Aloha!

On behalf of our college, I am pleased to welcome you to Hawai‘i Community College where E ‘Imi Pono, Seeking Excellence, rings true within our learning community.

This academic year marks the 75th anniversary of Hawai‘i Community College. From its start in 1941 as the Hawai‘i Vocational School, the College has provided access to higher education opportunities, trained a skilled workforce, and supported economic development of the County. As a two-year institution in the University of Hawai‘i System, Hawai‘i Community College prides itself in how we prepare our students to be lifelong learners and contributors through our 25 program offerings.

Since 1996, Hawai‘i Community College has administered the programs and facilities at the University of Hawai‘i Center, West Hawai‘i in Kealakekua where students can earn Certificates, Associate, Bachelor, and graduate-level degrees. Currently under construction in North Kona, a brand new state-of-the-art higher education facility will open its doors in Fall 2015 providing the island community with a permanent location for higher education. As a branch campus of HawCC, the Center will be now be called Hawai‘i Community College-Pālamanui.

Embracing the concept of Kauhale—the ‘ohana of faculty, staff, students, their families, and the Hawai‘i Island community—we recognize and celebrate the individual skills, knowledge, and experiences that we bring together to provide high quality learning environments dedicated to student success. Together, our Kauhale promotes student learning by embracing our unique Hawai‘i Island culture and inspiring growth in the spirit of “E ‘Imi Pono”, and to serve our island community and state as a model indigenous-serving institution.

In this spirit we are very proud of the quality learning and grooming that takes place within our students under the direction of our committed, dedicated, and passionate faculty and staff. Our students’ high quality experiential learning projects and achievements are evidenced through these various community outreach projects.

I invite you to join us in pursuing your intellectual, civic, and personal endeavors through Hawai‘i Community College. It is at Hawai‘i Community College where you can join a rich learning community in which you can grow and learn the values and skills necessary in creating and leaving a legacy that our communities can truly appreciate.

E ‘Imi Pono.

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