



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I®

# HAWAI'I

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ke Kulanui kaiāulu o Hawai'i



## SPRING 2024

# COMMENCEMENT

## *Exercises*



**Friday, May 10, 2024**  
**Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium**  
**350 Kalanikoa Street Hilo, HI 96720**

Cover Design:

*"This design is meant to honor our ancestors, the silent choreographers of our journey, the ones who sowed the seeds of our triumphs in the soil of history. With diplomas in your hands and hearts full of gratitude, we should embrace our roots, knowing that from their nurturing soil, we have blossomed into the proud graduates of today."*

- Alexis Gruber  
*Associate in Science Creative Media Student*

# 2024 Commencement Program

Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium • Friday, May 10, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

## Processional

*"Pomp and Circumstance"* .....Hawai'i County Band

## Greetings & Welcome

Susan Kazama .....Interim Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College

*"The Star Spangled Banner"* Francis Scott Key ..... Tsai-Fen Sarahan, Agriculture Graduation Candidate

*"Hawai'i Pono'i"* H.R.H. David Kalākaua ..... Tsai-Fen Sarahan, Agriculture Graduation Candidate

Unukupukupu Protocol of Welcome ..... Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō, Professor, Hawai'i Community College,  
No'el Tagab-Cruz, Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College  
Pele Kaio, Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College  
& Unukupukupu Hula Ensemble

## Student Address

Shannon Burke ..... Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies Graduation Candidate

## Commencement Address

Dr. Kealaka'i "Ala" Matsumoto, DVM ..... Veterinarian, Aloha Veterinary Center

## Awarding of Degrees

Susan Kazama .....Interim Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College

Wayne Higaki ..... Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i

Michael Miyahira ..... Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i

## Acknowledgments

Susan Kazama .....Interim Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College

*"Lei o Hilo Ka Ua Pē i ka Uahi"*..... Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō & Unukupukupu Hula Ensemble

## Recessional

*"March from Die Meistersinger"* Richard Wagner .....Hawai'i County Band



*Hawai'i Community College  
Administration*

**Susan Kazama** ..... *Interim Chancellor*  
**Kimberley Collins** ..... *Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*  
**Jodi Mine** ..... *Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services*  
**Christine Quintana** ..... *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*  
**Anne Chung** ..... *Interim Dean for Career & Technical Education*  
**Carrie Mospens** ..... *Interim Dean for Liberal Arts and Sciences*  
**Raynette "Kalei" Haleamau-Kam** ..... *Director, Hawai'i Community College - Pāalamanui*

*Hawai'i Community College  
Faculty and Staff Governance*



































**Brenda Watanabe** ..... *Chair, College Council (Spring 2024)*  
**Dr. Reshela DuPuis** ..... *Chair, College Council (Fall 2023)*  
**Janet "Jana" Smith** ..... *Chair, Academic Senate*

*Hawai'i Community College  
Student Government*

**Natalie Alvarado** ..... *President (Spring 2024)*  
**Melissa Gracia** ..... *President (Fall 2023)*  
**Natalie Alvarado** ..... *Vice President (Fall 2023)*  
**Meleana Ahia** ..... *Secretary*  
**Percival Best** ..... *Treasurer*  
**Jake Fuerte** ..... *Senator, Manono*  
**Ruth Lilly** ..... *Senator, Manono (Fall 2023)*  
**Kealoha Nitta** ..... *Senator, Pāalamanui/Kō Education Center*  
**Kai Burns** ..... *Senator, Liberal Arts (Fall 2023)*  
**Warren "Wailani" Walker** ..... *Co-Advisor, Manono*  
**Larissa Leslie** ..... *Co-Advisor, Manono*  
**Pearla Haalilio** ..... *Co-Advisor, Pāalamanui*

## Candidates for Graduation

### Associate in Arts

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Anoi Aarona<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Zayre-Tayvian Fuiava<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Logan Karels<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Reed Mcdaniel-Tanoai<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Gene Abraham<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Ririna Fujita ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Tehani Kekahuna *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>       | Shanell McGuire *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Justin Abraham<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Mary Ann Galarse * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>        | Kaena Kekauialua<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Heather Miller ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Makaela Adams<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Ethan Gamez * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>             | Kaliana Ke-Leibner <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>        | Kristen Marie Miller Adlawan <br><i>Liberal Arts</i> |
| Meli Akimseu<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Ela Mae Gamilo<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Kelsie Kepo'o<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Joe Miyazaki *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Mana Akiyama-Mommsen<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Raven Jules Ganir *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Karlene Knowlton<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Manabu Morita<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Nicole Albright<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Bryana Grace<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Richard Kobayashi ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Brendon Nakata <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>               |
| Dustin Amaral<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Lynette Green <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>             | Tiarre Kobayashi<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Bosilka Nash <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>                 |
| Erin Anderson *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>         | Quiana Guevara-Rodrigues<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jonah Konop<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Julian Nelson Langacker ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Zachary Anderson Bromley ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Gabrielle Gutierrez ***<br><i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi</i>   | Bronsten-Glenn Kossow<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Yoshitsugu Nitto<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Ainsley Hannah Antonio<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jacquelyn Henderson<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Alexander Kost<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Ashley Okemura <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>               |
| Kourtne Arnold<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jaylyn Hing *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Keiko Kurohara<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Solana Olival * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>              |
| Malaika Bishaw<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Codey Hirai<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Bernadette Ladia<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Sarah O'Neill ** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>             |
| Isaiah-Carter Bundy-Wong<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Stanton Hong<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Trina-Lei Lake *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>         | Linako Oshuji *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Michelle Frances Cabanting *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Chikako Hoshino Powers <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Hunter Landt <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>              | Jenna Oyama **<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Siena Cannon *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Tonya Hursh * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>           | Benney Lat <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>                | Jordene Picar-Cabal<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Skink Carrero<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Liliaonalani Icari ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Olivia Lathrop **<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Elisa Price-Sullivan *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Charity Ann Carvalho<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Avery Ikeda<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Kitana Lowery<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Chelsey Pua <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>                |
| Louisa Cellini<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Rin Ino ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Khyren Luuloa<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Brooke Ramones *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>         |
| Breeze Chinen<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Tessa Irving <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>            | Nicole Macadangdang<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Haven Rayoan <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>               |
| Michelangelo Conrad *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i> | Tiffany Jackson <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>         | Asia Macatiag<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Chiemi Sasaki *<br><i>Hawaiian Studies - Hula</i>   |
| Erin Corona *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Nelson Jenks-Pua'a<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Keoni Machado <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>            | Chiemi Sasaki *<br><i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi</i>  |
| Michelia Dacanay <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>        | Aidan Jones<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Auli'i Maeda<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Hailey Sasaki-Lee<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Joseph Diego <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>            | Ashley Jones<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Kaylynn Mahoe *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Gene Kenneth Sevilla<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Sarah Dillabough<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jacob Kabes ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Natasha Mangrubang * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>    | Elizabeth Shaver **<br><i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi</i>  |
| Castly Dingle<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Tyra Kaimuloa Bates ** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jesse Mashburn ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Jerissa Sina <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>               |
| Janelle Eyer * <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>          | Gordon Kala<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Amanda Masi<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Amaya Stant<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |
| Giana Feliciano<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Kristina Kaleimamahu ** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i> | Quinlan Matabishop **<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Taylor Still<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Juss Ferry <br><i>Liberal Arts</i>              | Sheana Kamohai<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Gabriella Mata-Wong *** <br><i>Liberal Arts</i> | Isaac Stillman<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   |
| Rahine Freeman<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Kiana Kaneshiro ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Shentelle Mathieu<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Ayaka Suzuki<br><i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi</i>   |
| Alicia Freitas *<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  | Meldalyn Kansou<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Amy McCombs<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>   | Konatsu Taira ***<br><i>Liberal Arts</i>  |

## Candidates for Graduation

### Associate in Arts

Danielle Tanksley  
*Liberal Arts*

Jason Tanzella  
*Liberal Arts*

Evelyn Tebelak  
*Liberal Arts*

Adam Thatcher  
*Liberal Arts*

Kirra Tomori  
*Liberal Arts*

Ariamarie Tyau  
*Liberal Arts*

Chloe Uhl \*\*  
*Liberal Arts*

Myline Ullero  
*Liberal Arts*

Zoey Veracruz  
*Liberal Arts*

Muranda Warden  
*Liberal Arts*

Madison Whitney  
*Liberal Arts*

Mackenzie Wilson \*  
*Liberal Arts*

Melanie Wilson  
*Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi*

Shana Wingler \*\*\*  
*Liberal Arts*

LisaRae Yolwa  
*Liberal Arts*

## Candidates for Graduation

### Associate in Applied Science

Tehya Agno \*  
*Business Technology*

Daniel Kaipo Akina \*\*\*  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Saxon Andrade  
*Accounting*

Jayden Anguay  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Shiryl Arizumi  
*Business Technology*

Dustin Asuncion \*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Michael Anthony Ballesteros-Mayo  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Rickie Barros  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Roy Lewis Belanio  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Brandy Bermudez \*\*  
*Culinary Arts*

Koa O Keakua Berringer  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Shannon Burke  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Bradley Jay Cabico \*\*\*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Keanu Calapit \*\*\*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Mailee Cervantes-Bautista \*\*\*  
*Culinary Arts*

Joshua Crouch \*\*\*  
*Carpentry Technology*

Kristen DeCoito  
*Agriculture*

Kyler Dela Cruz  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Aislyn Dela Rosa-Alpiche  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Analyn Domingo  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Laiukuikaohe Dowling  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Hayden Ellis  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Chase Fernandez  
*Diesel Mechanics*

Alan Fujimoto \*\*\*  
*Culinary Arts*

Grace Fuke \*\*\*  
*Culinary Arts*

Chase Fukunaga  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Leonard Garlitos \*\*\*  
*Carpentry Technology*

Ka'ohinani Grace \*  
*Accounting*

Luis Guerrero-Garcia \*  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Kaneala Hiilei  
*Diesel Mechanics*

Kaneala Hiilei  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

William Hoffmann  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Sean Ichishita  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Michael Ingold \*\*  
*Accounting*

John Henry Kaapuni  
*Carpentry Technology*

Haehae Kahai-Burgess  
*Agriculture*

Jonelle Kai \*\*\*  
*Accounting*

Cheyenne Kalawe  
*Business Technology*

Candace Karvas  
*Business Technology*

Joseph Kauwe \*\*  
*Diesel Mechanics*

Kathryn Kindschuh \*\*\*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Derrek Kurose \*\*  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Eden Ledward  
*Carpentry Technology*

Annette Leung \*\*\*  
*Business Technology*

Juan Limas Ruiz  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Louie Jay Malapitan  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Raymond Mendes  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Raymond Mendes  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Ronald Meridieth \*\*\*  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Ryzlin Nakamasu \*  
*Diesel Mechanics*

Kairah Nelson \*\*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Blythe O'Brannigan \*  
*Marketing*

Emanuel Parks  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Brandon Pascua  
*Culinary Arts*

Therese Pascua \*\*  
*Accounting*

Raiden Riveira  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Gabrielle Rodenhurst  
*Business Technology*

Josiah Rosario  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Cain Ross \*\*\*  
*Agriculture*

Amanda Mariz Santiago \*  
*Culinary Arts*

Shyn Santiago \*\*\*  
*Accounting*

Stephanie Arcel Santiago \*  
*Business Technology*

Tyler Santos-Quigley  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Juhainah Simolata \*\*\*  
*Business Technology*

Vallerina Sorcy \*  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

Rejena Lana Soriano  
*Business Technology*

Sebastien Tablit  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Akeke Thompson \*  
*Culinary Arts*

Kimber Uemura  
*Business Technology*

Balmore Vasquez \*\*\*  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Jordan Wagenblast  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

Kau'inohea Walsh  
*Agriculture*

Qimin Wang \*\*\*  
*Agriculture*

Isaac Williams  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Amanda Wiltse \*\*  
*Accounting*

Joseph Wong  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Anson Young  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

## Candidates for Graduation

### Associate in Science

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Dustin Aguiar<br><i>Fire Science</i>                    | Matteo Fiocchi<br><i>Tropical Forest Ecosystem and<br/>Agroforestry Management</i> | Lori-lee Lorenzo *** 🏆<br><i>Tropical Forest Ecosystem and<br/>Agroforestry Management</i> | Kellen Sekona ** 🏆<br><i>Early Childhood Education</i>         |
| Josiah Akiona *<br><i>Fire Science</i>                  | Alexander Fomenko<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Cheyanne MacMullen<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Mary Serain<br><i>Nursing</i>                                  |
| Wesley Amuimuia<br><i>Nursing</i>                       | Kalen Fukui * 🏆 🇵🇭<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                | Carolyn Mathieson *** 🇵🇭<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Mari Shiigi<br><i>Nursing</i>                                  |
| Tyanna Aranaydo 🏆<br><i>Nursing</i>                     | Stephanie Furtado<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                 | Jordan Mirels<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Jacob Silva<br><i>Information Technology</i>                   |
| Kristopher Armijo<br><i>Fire Science</i>                | William Galoppe<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Kenian Nitta 🏆<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Raquel-Justice Simeona-Velez<br><i>Fire Science</i>            |
| Thomas Au<br><i>Fire Science</i>                        | Klayton Gascon<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | Saizen Ochi<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Spencer Smith<br><i>Fire Science</i>                           |
| Ratu Rusiate Barbour<br><i>Fire Science</i>             | Kayla Gray 🇵🇭<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Reagan Okano<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | Aubrey Song **<br><i>Nursing</i>                               |
| Iokepa Barco<br><i>Fire Science</i>                     | Saige Hasner<br><i>Natural Science - Biological Sciences</i>                       | Keegan Pacchioni<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Tiare Soria<br><i>Nursing</i>                                  |
| Erin Barrett ** 🏆 🇵🇭<br><i>Nursing</i>                  | Patrick Herndon<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Madcyn Padamada 🇵🇭<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Casey Souza<br><i>Fire Science</i>                             |
| Kamalani Benito<br><i>Fire Science</i>                  | Na'inoa Hiro<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | Alana Paiva 🏆<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Christian Sprinkel<br><i>Information Technology</i>            |
| Christopher Bergner<br><i>Fire Science</i>              | Jaden Jinbo<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Beth Pallotta *<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Nathan Starr<br><i>Nursing</i>                                 |
| Alexander Byck<br><i>Nursing</i>                        | Jessica Kahe'e<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Randy Pasion * 🏆 🇵🇭<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                       | Alexander Suponya **<br><i>Nursing</i>                         |
| John Creekmur 🇵🇭<br><i>Fire Science</i>                 | Kianna Kaili<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | David Pawai<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Alexis Sylva<br><i>Administration of Justice</i>               |
| Crystal Dasalla-Quirantes<br><i>Fire Science</i>        | Mehana Kele<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Abraham Perez 🇵🇭<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Logan Talisay<br><i>Fire Science</i>                           |
| Richard De Aguiar<br><i>Fire Science</i>                | Safir Khaddar<br><i>Natural Science - Biological Sciences</i>                      | Cory Proffitt<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Shaelynn Vallente<br><i>Nursing</i>                            |
| Shane DeHerrera<br><i>Fire Science</i>                  | Conner Kosen<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                      | Tyler Quiocho<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Kahana Waipa<br><i>Fire Science</i>                            |
| Jordan Delenia-Tabbada<br><i>Information Technology</i> | Amanda Kroessig<br><i>Nursing</i>  | David Zachary Ramos *** 🇵🇭<br><i>Creative Media</i>  | Keith Ward ***<br><i>Natural Science - Biological Sciences</i> |
| Trung Doan **<br><i>Information Technology</i>          | Rachael Lear ** 🏆<br><i>Nursing</i>  | Mika Saiki<br><i>Creative Media</i>  | Joseph Webster ***<br><i>Information Technology</i>            |
| Joey-Dylan Domingo **<br><i>Nursing</i>                 | Season Legaspi<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                    | Michael Savage ***<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Bryce Yamada ** 🏆<br><i>Fire Science</i>                       |
| Paul Dylan-Grimes<br><i>Creative Media</i>              | Michelle Liu *<br><i>Nursing</i>   | Ryan Schlatter<br><i>Natural Science - Biological Sciences</i>                             | Thomas Zito *<br><i>Information Technology</i>                 |
| Kekoa Eskaran<br><i>Fire Science</i>                    |  |  |  |

## Candidates for Graduation

### Certificate of Achievement

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Tehya Agno * 🏆<br><i>Business Technology</i>                      | Natalie Alvarado<br><i>Information Technology</i>                                  | Dustin Asuncion *<br><i>Electrical Installation and<br/>Maintenance Technology</i>   | Rickie Barros<br><i>Machine, Welding and Industrial<br/>Mechanics Technologies</i>       |
| Dustin Aguiar<br><i>Fire Science</i>                              | Katherine Anderson<br><i>Early Childhood Education</i>                             | Shai Badon Dellomes<br><i>Electrical Installation and<br/>Maintenance Technology</i> | Roy Lewis Belanio 🇵🇭<br><i>Automotive Mechanics Technology</i>                           |
| Noah Ah Chong 🇵🇭<br><i>Fire Science</i>                           | Jayden Anguay<br><i>Machine, Welding and Industrial<br/>Mechanics Technologies</i> | Michael Anthony Ballesteros-Mayo<br><i>Automotive Mechanics Technology</i>           | Kamalani Benito<br><i>Fire Science</i>   |
| Cody Ah Yee<br><i>Diesel Mechanics</i>                            | Chaz Aniol<br><i>Automotive Mechanics Technology</i>                               | Ratu Rusiate Barbour<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | Keali'i-Ray Bergfeld***<br><i>Electrical Installation and<br/>Maintenance Technology</i> |
| Daniel Kaipou Akina ***<br><i>Automotive Mechanics Technology</i> | Shiryl Arizumi<br><i>Business Technology</i>                                       | Iokepa Barco<br><i>Fire Science</i>  | Christopher Bergner<br><i>Fire Science</i>   |
| Josiah Akiona *<br><i>Fire Science</i>                            | Kristopher Armijo<br><i>Fire Science</i>   | Josiah Barrios<br><i>Diesel Mechanics</i>  | Brandy Bermudez **<br><i>Culinary Arts</i>   |
| Abdulkarim Alsadah<br><i>Fire Science</i>                         |  |  |  |

## Candidates for Graduation

### Certificate of Achievement

**Koa O Keakua Berringer**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Tyler Brown**  
*Fire Science*

**Shannon Burke**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Bradley Jay Cabico \*\*\***  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Keanu Calapit \*\*\***  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Jake Cano \*\***   
*Information Technology*

**Joshua Carvalho**  
*Agriculture*

**Mailee Cervantes-Bautista \*\*\***  
*Culinary Arts*

**Tembedzai Chigovanyika \*\*\***  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Jamborie Choy Foo**  
*Accounting*

**John Creekmur**   
*Fire Science*

**Joshua Crouch \*\*\***  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Allen Cudal**  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**Jovani D'Angelo \*\*\***  
*Fire Science*

**Crystal Dasalla-Quirantes**  
*Fire Science*

**Kristen DeCoito**  
*Agriculture*

**Shane DeHerrera**  
*Fire Science*

**Kyler Dela Cruz**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Aislyn Dela Rosa-Alpiche**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Analyn Domingo**  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**Laikuikaohu Dowling**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Hayden Ellis**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Kekoa Eskaran**  
*Fire Science*

**Micah Espejo**  
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Richard Estrada \*\*\***   
*Information Technology*

**Chase Fernandez**   
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Matteo Fiocchi**  
*Tropical Forest Ecosystem and  
Agroforestry Management*

**Alexander Fomenko**  
*Fire Science*

**Jake Fuerte \***   
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Alan Fujimoto \*\*\***  
*Culinary Arts*

**Grace Fuke \*\*\***  
*Culinary Arts*

**Chase Fukunaga**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Stephanie Furtado**  
*Information Technology*

**William Galoppe**  
*Fire Science*

**Leonard Garlitos \*\*\***  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Klayton Gascon**  
*Fire Science*

**Kai Gonzalez White**   
*Fire Science*

**Luis Guerrero-Garcia \***  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**Tevita Hala Latu**  
*Fire Science*

**Nathaniel Hara**  
*Agriculture*

**Kaneala Hiilei**  
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Na'inoa Hiro**  
*Fire Science*

**William Hoffmann**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Sean Ichishita**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Michael Ingold \*\***  
*Accounting*

**Jaden Jinbo**  
*Fire Science*

**John Jose-Apo**  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**John Henry Kaapuni**  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Haehae Kahai-Burgess**  
*Agriculture*

**Jonelle Kai \*\*\***  
*Accounting*

**Kianna Kaili**  
*Fire Science*

**Maya Kalalau**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Cheyenne Kalawe**  
*Business Technology*

**Candace Karvas**   
*Business Technology*

**Joseph Kauwe \*\***  
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Mehana Kele**  
*Fire Science*

**Kathryn Kindschuh \*\*\***  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Conner Kosen**  
*Information Technology*

**Chase Kotomori**  
*Fire Science*

**Cathryn Krueger**  
*Agriculture*

**Kahiau Kua-Silva**  
*Fire Science*


**Derrek Kurose \*\***  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**Eden Ledward**  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Seasun Legaspi**  
*Information Technology*

**Zechariah Leialoha-Puentes**   
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Juan Limas Ruiz**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Lori-lee Lorenzo \*\*\***   
*Tropical Forest Ecosystem and  
Agroforestry Management*

**Justin Maeda**  
*Information Technology*

**Ricardo Magana**  
*Accounting*

**Louie Jay Malapitan**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**David Marquis \*\***   
*Agriculture*

**Rudy Martinez**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Chelstin Medeiros \*\*\***  
*Diesel Mechanics*

**Brandon Mendoza**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Ronald Meridieth \*\*\***  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*


**Jordan Mirels**  
*Fire Science*

**Jocyah Mukini**  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Ryzlin Nakamasu \***  
*Diesel Mechanics*

**John Naki**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Kairah Nelson \*\***  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Blythe O'Brannigan \***   
*Marketing*

**Reagan Okano**  
*Fire Science*

**Nathan O'Leary**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Chandon-Mac Pacheco**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Jesse Pacheco**   
*Fire Science*

**Emanuel Parks**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Brandon Pascua**  
*Culinary Arts*

**Therese Pascua \*\***  
*Accounting*

**Rudy Pasion**  
*Information Technology*

**Aidan Piianaia**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Shannon Pua**  
*Fire Science*

**Joshua Quichocho**  
*Agriculture*

**Tyler Quiocho**  
*Fire Science*

**Saige Rayoan**   
*Early Childhood Education*

**Bronson Respicio-Mercado**  
*Carpentry Technology*

**Raiden Riveira**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

**Gabrielle Rodenhurst**  
*Business Technology*

**Keoni Romer**  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

**Josiah Rosario**  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Cain Ross \*\*\***  
*Agriculture*

**Tyler Rucker \*\*\***   
*Agriculture*

**Rebecca Russo**  
*Agriculture*

**Bryson Sakuma**  
*Information Technology*

**Amanda Mariz Santiago \***   
*Culinary Arts*

**Stephanie Arcel Santiago \***  
*Business Technology*

**Tyler Santos-Quigley**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Tsai-Fen Sarahan \*\*\***   
*Agriculture*

**Kuuiipo Sarte-Sweden**  
*Agriculture*

**Shaun Schmidt**  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies*

**Jacob Silva**  
*Information Technology*

**Raquel-Justice Simeona-Velez**  
*Fire Science*

**Juhainah Simolata \*\*\***  
*Business Technology*

**Spencer Smith**  
*Fire Science*

**Vallerina Sorcy \***  
*Electrical Installation and  
Maintenance Technology*

**Rejena Lana Soriano**  
*Business Technology*

**Casey Souza**  
*Fire Science*

**Kalawai'akuikaika Sue**  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*



## Candidates for Graduation

### Certificate of Achievement

Sebastien Tablit  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Logan Talisay \*\*  
*Fire Science*

Riley Tamanaha \*  
*Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology*

Keanu Tavares  
*Fire Science*

Randall Thomas  
*Agriculture*

Akeke Thompson \*  
*Culinary Arts*

Blake Todd  
*Information Technology*

John Truslow \*\*\*  
*Carpentry Technology*

Kimber Uemura  
*Business Technology*

Lori-Ann Varize \*  
*Agriculture*

Baltimore Vasquez \*\*\*  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Jolim Vergara  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Jordan Wagenblast  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Kahana Waipa  
*Fire Science*

La'akea Waipa  
*Carpentry Technology*

Qimin Wang \*\*\*   
*Agriculture*

Joseph Webster \*\*\*  
*Information Technology*

Shawn Tee Wichep  
*Accounting*

Isaac Williams  
*Auto Body Repair and Painting*

Amanda Wiltse \*\*  
*Accounting*

Joseph Wong  
*Automotive Mechanics Technology*

Kapono Yakut  
*Fire Science*

Bryce Yamada \*\*   
*Fire Science*

Anson Young  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Thomas Zito \*  
*Information Technology*

## Candidates for Graduation

### Certificate of Competence

Tehya Agno \*   
*Business Technology*

Tehya Agno \*   
*Business Technology - Entrepreneurship*

Czar Alfred Agustin  
*Administration of Justice - Homeland Security*

Natalie Alvarado  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Kaelyn Amarino  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Katherine Anderson  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Shiryl Arizumi  
*Business Technology - Entrepreneurship*

Charlotte Banks  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Kam Bargamento   
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Joshua Bernal  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Daryl Bishop  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Benly Bolaoen  
*Digital Media Arts*

Aden Cabalce-Agno  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Franzie Lei Calantoc  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Jake Cano \*\*   
*Information Technology - Information Security Assurance*

Jake Cano \*\*   
*Information Technology - Software Developer Specialist*

Joshua Carvalho  
*Agriculture - Farm Worker*

Joshua Carvalho  
*Agriculture - Landscape Worker*

Daycen Castro  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Aidan Clapp  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Auli'i Cosner   
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Kaedyne Crivello-Castro  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Masano Daniels \*\*\*  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Kristen DeCoito  
*Agriculture - Farm Worker*

Kristen DeCoito  
*Agriculture - Landscape Worker*

Jordan Delenia-Tabbada  
*Information Technology - Software Developer Specialist*

Trung Doan \*\*  
*Information Technology - Information Security Assurance*

Trung Doan \*\*  
*Information Technology - Software Developer Specialist*

Orion Eckardt  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Ryan Eugenio  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Rachel Fernandez  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Kalen Fukui \*    
*Information Technology - Information Security Assurance*

Kalen Fukui \*    
*Information Technology - Software Developer Specialist*

Stephanie Furtado  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Stephanie Furtado  
*Information Technology - Information Security Assurance*

Stephanie Furtado  
*Information Technology - Software Developer Specialist*

Michael Gamiao \*\*\*  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Lauren Gardner  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Bryana Grace  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Krystina Hacoba   
*Human Services*

Kau'ionalani Hamaku-Felix   
*Human Services*

Nathaniel Hara  
*Agriculture - Farm Worker*

Nathaniel Hara  
*Agriculture - Landscape Worker*

Jacquelyn Henderson  
*Human Services*

Megan Javar  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Kimberly Jelsma  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Haehae Kahai-Burgess  
*Agriculture - Farm Worker*

Haehae Kahai-Burgess  
*Agriculture - Landscape Worker*

Aulana Kaipo  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Deandraleen Kalahiki \*\*   
*Human Services*

Cheyenne Kalawe  
*Business Technology*


Cheyenne Kalawe  
*Business Technology - Entrepreneurship*

Mie Kanamori  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Helen Kelekolio  
*Early Childhood Education - Child Development Associate*

Anjolie Keo  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Kelsie Kepo'o  
*Human Services*

Mele Latai Kin \*\*\*   
*Human Services*

Rebekah Kost  
*Business Technology*

Rebekah Kost  
*Business Technology - Entrepreneurship*

Cathryn Krueger  
*Agriculture - Farm Worker*

Cathryn Krueger  
*Agriculture - Landscape Worker*

Riley Larsen  
*Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies*

Aurora Leanillo  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

Seasun Legaspi  
*Information Technology - Computer Support*

## Candidates for Graduation

### Certificate of Competence

Season Legaspi  
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Season Legaspi  
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Annette Leung \*\*\*   
Business Technology

Ciara Lindsey  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Oscar Marion Llaguno  
Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies


Jason Maeda  
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Justin Maeda  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Tiara Manaba  
Human Services

Janna Manuia  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

David Marquis \*\*   
Agriculture - Farm Worker

David Marquis \*\*   
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Sara Martinez  
Business Technology

Crystal McGrath  
Human Services

Tashia-Lyn McGuire \*\*  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Jacqueline Miguel  
Human Services

Braden Munafó  
Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies

Rachael Murasaki  
Digital Media Arts

Randy Pasion \*   
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Randy Pasion \*   
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Rudy Pasion  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Meghan Perreira  
Business Technology


Avasha Phillip  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Shane Piscoya  
Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies

Maya Polloi \*  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Joshua Quichocho  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Joshua Quichocho  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Dorinda-Lee Ramos \*   
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Saige Rayoan   
Early Childhood Education

Mia Requelman  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Misha Requelman  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Tatianna Rodrigues  
Administration of Justice -  
Homeland Security

Cain Ross \*\*\*  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Cain Ross \*\*\*  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Tyler Rucker \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Tyler Rucker \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Rebecca Russo  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Rebecca Russo  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker


Bryson Sakuma  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Kassandra Santiago  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Stephanie Arcel Santiago \*  
Business Technology


Stephanie Arcel Santiago \*  
Business Technology -  
Entrepreneurship

Tsai-Fen Sarahan \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Tsai-Fen Sarahan \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Kuuipo Sarte-Sweden  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Kuuipo Sarte-Sweden  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Kellen Sekona \*\*   
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Maria Shshikina  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Jacob Silva  
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Jacob Silva  
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Jordan Silva  
Administration of Justice -  
Homeland Security

Juhainah Simolata \*\*\*  
Business Technology

Juhainah Simolata \*\*\*  
Business Technology -  
Entrepreneurship

Rejena Lana Soriano  
Business Technology -  
Entrepreneurship

Christian Sprinkel  
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Christian Sprinkel  
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Honey Lyn Sunaoka  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Erica Tabilin  
Business Technology

Danielle Tanksley  
Human Services

Randall Thomas  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Randall Thomas  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Blake Todd  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Kylee-Rae Todd \*  
Business Technology

Jenifer Mae Ucol  
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Kimber Uemura  
Business Technology -  
Entrepreneurship


Jessica Vargas-Pang   
Early Childhood Education -  
Child Development Associate

Lori-Ann Varize \*  
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Lori-Ann Varize \*  
Agriculture - Landscape Worker


Jose Vilchis Morales  
Hospitality and Tourism

Qimin Wang \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Farm Worker

Qimin Wang \*\*\*   
Agriculture - Landscape Worker

Joseph Webster \*\*\*  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Joseph Webster \*\*\*  
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Logan Whitehall   
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Logan Whitehall   
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

Shadow Wong  
Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies

Jason Xavier  
Machine, Welding and Industrial  
Mechanics Technologies

Thomas Zito \*  
Information Technology -  
Computer Support

Thomas Zito \*  
Information Technology -  
Information Security Assurance

Thomas Zito \*  
Information Technology -  
Software Developer Specialist

## Candidates for Graduation

### Academic Subject Certificate

Maryconchita Abraham  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Ezra Ancheta Morin  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Xaiya Baran-Primacio  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Tiare Cabiles  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Anela Cambra  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Shayzon-Jay Castillas  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Malialani Dullanty  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Jacquelynn Ellis  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Trini Emeliano  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Henry Field  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Camille Fuertes  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Jerel Gabriel 🇺🇸  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Maekayela Galam  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Keanna Galut  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Ethan Gamez \* 🇺🇸  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Mark Holst  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Ava-Grace Ishimine  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Rayston Kaupu  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Yuma Kotani  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Janet Lam  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Chang Li  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Alyssa Lauren Lim-Ryder  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Lori-lee Lorenzo \*\*\* 🇺🇸  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Makana Mahone  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Sydney Marquez  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Sophia Mastroleo  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Reed Mcdaniel-Tanoai  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Joe Miyazaki \*  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Mikahala Mokiao  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Lehua Norris  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Sarah O'Neill \*\* 🇺🇸  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Sarah O'Neill \*\* 🇺🇸  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Ai Ozaki 🇺🇸  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Nicole Qina  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Jayline Salvador  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Rowan Satta-Ellis  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Samantha-Leigh Stone  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Nana Suzuki \*\*\*  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Tiffany Toler  
*Liberal Arts - Sustainability Issues*

Jada Torres  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Chloe Uhl \*\* 🇺🇸  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Dazlyn Urbano-Alves  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Christian Voorhis  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Michele Wong \*\*  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

Risa Yamagishi  
*Hawaiian Studies - Hawai'i Life Styles*

### Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there.  
O, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

### Hawai'i Pono'i

Hawai'i Pono'i  
Nānā i kou mō'i  
Kalani ali'i  
Ke ali'i

*Chorus*  
Makua lanī ē,  
Kamehameha ē  
Na kau e pale  
Me ka ihe

Hawai'i Pono'i  
Nānā i nā ali'i  
Nā pua muli kou  
Nā pōki'i

Hawai'i Pono'i  
E ka lāhui ē  
'O kāu hana nui  
E ui ē

## *Lei o Hilo Ka Ua Pē i ka Uahi*

The Lei of Hilo is the Rain Scented with Smoke

Ha'eha'e ku'u hi'ikua  
Pu'uohau ku'u hi'ialo  
A pō maila ia ao ē, pai a ka hulu kōnane

*I bear the sun of Ha'eha'e on my back  
I caress the sun of Pu'uohau at my chest  
And when night alights, it is the feathery  
glow of moonlight that sustains me entirely!*

Ki'ina 'Ūpolu e ka 'ākau  
Hēkau ē ka hema iā Kalae  
Lele kawa me he lele wai pipi'o lua Hi'ilawe

*My right hand reaches for 'Ūpolu  
My left hand anchored at Kālae  
Jumping in feet first like the water fall,  
Hi'ilawe in profound arch*

Na ka hau o Maunakea ku'u ni'o  
Na ke ahi o Maunaloa ku'u mole  
Hualalai muli kuahiwi ē 'iewe nei  
Ka moana nui pāmamao o ka moku

*The snow of Maunakea sets my zenith  
The fire of Maunaloa establishes my nadir  
Hualalai conceiving in the womb the journeys  
upon further shores*

Inā kāua nauane, nauane  
Ke ala e 'imia nei i ka pono e kau ala

*Let's make a move and make a stir  
For the path seeking profound experiences  
avails itself*

Inā ho'i kāua nauane, nauane  
A pāpahi i ka hāliko 'apapane lei lehua

*Let's indeed make our move  
Until we are worthy of wearing the lei of scarlet  
lehua*

Lei o Hilo ka ua pē i ka uahi

*The lei of Hilo is that of rain drenched in  
volcanic promise*

He ola, he ola, he Hāloa iwihilo ē,

*A life, a life this is, a life breathing right through  
to the core!*

*Composed by Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō, September 2006*

*This mele places the learner within the cardinal center of potential using Hawai'i Island's sacred geography as a metaphor. In the Hawaiian language, the right hand is called 'ākau, which also means north; the left hand is termed hema, which is the south. Stepping into this orientation then positions the rising sun at the back of the person and the setting sun at the front, or face of the person. Maunakea is the head, and as Maunakea is sacred so is the head of the native person. Maunaloa is the womb from which all magma rises from the core of the earth; hence Maunaloa is the primal base, as Maunakea is the celestial reach. Hualalai muli kuahiwi (Hualalai is the youngest of mountains) speaks to profound germination. Lei o Hilo ka ua pē i ka uahi (Hilo's lei is that of rain scented with smoke) speaks to the crux of our life founded on water and fire!*

## *Nā'ū' Pālama Nui<sup>2</sup>*

Nā'ū.....

A Pālama Nui kāua  
Wai māpuna kau i ka maka ka 'ōpua<sup>3</sup>  
Hualalai hūewai kuahiwi<sup>4</sup>

(Hui) Nā'ū.....  
...i ka lā...kōlili ana...a ka 'ili kai...mā'oki'oki...la'i nā Kona<sup>5</sup>!

A Pālama Nui kāua  
Kūkulu pe'a, ho'olale wa'a  
He 'Eka ka makani<sup>6</sup>

Ō Pūlama nui ē  
Ō nāhi Uliuli a Ulupō<sup>7</sup>  
Ō Keahualono a Pu'uohau a Kaheawai!<sup>8</sup>

Kūhea mākou, eō mai 'oe  
Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui ē!<sup>9</sup>

### **Securing an Enlightened Foundation**

You and I stand together on the Foundation of Profound Enlightenment  
Where the spring water is borne upon the clouds  
Mount Hualalai, a mountain water-gourd

(Chorus) Seize.....  
...the day...glistening...upon ocean's surface...streaked...in the calms of Kona

You and I stand together on the Foundation of Profound Enlightenment  
Mast the sails, incite the vessels  
For the 'Eka wind of promise blows

Sustain the Torch of Enlightenment!  
Sustain our natural resources that continue to create and inspire!  
Sustain the inherent right to Respond, to Sacrifice and to Flow!

We call out to you, respond to our call  
For indeed you are no other than Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui!

<sup>1</sup>"Nā'ū" is the Kona practice of taking in a deep breath when the sun hits the western horizon, expelling it as one would expel air through a straw, all in the while pronouncing "nā'ū", short for "na'u ka lā", or "the day is mine!" In other words, all the experiences of the day are living experience owned by the one experiencing it.

<sup>2</sup>Pālama Nui, site of the future West Hawai'i Campus, North Kona, has a number of translations to its name, one being the Foundation (Pā) of Enlightenment (Lama) Profound (Nui), or Foundation of Profound Enlightenment.

<sup>3</sup>Wai māpuna kau i ka maka [o] ka 'ōpua" is a traditional saying referring to the idea that unlike other island districts where rivers flow from mountain to sea and springs bubble up, the river and springs for the Kona districts are in the clouds above.

<sup>4</sup>"Hualalai, hūewai kuahiwi" is a traditional saying honoring Hualalai's role in sponging the atmosphere of moisture to fill the aquifers.

<sup>5</sup>"Kai mā'oki'oki o nā Kona" is a traditional saying that celebrates the famous calm and streaked (mā'oki'oki) ocean of North and South Kona.

<sup>6</sup>"Kūkulu pe'a, ho'olale wa'a, he 'Eka ka makani" is a traditional saying that means "When the 'Eka wind of Kona blows, it's a good time to prepare the canoes to fish".

<sup>7</sup>"Nāhi Uliuli a Ulupō" is a traditional saying that identifies the dark forested regions of North Kona (Uliuli) and South Kona (Ulupō), respectively. Uliuli and Ulupō connote creativity and inspiration.

<sup>8</sup>This traditional saying demarks the districts of Kona: Keahualono to Pu'uohau = North Kona; Pu'uohau to Kaheawai = South Kona

<sup>9</sup>The word "lono" in Keahualono means to respond; "hau" in Pu'uohau means to sacrifice; "kahe", as in Kaheawai, means to "flow".

# *Acknowledgments*

Dr. Kealaka'i "Ala" Matsumoto, Keynote Speaker  
Shannon Burke, Student Speaker  
Wayne Higaki, University of Hawai'i Regent  
Michael Miyahira, University of Hawai'i Regent  
Dr. Debora Halbert, UH System Vice President for Academic Strategy

## **Hawai'i Community College**

Hawai'i CC Kauhale  
Hawai'i CC Admission & Records Office  
Hawai'i CC Alumni & 'Ohana  
Hawai'i CC Business Office  
Hawai'i CC Campus Security Officers  
Hawai'i CC Faculty, Staff and Student Marshals  
Hawai'i CC Human Resources Office  
Hawai'i CC Paepae Haumāna - Welcome Center  
Hawai'i CC Planning, Operations, and Maintenance Department  
Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Psi Epsilon Chapter  
Emcees: Kenoalani Dela Cruz & Kaleopono Quintana  
Name Readers: Grant Ka'au'a, Ku'ulei Kanahele, Ākeamakamae Kiyuna, & Kaleopono Quintana  
Singer: Tsai-Fen Sarahan  
Kihei Sewers & Helpers: Alenah Ayoso, Julian Barajas-Thomas, Jeanne Batallones, Kamalani Benito, Monica Burnett, Emily Collyer, Alfred Evangelista, Jr., Tiana Hirota, Yuna Inoue, Jill Irei, Susan Kazama, Mele Latai Kin, Ākeamakamae Kiyuna, Seasun Legaspi, Jodi Mine, Lori Miyataki-Une, Shaelenn Navor-Ahuna, Linako Oshuji, Renette Pacheco, Tagi Qolouvaki, Deseree Salvador, Tsai-Fen Sarahan, Chiemi Sasaki, Stefanie Sasaki, Tomoko Skinner, Sherrie Ann Straslicka-Walker, Nana Suzuki, No'el Tagab-Cruz, Ghelie Tamayo, Randiann Tokeshi  
Medallions: Alenah Ayoso, Emily Collyer, Alfred Evangelista, Jr., Jeff Fujii, Meidor Hu, Mele Latai Kin, Kesha Kubo, Seasun Legaspi, Darrell Miyashiro, Nana Suzuki, No'el Tagab-Cruz & Sherise Tiogangco  
Makana: Chef Tori Hori, Retired Professor Gene Harada, Lew Nakamura and Chef Shawn Sumiki  
Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō, No'el Tagab-Cruz, Pele Kaio & Unukupukupu Hula Ensemble  
Alexis Gruber, Hawai'i CC Creative Media Program  
Pālamanui Faculty, Staff & Students  
Raynette "Kalei" Haleamau-Kam, Laurel Gregory, & the Pālamanui Graduation Committee

## **University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

UH Hilo Graduation Committee Members  
UH Hilo Chancellor's Office  
UH Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center  
William Walters & the UH Hilo Auxiliary Services Department  
UH Hilo/Hawai'i CC Bookstore  
UH Hilo/Hawai'i CC Graphics Services


## **Community Partners**

Paul Arceo & the Hawai'i County Band  
Dean Goya & County of Hawai'i Department of Parks & Recreation  
Aunty Luana Kawelu, Merrie Monarch Director  
Craig Mori & Pacific Sound Company  
Reed Takaaze Photography

# *Hawai'i CC Graduation Committee*

Kesha Kubo, Co-Chairperson | Jeanne Batallones, Co-Chairperson | Susie DeSa Dill, Co-Chairperson

|                     |                 |                   |                    |                        |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Natalie Alvarado    | Ashton Dirks    | Colby Koreyasu    | Lew Nakamura       | No'el Tagab-Cruz       |
| Monica Burnett      | Harold Fujii    | Nancy Kunishige   | Adam Onishi        | Sherise Tiogangco      |
| Steven Capeder      | Jeff Fujii      | Glenn-Dee Kuwaye  | Rennette Pacheco   | Randiann Tokeshi       |
| Vivian Chin         | Garrett Fujioka | Larissa Leslie    | Robert Pickens     | Philton Velasco        |
| Patrick Chong       | Grace Funai     | Tamera Loveday    | Kaleopono Quintana | Warren Wailani Walker  |
| Dorinna Cortez      | Mari Giel       | Crystal McGrath   | Jennifer Sims      | Claudia Wilcox-Boucher |
| Karen Crowell       | Sheldon Higa    | Christopher Midel | Tomoko Skinner     | Joseph Zappala         |
| Kenoalani Dela Cruz | Tori Hiro       | Kirk Mikami       | Janet Smith        |                        |
| Renee Dela Cruz     | Grant Ka'au'a   | Craig Mitchell    | Mitchell Soares    |                        |
| Kate De Soto        | Sandra Kama     | Darrell Miyashiro | Shawn Sumiki       |                        |



*E 'Imi Pono*  
*Seeking Excellence*