently attending Leeward CC thanks to this electronic connection.

Leeward CC Counselor Nancy Buchanan uses technology to provide immediate responses to questions from students around the world.

Windward groundbreaking marks new opportunity

An enthusiastic crowd was on hand at the groundbreaking ceremony for Windward CC’s new state-of-the-art $18.1 million performing arts center and humanities facility that is scheduled for completion by the year 2000.

During remarks, Provost Peter Dyer commented that he was pleased that, in these times when so much focus is on technology, Windward CC was beginning work on a facility that would cultivate the arts and humanities. “Yet,” he added, “I am told the theatre will be state-of-the-art, and the photo lab will have all sorts of new digital equipment and the latest in technological capabilities.”

In addition to the 300 seat theatre and photography lab, the new facility will have choral practice rooms, soundproof music studios, an art gallery, and a two-story classroom wing for other classes such as Hawaiian studies, history and philosophy.
Sixty-five participants from the seven community colleges participated in the 1998 Phi Theta Kappa Regional Leadership Conference hosted by the Alpha Psi Epsilon chapter at Hawai’i Community College on September 25 and 26.

Carol Rasco, chairperson of the America READS program and senior advisor to the Secretary of Education, was the keynote speaker. Provost Sandra Sakaguchi gave the welcoming address, and Jennifer Westbrook, director of chapter programs from Phi Theta Kappa headquarters, gave an informative speech on program development and goal setting.

Third Circuit Court Judge Sandra Schutte and Dr. Christopher Linden were also featured speakers. The hard-working Alpha Psi Epsilon executive board and advisor Annie Brown are to be congratulated for putting together an effective Leadership Conference which included hula and music by the Alu Like Kupunas.

A big mahalo to Jane and Terry Sasahara, who have for a number of years been contributing to the Masayo and Yoshio Ishii Fund account in the Kaua‘i CC Fund, which annually provides an award to an outstanding student and staff member.

Named in honor of Jane’s great aunt and great uncle, the fund was recently converted to a named endowment when it reached $10,000. Jane named the fund in appreciation and recognition of the great commitment Masayo and Yoshio Ishii had to education. Yoshio Ishii was a Circuit Court Clerk and Masayo Ishii worked in the County Finance Department.

Thanks to the Sasaharas, the endowment will now be able to provide these two awards, which contribute to the success of Kaua‘i’s students and staff, in perpetuity.

Chemistry Instructor Michael Reese created Excitement in Education at the 9th Annual Leeward CC Family Fun and Craft Fair on Saturday, October 31. While Reese entranced young fairgoers with chemistry magic, other Leeward CC faculty and staff showcased the college’s many courses and programs in more than thirty different interactive activities. They included: Skulls, Bones and Anthropology; See a “Real” Brain; Write an Instant Poem; Tidepool Explorations; Air Bag Safety Demo; and Video F/X (Effects). The fair also offered over 80 craft booths, games of skill where everyone wins, and the International Food Service Executives Paniolo Breakfast.
Profiles in success

Yin Yu Monica Ching
Accountant, Leong & Fong
Certified Public Accountants
Graduate of the Employment Training
Center, Kapi'olani Community College
and UH Mānoa

It was a time of uncertainty in 1990, when Yin Yu Ching left Hong Kong. The Tiananmen Square incident had injected fear into her life, as the date for Chinese control of Hong Kong loomed closer. On the advice of family and friends, Ching uprooted her husband and twin ten year old daughters, leaving behind a good job and comfortable life to cross the ocean to Hawai'i. She left one uncertainty to face another. As a construction inspector, Ching’s husband, Wai-Sing, quickly found work with the H-3 Freeway construction project. But for Yin Yu, things were more difficult. Although she had basic English skills, she lacked the experience that would help her start a new career in America.

At a visit to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations’ Job Help Store, Ching was advised to contact the Community Colleges’ Employment Training Center. At ETC, Ching soon completed an English course and a three month accounting and communications program. But she knew she had achieved much more. “As an immigrant, it can be difficult to have self-confidence. At ETC, they helped me develop and maintain a positive attitude about myself. They gave me hope.”

Ching also found an advocate in Instructor Regina Ewing. After completing her ETC courses, Ewing tried to convince Ching to further her education at one of the Colleges. But Ching was hesitant. “In Hong Kong, education policies are quite different. People do not return later in life, so the idea of returning to school was quite foreign to me.” Ching agreed to work with Ewing as a part-time teaching aide at ETC and went out to find full-time employment. “I got a job at Kukui Gardens, but after working there a year, I realized there would be little advancement without further education.”

Ewing, who is also a counselor at Kapi'olani CC, was there to help again. According to Ewing, “Yin Yu had strong support from her family and the potential to achieve any career goal.” Ching soon entered Kapi'olani CC as a liberal arts candidate and worked hard. She kept a 4.0 GPA, became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and served as the chapter’s recording secretary. Ching recalls, “There were very good instructors... Ruth Carr in accounting, Economics Associate Professor Ibrahim Dik, Honor Society Advisor Charlotte Toguchi... and of course Regina Ewing, who still keeps in touch. In fact, she and others nominated me for the presidential scholarship.” Ching received a UH Presidential Scholarship in 1994.

Once at UH Mānoa, Ching missed Kapi'olani's small, intimate classes, but knew she now had the confidence to succeed. She got practical experience in a co-op program with Castle & Cooke, and maintained her 4.0 GPA. She graduated in 1996 with a BBA in accounting and received the Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award. On her first attempt in 1996, she passed her CPA exam.

Ching now works with Leong & Fong CPA and is well on her way to becoming a successful Hawai'i CPA. Yet, she has not forgotten that, for immigrants, starting over is a difficult task. “ETC is a good program for immigrants—those who don’t know the language, the education system, or how to find a job. Community Colleges are great, too. The small classes and caring people such as Kay Beach, Ellen Nagaue and others inspired me to achieve success.” Ching has not ruled out returning to college to get her Master’s Degree, but for now, she’s content to enjoy her new career. “My daughters entered UH Mānoa this Fall. I want to have the time to be there for them, because I know how important support can be.”

Positive attitude helped her reach goals.
Gary Okuda is now a partner in the successful local law firm Leu & Okuda. But Okuda doubts he would be where he is today without Windward Community College.

Upon graduating from Kailua High School in 1974, many of Okuda's friends and classmates were going off to big universities with big reputations. Yet, he knew that was not for him. Okuda recalls, "If I had gone directly to UH Mānoa or some other large university at that point, I don't think I would be a lawyer today. It is easy to lose your focus in the crowd. I needed the small class sizes and the strong support I found at Windward."

Okuda says the Windward faculty taught him more than just memorization of facts from books. He learned to look at the broader picture in the community. "The teachers at Windward offered a quality education," he said. "I was taught to look at issues and ask, 'How does this relate to my community?'"

In the early '70s many of Okuda's classmates at Windward CC were Vietnam veterans, active in local politics. "They were very motivated students, more so than most of the recent high school graduates. Their keen desire to learn rubbed off on me and helped make me aware of the value of what I was learning."

Okuda saw first hand the farmers being evicted from Waiāhole-Waikāne Valley on the Windward side. The implications of the evictions were discussed freely in his political science class. Okuda recalled, "WCC teachers focused on the broader picture. They asked questions such as 'What kind of place do we have here in Hawai'i and where do we want to be in 20 or 40 years?' I began to think about how I could have an effect on the community, and I saw the benefit of having a law degree." Okuda even attended a demonstration in support of the Waiāhole farmers. "I was prepared to be arrested for my actions, because I knew what they were doing was important."

After graduation from Windward, Okuda went on to take classes at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and was honored as a Phi Beta Kappa along the way.

Okuda then went on to the University of California at Davis to receive his law degree in 1981. "Interestingly, as I was completing my education, the Waiāhole-Waikāne Valley dispute had grown into a famous landmark decision, setting a precedent which is still referred to in courtrooms across the country today."

Before graduating from UC - Davis, Okuda had the opportunity to speak to a class of first year law students. "In your first year, you are under a great amount of stress, and competition for top grades is fierce," Okuda recalls. Okuda wanted to impress upon them that grades were not as important as they seemed. He brought up his first-hand experiences at Waiāhole, a case they were all familiar with. He mentioned how the grassroots efforts of the people and the dedication of the attorneys involved had been the important factors in the case. He told the class, "I doubt anyone asked the attorney what his or her grades were."

Today, Okuda is still a Windward resident and has good things to say about his alma mater in Kāne'ohoe. "For me, college started at Windward CC. I think the Community Colleges are one of the most successful institutions in our state. The new facilities they are building at Windward will help the campus play an increasingly important role in the Windward community in the future."
HonCC pilot training receives grant

Honolulu Community College has received a grant from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Employment and Training Fund for $100,000 to provide training in support of the college’s new pilot training program. The grant will enable Honolulu Community College to fund University of North Dakota (UND) Center for Aerospace Science flight instruction staff to be hired in Hawai‘i. Local instructors will then spend time at UND’s flight training centers at either Grand Forks, North Dakota or Mesa, Arizona. The training will allow Hawai‘i’s growing cadre of flight instructors to be standardized in the UND system. This will allow for consistency in training of students—something airlines stress in quality control assurances necessary to maintain the program’s reputation. UND offers a training that is lock-step and consistent with airline standards. That is the reason why airlines seek out UND graduates and why Honolulu Community College has partnered with UND to provide this educational opportunity in Hawai‘i.

Vice Chancellor named “Woman Leader of Year”

At its awards ceremony on November 2, 1998, the Organization of Women Leaders named UH Community Colleges Acting Vice Chancellor for Student and Community Affairs Kathy Jaycox as the Woman Leader of the Year for the public sector. Mildred Courtney, director, military liaison at Outrigger Hotels & Resorts received the honor for the private sector. The Organization of Women Leaders, a group of women executives from across a spectrum of Hawai‘i’s businesses and government agencies, is dedicated to promoting professional advancement and greater job effectiveness for women. The organization also works to increase communication and understanding between the public and private sectors.

Also during the luncheon, Leeward Community College Interim Provost Sharon Naramatsu was named as president-elect of the organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Full Moon Madness**
Leeward CC Theatre
December 4 • 7 p.m.
Under the direction of LCC Dance Director Stephanie Winieski, Leeward students blend music, dance, drama, literature and art with a bit of magic for a riotous evening. Tickets $3 at the door. Call 455-0380 for reservations.

**School-to-Work Conference**
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
December 8 - 9 • 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Educators and business leaders join forces to help design specific strategies and partnerships for implementing a new system of education that links workplace learning and classroom instruction. For more information call 845-9432.

**Mixed Media Miniature Show**
Kapi‘olani CC • Koa Gallery
Through December 10
10 am.- 4 p.m. M-Th/10 a.m.- 2 p.m. F and S. A fund-raising event for the Koa Gallery and the KCC Art Program. Call 734-9375 for info.

**John Signor**
Leeward CC Theatre
January 23 • 8 p.m.
Joined by guest artist Sami Akuna and others, the evening weaves dance, music and light into a truly memorable experience. Call 455-0380 for reservations.

**Rhythm is the Cure: Songs and Rhythms of Southern Italy**
Leeward CC Theatre
January 30 • 8 p.m.
Italy’s Alessandra Belloni and ensemble perform traditional Southern Italian folk dances, songs and percussion. Call 455-0380 for information.
in teaching careers. The program was developed in response to the high turnover rate of teachers in the Wai'anae area, and the lack of area students entering and completing college studies in education. The goal of the project is to develop a seamless program so that Leeward CC students who want to go on to UH Manoa to study to become teachers, find the support and guidance necessary for their success. Upon graduation and certification, these candidates will be more likely to return to the Wai'anae community to teach at the local intermediate and high schools and serve as role models for future students.

According to Larilyn Holu, Kalama Education Academy Community Counselor Coordinator, “Wai’anae students often confront many obstacles to completing their degrees. Whether it is lack of transportation, day care needs, financial support, or other challenge, Kalama Education Academy hopes to be there to direct them to resources and offer support.”

To prepare area high school students for the college experience, Windward CC has launched a new service learning project. Working with a Kalua High School English class, Windward CC students share their literature interpretive skills and writing expertise with small peer writing groups and one-on-one conferences. The high school students gain understanding of the depth and realm of studies that will be expected of them at the college level. The Windward CC students, who plan to go into teaching careers, receive valuable classroom experience.

To help introduce new technologies, Honolulu and Kauai CC have embraced their role as the state’s Cisco Networking Academies. The two Colleges are helping DOE faculty bring computer networking skills to Hawai’i high schools. Already, more than twenty faculty members have begun learning how to build computer networks using Cisco equipment. They, in turn, are passing their new skills on to the high school students. These students will be well-prepared for a transition to college level technological fields.

Kauai CC recently hosted more than 200 ninth and tenth graders from Kauai High School as part of a School-to-Work program and career exploration course. The visitors learned about arts, communication, human resources, health services, business and more. The day long activities were planned to help motivate students to pursue post-secondary education and discover some of the new options available to them. The outreach program also enabled Kauai CC to showcase many of the quality programs offered at their campus.

From special programs for at-risk youth offered at ETC, to career fairs, to new community-based partnerships, helping high school students with their educational and career choices is a priority. As one parent at the recent College & Career Fair pointed out, “The information age hasn’t made it easier for students to select a college or decide on a career.”

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A year-long program of activities to celebrate the Community Colleges' 35th anniversary starts with a kickoff celebration on April 16 at the Sheraton Waikiki (in the evening, following the Excellence in Education Conference). Yet, anniversary events are already under way. During the past few months, and into December, campuses have hosted talent contests. Winners from each campus have the opportunity to perform at the celebration in April and may also be selected to appear on the Hawaii Stars TV show with Carole Kai.

Planners hope the celebration will bring more awareness and understanding of the Community Colleges to prospective students, parents and the business community. It marks the beginning of a year of celebrating past endeavors and implementing exciting plans for the future. Leeward Interim Provost Sharon Narimatsu, who is steering the planning committee said, “The celebration and other events throughout the year will help reestablish contacts with alumni, retired faculty and staff, and build continued support and recognition for the Community Colleges.”

While there are special anniversary events being planned on all campuses, all college groups and organizations are also encouraged to dedicate regular events occurring during the year as commemorative activities.

The anniversary committee is composed of staff members from each campus and the Chancellor's office, with sub-committees being created for various responsibilities. If you would like to contribute your services toward the anniversary event or add your group's events to the list of special anniversary functions, contact any committee member listed below.

TO find out more about the UHCC 35th Anniversary Celebration and volunteer for a committee, contact:

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Campus talent show contestants such as Windward CC's karaoke winner Ronda Rapozo, here with emcee and Windward CC alumnus Tiny Tadani of KITV, will perform at the anniversary celebration in April.