Hon CC boasts long history

A SPECIAL 35TH ANNIVERSARY RETROSPECTIVE

As one of the four pre-existing technical schools that became part of the UH Community College system in 1964, Honolulu Community College has a long, rich history in the State. The College has changed tremendously since those early days, yet that history helped shape the campus into the multi-faceted, high-tech community resource it is today.

HCC FOUNDATIONS

In the early 1900s, technical training in Hawai‘i was given only in the long, hard school of experience. By 1910, local communities and businesses had seen enough of a need to enhance the skills of Hawai‘i’s craftsmen to establish the Territorial Normal School. The school began training teachers in woodwork, industrial work, and sewing. In 1914, it was renamed the Vocational Training Center and settled on the Kāʻīulani School campus. Students who attended other schools during the day could take trade instruction classes late in the afternoon at the Training Center. During this time, the legislature approved funds for an all-day school, known as the Territorial Trade School.

Five years later, in 1919, the state appropriated more funding for a new trade school to be located on the site of the old Chinese Hospital in Palama. When the Territorial Trade School opened in 1920, three courses were offered: machine shop, auto mechanics, and carpentry.

When this 1938 photo was taken, Honolulu CC was called the Honolulu Vocational School and was part of the Department of Education.
35th anniversary
a celebration of partnerships

Joyce S. Tsunoda
Senior Vice President and Chancellor for Community Colleges

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As is noted elsewhere in this newsletter, 1999 marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of our University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges, established by Act 39 in 1964. I look forward to celebrating with many of you on April 16, whether at our 16th annual Excellence in Education Conference, to be held on the campus of Kapi‘olani Community College during the day, or at our gala anniversary dinner at the Sheraton Waikiki that evening.

Thirty-five years ago, Hawai‘i’s Governor John A. Burns and the legislature were responsible for giving life to the UH Community Colleges. The legislature remains a vital lifeline for us today. During the annual legislative session, a great part of my time is spent at the Capitol, providing testimony about the accomplishments of our Community College students, alumni and staff. Such testimony allows me to make the case for continuing legislative support. We have been fortunate that, even in these years of declining general revenues, the legislature has continued to enact legislation which recognizes the unique and valuable role which our Community Colleges play in the economic well-being of our state.

When our Community Colleges were established thirty-five years ago, our mission was defined in three broad categories: preparation for transfer, preparation for a career, and community service. Today, as we edge ever closer to the twenty-first century, our mission has expanded to include economic development for our state and our region. It is no longer sufficient for us to react to our environment, adapting curriculum in response to workplace demands or baccalaureate dictates. Today, our stance must be proactive, anticipating the economic demands which will drive Hawai‘i’s workforce and providing the flexibility to meet such demands.

This is why legislative support has been particularly important to launch such programs as commercial aviation training at Honolulu CC, or diversified agriculture at Kaua‘i CC, as well as the entire University Center concept of our neighbor island Community Colleges.

In our thirty-fifth year, and beyond, we will be seeking more and more ways in which we can productively and proactively partner with the legislature, the business community, governmental agencies, and non-profit agencies to build grassroots capacity.

Our shared goal must be promoting the economic well-being of our state while preserving local cultural traditions.

It is an exciting time. I welcome your collaboration and support!

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Mark your calendars for the Excellence in Education Conference. This year, the conference is scheduled for April 16 to coincide with the 35th anniversary celebration. There will be no registration fee for the colloquium format conference to be held at Kapi'olani CC from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The conference is open to all UHCC staff, instructional and non-instructional. There will be a mix of program formats providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy, learn and share ideas with colleagues from across the system. To whet your appetite, here are a few FAQ’s about this year’s Excellence in Education Conference:

1. Is there a featured speaker? No. There is no featured speaker and no general session. There will be two program blocks in the morning (9:30 -10:45 and 11:00 - 12:15) available to choose from more than 50 workshop sessions. In the afternoon (1:30 - 3:45), there will be facilitated discussion groups in which colleagues come together to compare notes, share innovations, etc., based on mutual interests.

2. Who is planning this? The Steering Committee consists of more than 30 individuals from all eight campuses and the Chancellor’s Office. They represent a mix of faculty, APTs, clerical staff and administrators. If you’d like to get involved, or have any questions, contact your campus member listed below.

5. How are neighbor island staff going to make the trip? Round-trip air coupons are being made available through joint support from Hawai‘i CC, Kaua‘i CC, Maui CC and the Chancellor’s Office. O‘ahu ground transportation is being provided by the O‘ahu campuses and the Chancellor’s Office. Neighbor islanders who wish to attend the anniversary dinner and stay overnight on O‘ahu will have several hotel options.

6. How and when can I register for the Conference? Registration materials will be distributed on each campus in the first week of March.

7. How and when can I buy a ticket to the 35th anniversary gala dinner? Invitations and ticket order forms will be distributed via campus mailboxes to all faculty and staff in early February. UHCC faculty, staff and retirees can purchase tickets for $45; students can purchase tickets for $25; and friends and supporters can purchase tickets for $50. Organizations can become gold, silver or bronze sponsors by buying tables of ten at $3,000, $2,000 or $1,000, respectively.

8. Where can I learn more? Check here next month for the latest news. Watch your campus bulletins as well. Or contact UHCC Public Information Officer Marilyn Walsh at 956-3862.
Traveling chefs benefit UHCC culinary

A new marketing program created by the Hawai‘i Visitors & Convention Bureau will give a boost to Hawai‘i’s culinary scene and the Culinary Institute of the Pacific. Chefs of Aloha—Hawai‘i’s Cuisine on Tour is bringing the Islands’ unique culinary styles and some of the state’s most popular chefs to America’s top food cities. Cooking presentations in each of the 11 cities visited by the “Chefs of Aloha” will give Hawai‘i the opportunity to demonstrate its great cultural diversity and culinary excellence.

Chefs taking part in the 1999 Chefs of Aloha Tour include UHCC culinary alumni Sam Choy, Russell W.J. Siu, and James McDonald. Many of the other participating chefs, including Roy Yamaguchi, George Mavrothalassitis, Glen Chu, David Boucher, Gregory Gaspar, David Reardon, Beverly Gannon and Mark Ellman, have been longtime supporters of the Community College culinary programs. Proceeds from consumer events in each of the cities will benefit the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapi‘olani CC.

Maui CC Telethon surpasses goals

The fourth annual Maui CC Telethon has been deemed a smashing success. The goal of $175,000 was surpassed to the tune of $254,000 in cash and gifts. Countless students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the November event. Numerous teams made up of students, faculty, staff and community members raised money by answering phones and soliciting donations, both on the night of the telethon and before the event.

Headliner Frank De Lima, along with many other talented artists and entertainers, performed. A silent auction of donated items, including paintings and dinners at various restaurants helped them reach their goal. Foundation fund-raiser Lorraine Tamaribuchi, who works year round raising money for Maui CC, “extends sincere thanks to the faculty, staff, students and community volunteers who did such an outstanding job.” Pictured are (l to r) phone bank crew Don Hill and Alwin Corpus with studio crew members Jeremy Gray and Tim Marmack.
Hui Haumana — a bit of java heaven

by Maui CC correspondent Mona Stevenson

You can't go wrong when you mix students and an espresso cart stocked with hot java, Spam musubi, biscotti, exotic wrapped sandwiches, good old chili and rice, and more. Maui Community College's newest addition, Hui Haumana, the new espresso cart, opened quietly without fanfare on October 1. Its success was immediate. In fact, the cart's student manager, Julie Arcangel, admits, "It's hard to keep up with demand."

The student-managed, student-staffed operation was conceived last summer when MCC Food Service instructor, Chef Chris Speere, found an unused espresso cart for sale and two students he trusted to run it. Together, he and food service students Arcangel and Sally Ho'opi'i, talked about the possibilities of the new venture. "At first, we both just listened and took in all the information," said Arcangel.

They knew there would be some demand for the service. After all, the cafeteria closed at 12:30 p.m., leaving students without a place to get something to eat on campus. Beyond that most obvious function — feeding students — the cart offered an opportunity for food service students who, because of family obligations, inexperience or scheduling problems, could not otherwise fulfill the co-op component of their program. The cart also offered the student managers invaluable, real-life entrepreneurial experience.

In early September, the students began preparing for the October opening. With Ho'opi'i going to school and working at a restaurant in Pa'ia, much of the operations duties fell on Arcangel. "When we finally opened, there were more responsibilities to be taken care of than I had expected, so I basically grabbed the ball and ran. I just accepted it all as a worthwhile experience for my future."

Arcangel became the cart's first official manager with a staff of 13 employees and responsibilities that included hiring, scheduling, purchasing, and product analysis.

Arcangel always knew she was organized and responsible, but she surprised even herself at the success of the operation. "I love it. I come in at 6 a.m. and leave at 6 p.m.,” said Arcangel, “maybe it's because I like calling the shots."

There is a lot of stress, she acknowledges. As a student-staffed operation, scheduling can be a bit of a challenge. Being in charge, however, has given her an opportunity to practice being the kind of boss she would like to have. "I want my employees happy and involved," said the novice manager.

Meanwhile, Hui Haumana has been a welcome addition that has become a social magnet of sorts. With a great product mix, a captive audience, and the enthusiastic student staff, the cart is fast on its way to becoming an unexpected profit-center as well.

KapCC receives US AID/AACC grant

Kapi'olani CC has received notification of an award for a project entitled, "Island Nation, Island State: Partnerships in Tourism Workforce Development," to be funded by the United States Agency for International Development/American Association of Community Colleges. Kapi'olani's partners in the project are the Ceylon Hotel School and School of Tourism, the Ceylon Hotel School Graduates Association, Prince Resorts Hawai'i, the Chefs' Guild of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Tourism Board. The project supports faculty and student exchange, increased collaboration between Kapi'olani CC faculty and the private sector in Sri Lanka, and service-learning components in Honolulu and Colombo. Congratulations to Bob Franco, Louise Pagotto and Kusuma Cooray, who were instrumental in writing the grant and developing the program.

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HVS IS BORN

In 1927, after a period as an adjunct of McKinley High School, the Trade School was re-established as the Honolulu Vocational School (HVS). Four shops were added: dressmaking, electricity, welding, and sheet metal. Entrance requirements stated that students must be at least 15 years old with a minimum of a fourth-grade education, and “able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.” Enrollment soon grew to 75 students.

By 1932, HVS enrollment had grown to 167 and included students of every nationality from all parts of O‘ahu. As one student aptly wrote then, “Hawai‘i today is known as the melting pot, and HVS must be the melting pot of schools.”

Ten new shops were added to the campus by 1944. Among these were aircraft, refrigeration, drafting, cosmetology, and radio—all started to provide training for workers during the post-World War II period. Baking, plumbing, masonry, auto body repair and engineering aide soon followed. In 1955, the name was changed to Honolulu Technical School.

In the late fifties, the cafeteria was upgraded, a student newspaper started, and core liberal arts courses were added. The school had yet to undergo necessary improvements. A scathing article by a local newspaper pointed out that some campus buildings were 35 years old and crumbling. The bake shop was referred to as a “rat-infested structure that used to be a junkyard building.” Changes obviously were needed.

FROM HTS TO HCC

In 1964, with passage of the Community College Act, HVS was renamed Honolulu Community College and became part of the University’s statewide college system. A $15 million master plan was designed to help Honolulu CC serve the rapidly growing student population.

Gradually, liberal arts faculty were appointed as the College began, in earnest, the development of an Associate in Arts degree. Honolulu CC also assumed responsibility for most of the apprenticeship training on O‘ahu. This, over the years, has created a bond with industry which has been a great source of strength and pride.

Honolulu CC celebrated its 50th anniversary in February 1970. One improvement that year was the development of plans for a $3.8 million library and classroom building. This and other new facilities enabled Honolulu CC to offer new technologies and incorporate new skill training into longtime vocational programs.

By 1976, Honolulu CC had approved Associate in Arts degree requirements compatible with the lower-division requirements for the then-existing College of Arts and Sciences at UH-Ma‘noa. In essence, the College, for the first time, offered students a full, well-rounded education in arts, sciences, and humanities, as well as technical and vocational areas.

A GROWING COMMUNITY

Since the mid-eighties, enrollment growth has slowed considerably. Yet, the campus is bustling with activity. High-tech facilities were opened for transportation programs: automotive at Kokea Street, marine technologies at Sand Island, and an aviation facility at the airport. Exciting programs such as commercial aviation and computing, electronics, and networking technology were added. Pride in the College has sprung up in the form of new art pieces, displays, and plant life emerging on the

In the ‘50s, Honolulu Technical School’s new cafeteria was a much-needed addition.
New methods and technologies in the classroom have added to the sense of growth and vitality. Distance education offerings through cable TV and the internet have increased to 17 courses. Honolulu CC also delivers lower division undergraduate and some occupational courses to O‘ahu’s military bases and has expanded continuing education to include non-credit classes, customized training for business and industry and technology transfer. Services to O‘ahu’s senior citizens were expanded through the Emeritus College and membership in Senior Net.

National certification for programs such as automotive, auto body, and cosmetology has also been a priority. Cisco Systems, an international networking corporation, has named the College as a Cisco Academy Training Center with Pacific-wide focus.

Coming Events

The College’s future is linked to its history of serving as a center for the development of Hawai‘i’s workforce, creating evolutionary directions in support of the economic development of the state, and expanding its presence throughout the Pacific Rim.

Honolulu CC is becoming a major hub of training and support for businesses and educational institutions in the operation and use of the Internet. As E-Commerce continues to explode, creating the workforce to support the digital economy will be a priority. Partnerships with software and equipment manufacturers will provide the foundations to keep the College’s digital technology training at state-of-the-art levels.

In support of creating a technically trained workforce, Honolulu CC continues to expand transportation programs. Some aviation operations will soon be housed at Barber’s Point. Aviation may include human factors and aviation communications, air traffic control, and airport management. Pilot and maintenance technician programs will evolve through partnerships with other global training providers, the Federal Aviation Administration, NASA, and the airlines. Automotive training will expand to include emerging technologies to create the electronic technician of the future. Marine technologies will provide competent technicians for the cruise ship industry through partnerships with the shipbuilding and repair industry.

As home to the state’s construction industry training, Honolulu CC will continually design and retool apprenticeship training and construction programs to meet industry needs. It will continue to partner with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, to meet apprenticeship needs.

As a longtime Palama resident, Honolulu CC strives to be the epicenter of community development for Kalihi. The area’s small businesses will be brought into the 21st Century through training in E-Commerce, and students seeking to join the ranks of entrepreneurs will be cross-trained. Child care, human services, police and fire programs will continue to link with community agencies to provide a source of trained professionals.

Hon CC will expand training into the Pacific Rim in digital, aviation, automotive, marine, and environmental technologies. It will support ties with Asia through technology transfer and bridge building, aiding Hawa‘i’s economy through both importing students and exporting training. Growing awareness of the need for environmental controls will be supported through international training partnerships with the Environmental Protection Agency and global environmental technology corporations.

The creation of liberally educated technologists will remain at the core of Honolulu CC’s value system. Students will also have the ability to change careers and move on to higher education through a strong liberal arts curriculum, which will be a gateway for first generation, college-bound students to professional careers.

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Profiles in success

Artist’s goals ignited at Kaua‘i CC

Throughout her childhood in Makaha, Ivy Hali‘imaile “Maile” Andrade learned to respect and honor her Hawaiian heritage. She also nurtured her interest in art. In the 70’s, she attended many colleges, always as an art major, but never completed a degree. At Leeward CC, she completed art core curriculum; at Maui CC, some basic degree core; at UH-Mānoa, she took ceramics.

In 1974, she married Carlos Andrade from Kaua‘i, and eventually the couple went there to live. Maile soon began taking ceramic classes with Professor Wayne Miyata at Kaua‘i CC. Every semester over a ten-year period, she would sign up for ceramics. According to Andrade, “It was my time to be creative and do art.”

By 1985, their youngest child had entered preschool, giving Maile more time to pursue her education. She remembers, “My husband suggested I look into the credits I’d earned and see what I needed to receive a degree. In a credit review, I learned I was quite close to completion.”

Kaua‘i CC’s flexibility made Andrade’s quest even easier. “Although many of my credits were more than ten years old, a program for older returning students allowed for the old credits to be recognized,” she said.

To complete her degree, Andrade took three science courses, a math course, and ceramics in one semester. “Everyone was very helpful, especially Associate Professor Brian Yamamoto, Professor Marshall Mlock, Professor William Kikuchi, and, of course, Professor Miyata,” Maile recalled. She also attributes her success to her husband, who was always supportive, and who also attended Kaua‘i CC when he could find the time.

After completing her degree, the Andrades went to live with Maile’s parents in Hilo. There, both she and her husband worked toward their BA degrees. “If it weren’t for my parents, helping us with a place to live and with the children, it would have been very difficult to stay in school,” Andrade said emphatically. “Some semesters, we both took as many as 21 credits— and went to summer school.”

Maile and her husband graduated in 1989 with Highest Honors. “We had accomplished our goals and were planning to go back to Kaua‘i, but the faculty we worked with encouraged us to apply to graduate school.”

Andrade knew they had made the right decision when both she and Carlos were accepted into their graduate programs and received tuition waivers. In 1993, Maile completed a Master of Fine Arts degree and her husband completed an M.ED in counseling and guidance through education.

You might think that, after achieving all this, Andrade’s pace would slow a little. But not so. She has been a lecturer in the UH-Mānoa Art Department in Fiber since 1993. She teaches Native Hawaiian Visual Language and a course in the Center for Hawaiian Studies. She also works at Kamehameha Schools as a dorm advisor. Carlos is writing his dissertation and has accepted a position with the UH Center for Hawaiian Studies.

Andrade has received many awards and honors for her art. Her success, she says, is due to her belief that “you can do whatever you believe you can.” She also knows that “educational resources, such as Kaua‘i CC, help people realize those dreams.”

In 1989, Maile was selected by the Folk Arts Apprentice Program of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to serve as an apprentice with Master Weaver Elizabeth Lee. In July 1998, she was again honored by the SFCA, receiving a Visual Arts Fellowship. The fellowship encourages artists to continue to live and work in Hawai‘i and reaffirms the importance of their contribution to the culture and economy of the State.

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Spotlight on successful Community College alumni

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Ice answers questions on credit for prior learning

Dr. Jerry Ice during his recent visit to Honolulu CC and other campuses.

During the second week of December, the UHCCs hosted a visit by Dr. Jerry Ice, provost and academic vice president at Thomas Edison College in New Jersey. The reason? Thomas Edison State College has a long, successful track record in awarding credit for prior learning and ties the award of credit to specific courses.

Before his visit, Ice had been in constant contact with the UHCCs via phone, email and fax correspondence. He responded to questions the UHCCs had in developing the new credit for prior learning agreement within the UH system. According to Acting Vice Chancellor for Student and Community Affairs Kathy Jaycox, “Ice acted as a consultant and helped us create our own handbook for students, faculty and advisors. He worked with UH West Oahu Chancellor Joanne Clark and me for about six months on that project. Although we did not incorporate all of Thomas Edison State College’s ideas and policies, Ice’s input made our process of determining policies much easier.”

During his visit, Ice set up meetings with faculty and counselors from our UHCCs and UHWO to help them get a sense of what credit for prior learning is all about, and how it has worked at Edison. Through his many years of hands-on experience reviewing portfolios and developing testing, Ice described real-life situations, which will help UHCC staff as our own credit for prior learning policy takes effect.

ETC awards honor student achievement

On December 16, the Employment Training Center held its Fall Awards Ceremony in the courtyard behind Building 71 on the Honolulu CC campus and, as always, it was a very moving ceremony. The blue skies and light tradewinds added nicely to the atmosphere of the event, but it was the students themselves, filled with pride for their achievements and expressing their gratitude, that made the day truly special.

Guest speaker, Aiea High School Outreach Counselor Ernie Tamayose, was very complimentary of ETC in his remarks. He told of students he had seen turn their lives around as they progressed through their ETC programs.

Senior Vice President, UH and Chancellor for Community Colleges Joyce Tsunoda reminded the students that they were part of the University of Hawai‘i, and their success is reflective on the whole University’s success. Pictured above are two achievement award winners, Latessa Manlapaz and Heldigarda Ayers, being congratulated by Chancellor Tsunoda after the ceremony.

Surfing the web?

Try the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, http://www.bls.gov/blshome.htm, describes the U.S. workforce, and forecasts occupations of the 21st century. The information can provide valuable assistance to individuals making career decisions about their future work lives.
At a reception held in UH Manoa’s Orvis Auditorium on January 13, 1999, over a hundred faculty, staff, and administrators from across the University of Hawai‘i system joined President Kenneth Mortimer in congratulating nominees and the overall award winner of the 1998 President’s Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance. Domingo Beralas, groundskeeper at Kaua‘i Community College, was selected as this year’s recipient of the system’s excellence award. Beralas noted that the plants he tends “need nourishment, health, and care, just like your family.” In addition to announcing Beralas as winner, the President also announced four other finalists: Leo David, Francis “Aki” Hirota, and Fred Lerza of Leeward CC and Linny Tsang Yee, UHM, Student Services Center. President Kenneth Mortimer stated that all nominees “have stretched, to the extra mile” in their services and contributions to the University. “The award and ceremony acknowledge the role they play on all campuses,” he stressed. Campus nominees included: Marcia Henderson, Kap CC; Dana Hiapo, Honolulu CC; Shane Kepaa, Honolulu CC; and James Mcumber, Windward CC. Congratulations to all for going above and beyond in your work.

“Pay attention to your plants—they can make you very happy.” Good advice from Domingo Beralas, Kaua‘i CC Groundskeeper, recipient of the 1998 President’s Award for Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance.
VocFest — an important community event

In conjunction with National Vocational Education Week, February 7-13, Hawai‘i is gearing up for VocFest. VocFest, set for February 13 and 14 at Pearlridge Center Uptown, is an annual celebration featuring free career information, educational displays, college information, and entertainment. It is a great opportunity to showcase all the wonderful programs, activities, and services related to vocational education in Hawai‘i and especially at the UHCCs.

The DOE and Community Colleges are the main attraction of the Pearlridge event, with exhibits of various vocational and technical programs. The event is also a recruiting tool for the Colleges, giving high school mall-goers a chance to find out about vocational careers in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

On February 13, there will be an opening ceremony and the untying of the maile lei. Speakers will include Joyce Tsunoda, Senior Vice President University of Hawai‘i and Chancellor for Community Colleges; Dr. Paul LeMahieu, Superintendent of Education; Al Valles, President of the Hawai‘i Vocational Association; Lorraine Akiba, Director DLIR; Karla Jones, Acting Director of Vocational Education; and student speakers from the Vocational Student Organizations.

There will be performances throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday in the Center Stage area with students from the Hawai‘i Job Corps Center, Department of Education and the UH Community Colleges. Many thanks to the numerous sponsors of this event who help bring this important awareness event into our community.

Welding, carpentry, refrigeration and other vocational programs take center stage in February.