

# Chancellor's Welcome Letter

Aloha kākou!

It is my honor to welcome you to Hawai'i Community College. As you peruse our catalog, you probably already know that an investment in college will pay huge dividends: financially, professionally, and in the overall improvement of your quality of life.

At Hawai'i Community College, we are committed to helping you achieve your educational goals and dreams in the spirit of excellence, "E 'Imi Pono."

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create a new paradigm for our learning community. It has changed the way we all live, work, and learn. These challenging times require that we adapt to a seemingly ever-changing situation. We are heartened that with vaccination and prevention measures, we are slowly planning for our post-pandemic reality.

To meet your educational needs, the Hawai'i Community College Kauhale is working together to ensure that you continue your education while staying safe and healthy. We anticipate the continued use of appropriate technology for your courses and services while we adopt new options to deliver hands-on training to students safely.

Our community college is part of a greater partnership, one that involves community leaders, taxpayers, donors, regents, legislators, alumni, students, faculty, and the support of the University of Hawai'i and the state of Hawai'i. I invite you to explore the many educational opportunities available to you at Hawai'i Community College.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



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## Hō'ōia 'Āina - Land Acknowledgement

Hawai'i Community College with profound reflection offer this Hō'ōia 'Āina, Land Acknowledgement, acknowledging Hawai'i as an indigenous space whose original people are today identified as Native Hawaiians.

Hawai'i Community College aligns with the University of Hawai'i's commitment to fostering the wellbeing of our indigenous communities through our academic processes, a ten-campus, system-wide transformation we call Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao.

With much aloha, Hawai'i Community College Kauhale welcomes you to the moku (island) of Hawai'i, in this land division we call Waiākea, in the district of Hilo Hanakahi (Manono campus); in Pāalamanui, in the district of North Kona (Pāalamanui campus); and in Honoka'a, in the district of Hāmākua (Kō Education Center).

We are in Hawai'i. Ano'ai.