As the semester comes to a close, COP has successfully interviewed and screened over 400 students for the upcoming summer. After all the hard work, 136 students were selected and are going to be enrolled in the summer program. The preparation for the upcoming summer program was a stressful and meticulous process which will result in an exciting summer. In addition to the work in the office, Club COP participated in a number of extracurricular activities to raise funds. One of the biggest events that Club COP took part in this semester was Relay for Life. With a goal for how much money they wanted to raise, Club COP made more than $800 in donations.

Fundraising efforts included a swap meet sale, visiting UH staff in their offices, and asking students for any donation they could provide. In addition to the money they raised for Relay for Life, Club COP raised more than $300. All in all, it was a successful semester with a lot of fun.

Written by: Ben Tran, COP 2009
WELCOME TO OUR COP FAMILY

Rey Julius Acosta
Ruby Anne Agnes
Hope Ah Sing
Kyle Akazawa
Chase Aki
Kealoha Almeida
Lolena Aldosa
Guyson Amina
Bryson Anoba
Jerrica Apaisa
Jhenyn Aquino
Ulani Arasato
Kanani Armitage
Hazel Asperin
Vaimoana Atonio
Leunik Ayau
Lesley-Anne Badua
Vashti-Lynne Bailey
Brendalynn Baldos
Jason Barayuga
Brian Jyriel Boado
Tatiana Brub
U’ilani Cabebe
Ryelee Cacal
Hillary Catacutan
Keenan Chau
Eric Cheng
Nicholas Chow
Rachelle Cortel
Jean Marie Daguipion
Frank Dan
Francis de Castro
Christin DeCoito
Joshua Dela Rosa
Darius De Mello
Richard Diamond
Staisha Dill
Mark Domingo
Liza Domingo
Casey Dumadag
Jenniferlynn Duque
Kathleen Grace Eagan
Ashley Eiman
Alexander Fernandez
Davone Florence
Alysha Franco
Monica Fujiwara
Nicole Galapia
Frances Grace Gamponia
Chazlynn Gamponia
Ronelyn Ganir
Demi Gannon
Kekai Garcia
Joey Gaspar
Kapono Gaughen
Lana Gilman
Sonia Gordines
Sarah Hamilton
Sammy Haruo
Jessie Hay
Taiki Hayakawa
Kamaile Hopfe
Lindsey Howells
Laura-Ashley Hunter
Curtis Iaukea
Evan Igarashi
Rubinson Intong
James Ishizaki
Malia Jervis
Ka’imina’aua Johnson
Benedict Juliano
Ivy Ka
Taylor Kai
Marlee Kamaka’ala
Krew Kanahele-Mo’o
Kalamakaula’au Kapahu
Kelsea-Anne Kim
John Kim
Chelsea Lee
Owen-Starr Lee
Sasha Lee
Kevin Leong
Aaron Lin
Georgette Lopes-Liutolo
Horai Luteru
Ikaika Mahi
Kalei Mahone
Bryana Manzano
Isaiah Mar
Allen Mariano
Ariel Mateo
Lorraine Nabua
Charity Nae
Ian Naumu
Annie Nguyen
Andrew Nhieu
David Nohara
Damon-Michael Pacheco
Janice Pagdilao
Alyssa Pan-Halemanu
Royce Pasalo
Gladys Pasello
Bryson Pau
Kaleookalani Pelfrey
DelRae Perry
Mark Aurelle Pico
Codi-Allen Pilanca-Chandler
Stephen Pokipala
Leo Rosales
Kahonih’ilani Rowland
Nicholas Sakamoto
Kalin Sandobal
Ashley Schooss-Merceberg
Manu Sekona
Ainoa Shaw
Teressa Sung
Brittany Supnet
Glenda Supnet
Lise Talley
Edward Tam
Kelsey Teller
Jessica Temblor
Lacey-Lee Thorton
Victoria Tom
Brenda Velasco
Kalei Vierra
Justina Villalobos
Kalani Wainwright
Thomas Walsh
Kuliaikanani Wann
Haylie Warren
Teuaila Wendt
Zachary Yabes
Alan Yang
Melorie Yuen
Dylan Zheng
CONGRATULATIONS!

14 COP Alumni will be graduating this 2010 Spring Semester. At the end of this summer, four more COP Alumni will earn their baccalaureate degree. Congratulations Graduates and good luck in your future endeavors!

SPRING 2010 GRADUATES
Larson Abilla, COP 2005
English

Krystle Faller, COP 2004
Nursing & Minor Filipino Lang. & Lit.

Rosalina Ledda, COP 2006
Education & SPED

Kalina Kama Lee, COP 2005
Speech

Christel Magallanes, COP 2004
Family Resources

Justin Manluntac, COP 2004
Kinesiology

Luis Manrique, COP 2004
History

Tia Maumau, COP 2005
Political Science

Karmen McGhee, COP 2006
Anthropology & Political Science

Nancy Ngo, COP 2006
Family Resources

Nancy Nguyen, COP 2006
Family Resources

Melekaufusi Pepa, COP 2006
Travel Industry Management

Riva Torno, COP 2006
Family Resources

SUMMER 2010 GRADUATES
Vanezza Agustin, COP 2006
Speech

Bonita Babas, COP 2006
Family Resources

Irene Oshiro, COP 2006
Travel Industry Management

LeeAnn Villa, COP 2005
Travel Industry Management

COP: Always a Part of Me
College Opportunities Program (COP) has helped me tremendously throughout my college career. First off this program guided me into my first year of college. Being able to start in the summer with COP made me a more confident freshman going into my first year. I knew where everything was on campus versus non-COP who at times found themselves lost. In COP I gained an advantage to register before other freshman. Another thing that benefitted me in being in the program is the outstanding unlimited advising from the counselors. Whenever in need of assistance, they are always there willing to help.

In addition, the COP home facility was also beneficial. When on campus and in need of a computer and printing, COP office is always there to provide. Most of all, what I gained the most out of COP is the lifelong friendships I have established. COP has led me through my college life and will always be a part of my college endeavors.

LeAnn Villa, COP 2005
Graduating Summer 2010 in TIM
As I look back at the past four years, I was a high school student who had no idea of where I would pursue my college education. My future was unknown until I had learned about the College Opportunities Program. As I learned about COP, I strived at the chance to be accepted in hopes to ultimately gain admission to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. After completing many forms and meeting deadlines, I was fortunate enough to be selected into the program.

Throughout the program, the COP staff showed a great deal of care about my education and about me personally. Regular visits allowed me to stay active with the program and keep in touch with my COP ‘ohana even as a COP alumnus. The doors were always open as Uncle Mike and Aunty Gina were always willing to lend a hand.

As I navigated through my college career, I faced many ups and downs. I wondered about how I would pay for college, what course I would take because of closed seats at registration, and how to study for my frustrating finals—you name it! However, in spite of my obstacles, my goal was to always continue to push forward. Pushing myself and staying positive allowed me to stay focused and eventually led to my biggest accomplishment: Graduation. This date will mark my pay back to the program as I dedicate my graduation to them. The one thing that I remember everyday is that COP selected me out of hundreds of applicants because they believed that I could succeed. I hope that I have proven them right.

What I will remember about my educational experiences here at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa will be the friendships, knowledge, and guidance I received from the staff at the College Opportunities Program. They allowed me a step into the halls of academia and provided me the stepping stones to successfully move forward. As I head into the “real world”, I will take what I gained and continue to represent the program.

As a recommendation to my fellow COP members, through dedication and hard work, anything is possible. Strive for the best, and take advantage of your most valuable resource: COP.

Riva Torno, COP 2006
Graduating Spring 2010, FAMR

Thank you COP for your love and guidance!
IN THE NEWS
What are COP Alumni Up to Now?

Liane Chang-Remular ’08, Marlon Espejo ’06, and Bernard Menor ’07: Got accepted into the College of Education.

Ava Marie Cavaco ’04: Got accepted into the Master’s Program for School of Public Health.

Jovana Shigetani ’08: Got accepted into the College of Nursing. Jovana was also one of five UHM students to receive a Sony Technology Award that included a VAIO laptop, MP3 player, and camera.

A FEW WORDS FROM COP

As my freshman year comes to a close, I look back and I’ve met some amazing people both students and professors alike. This semester I got to admit was tough but everything seemed to fall into play as we approach the final stretch. As all endings come to a close more opportunities began to unfold and I look forward for next year.

– Ron Phouksouvath, COP 2009

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