



Spring 2025
Commencement Exercises



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I®
HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ke Kulanui kaiāulu o Hawai'i

Friday, May 16, 2025
Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium
350 Kalanikoa Street Hilo, HI 96720

Cover Design:

"Before creating this piece, I knew I wanted to center it around a lei stack—a vibrant symbol of celebration deeply rooted in Hawaiian tradition. Every year, graduates across Hawai'i are honored with leis stacked high, a visual representation of love, pride, and achievement. Through this design, I wanted to celebrate not just the graduates, but also their 'ohana—their families and support systems—recognizing the collective effort behind each milestone. I also drew inspiration from our island home, incorporating the 'Ōhi'a Lehua, our island flower, which represents resilience, love, and cultural identity. The background, made of lava rock textures, grounds the piece in the natural strength and beauty of Hawai'i."

- Mahealani Stegehuis

Associate in Science Creative Media Student

2025 Commencement Program

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Processional

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

Greetings & Welcome

Susan Kazama**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**Erik Alexander Beach, Administration of Justice 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 Ka'io, Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College,
Ākeamakamae Kiyuna, Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College,
Kumu Hula Kapua Ka'au'a and Unuiti from Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Public Charter School,
& Unukupukupu Hula Ensemble

Student Address

Mary Christine Nguyen**Administration of Justice Graduation Candidate**

Commencement Address

Dr. A. Aukahi Austin Seabury.....**Executive Director, I Ola Lāhui, Inc.**

Awarding of Degrees

Susan Kazama**Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College**

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

Acknowledgments

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

*Hawai'i Community College
Faculty and Staff Governance*

Brenda Watanabe Chair, College Council
Janet "Jana" Smith Chair, Academic Senate

*Hawai'i Community College
Student Government*

Erik Beach President (Fall 2024)
Kyen-Hunter Lake President (Spring 2025), Vice President (Fall 2024)
Meleana Ahia Vice President (Spring 2025), Secretary (Fall 2024)
Mary Christine Nguyen Treasurer
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Natalie Alvarado Senator, Pālanui/Kō Education Center
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Cora Krewson Senator, Liberal Arts (Fall 2024)
Warren "Wailani" Walker Co-Advisor, Manono
Larissa Leslie Co-Advisor, Manono
Pearla Haalilio Co-Advisor, Pālanui

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Ai Ozaki Vice President - Manono
Wynn-Tessa Gold Vice President - Pālanui (Fall 2024)
Sunshine Jarrett Secretary
Ghelie Lei Tamayo Treasurer
Tomoko Skinner Co-Advisor
Larissa Leslie Co-Advisor

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Arts

Rhobinne Jemima Agpalza
Liberal Arts

Crystal Ahia
Liberal Arts

Tiani Akana **
Liberal Arts

Mana Akiyama-Mommsen
Liberal Arts

Graciél Almirol
Liberal Arts

Connor Aparicio-Bill
Liberal Arts

Chloe Awa
Liberal Arts

Alenah Ayoso *
Liberal Arts

Jessica Balanay
Liberal Arts


Heilee Baptiste
Liberal Arts

Jasmine Bartle
Liberal Arts


Kalina Barton
Liberal Arts

Elijah Barton-Reveille **
Liberal Arts

Kaleb Bettencourt *
Liberal Arts


Jessica Beyma 
Liberal Arts

Angelina Bezhenar
Liberal Arts

Delilah Bolos * 
Liberal Arts


Saysha Cadabona
Liberal Arts

Princess Gail Calapit ***
Liberal Arts

Cherrisse Althea Calumpit 
Liberal Arts

Drew Camacho **
Liberal Arts

Peter Canales *
Liberal Arts

Kylee Cardoza-Tavares 
Liberal Arts

A-J Care
Liberal Arts

Jonelle Carvalho *
Liberal Arts


Shayzon-Jay Castillas
Liberal Arts

Brian Chang
Liberal Arts

Laethan Chanhmany
Liberal Arts

Starlette Chartrand
Liberal Arts

Samantha Chung
Liberal Arts

Joselyn Cisneros 
Liberal Arts

Carolyn Clark *
Liberal Arts

Lisa Cody
Liberal Arts

Taya Coles
Liberal Arts

Tyler Comish * 
Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations

Scott Cook
Liberal Arts

Amity Cootey
Liberal Arts

Mackenzey Corpuz
Liberal Arts

Cassidy Dakujaku *
Liberal Arts

Raileigh De Motta ***
Liberal Arts

Lexis De Sa
Liberal Arts

Jacob Decker 
Liberal Arts

Melehoalalani Dela Cruz 
Liberal Arts

Brooklyn Domen
Liberal Arts

Cayla Domnick
Liberal Arts

Mika Duldulao
Liberal Arts

Malialani Dullanty
Liberal Arts

Trijntje Elmer
Liberal Arts

Mia Lani Espinoza
Liberal Arts

Taylor Rose Evangelista
Liberal Arts

Erena Faumuina
Liberal Arts

Keith Fernandez
Liberal Arts

Tricia Fife ** 
Liberal Arts


Puakea Forester ** 
Liberal Arts

Jleigh Franks
Liberal Arts

Glory Freeman
Liberal Arts

Stacy Fujiwara
Liberal Arts

Braycen Furuli
Liberal Arts

Baily Gapusan 
Liberal Arts

Samuel Garcia
Liberal Arts

Briscoe Garrett **
Liberal Arts

Hannah Gehring
Liberal Arts


Wynn-Tessa Gold 
Liberal Arts

Noelani Gomes
Liberal Arts

Lara-Lynn Goodwin ** 
Liberal Arts

Malie Grace
Liberal Arts

River Hagg ***
Liberal Arts - Art

Kau'ionalani Hamakua - Felix 
Liberal Arts

Richard Harbottle ***
Liberal Arts

Danielle Henline
Liberal Arts

Ciara Hester
Liberal Arts

Destiny Hirae 
Liberal Arts

Uikelotu Holika *
Liberal Arts

Sage Huston 
Liberal Arts

PeYon Irons 
Liberal Arts

Elijah Iwaoka-Troutman
Liberal Arts

Nelly Jenkins
Liberal Arts


Kylee Joaquin
Liberal Arts

Brittanya Johnny
Liberal Arts

Kealohilani Jones 
Liberal Arts

Nadia Jones *
Liberal Arts

Shea Jones
Liberal Arts

Taylor Kaae Belin * 
Liberal Arts

Amy Kady
Liberal Arts

Khayden Kahihikolo
Liberal Arts

Jonelle Kai ***
Liberal Arts

Deandraleen Kalahiki * 
Liberal Arts

Kekaikuihala Kalaola-Bowman
Liberal Arts


Kaila Kamai
Liberal Arts

Deana Kamaka ** 
Liberal Arts

Jessie Kananui **
Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations

Maile Kapahu *
Liberal Arts

Alexis Kapu-Mackwelung
Liberal Arts

Tehani Kekahuna * 
Liberal Arts

Aleksander Kent
Liberal Arts

Megan Kimata 
Liberal Arts

Mele Latai Kin *** 
Liberal Arts

Cheyenne Paris Kitahara * 
Liberal Arts

Elijah Kochenbach
Liberal Arts

Rachel Kordell
Liberal Arts

Kiara Kotake
Liberal Arts

Jiutatia Kunz 
Liberal Arts

Bernadette Ladia
Liberal Arts

Anela Lavea-Malloe
Liberal Arts

Malia Lawcock
Liberal Arts

Madelyn Lawrence *** 
Liberal Arts

Quiana Lemmon
Liberal Arts

Liezie Londonio *** 
Liberal Arts

Jordan Losalio Watson *** 
Liberal Arts

Kassidy Lucas *
Liberal Arts

Kimberly Magsipoc
Liberal Arts

Gya Kyla Liezl Malicad ***
Liberal Arts

Gabrielle Mae Malicdem
Liberal Arts

Joey Mandaloniz **
Liberal Arts

Kiana-Rae Mariani
Liberal Arts

Amanda Masi
Liberal Arts

Ethan Mayer
Liberal Arts

Zoe Meikle
Liberal Arts

Kai Melendez
Liberal Arts

Keilah Lae Miller
Liberal Arts

Montana Miranda
Liberal Arts

Brianna Misech **
Liberal Arts

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Arts

Letrice Mitchell <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jorden Picar-Cabal <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jessie Shimizu <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jaeda Ventura <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Eliea Mitchell-Butler <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Isaiah Polloi * <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Ayanna Silva <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Rodney Villanueva <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Alane Moniz <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Riley Preston <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Juhainah Simolata *** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Michael Vossen <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Xavier Monohon ***  <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Nicole Ranchez <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Naiya Spring *** <i>Liberal Arts - Psychology</i>	Troy Waipa * <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Jaimme Moore <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Lacey Ray <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Tehya Sugai-King *** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jesse Watanabe <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Taryll Moore <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Christina Robledo <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kanae Sugaya <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kiyomi Watanabe <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Tyler Moore <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Taysia Rocha <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Nana Suzuki ** <i>Hawaiian Studies - Hula</i>	Haley Weber ** <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Jackson-Dale Morris <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Venus Rodin <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Nana Suzuki ** <i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations</i>	Savanna Weber *** 
Tyler Munson <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Elijah Rogers *  <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Nana Suzuki ** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Alicia Wilson *** <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Yuka Nakao <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Angela Ruggiero <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Ghelie Lei Tamayo ** 	Raney Wilson <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Kayla Nelson  <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Myra-Lynn Russell <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Hason-jace Trang * <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Precious Winchester <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Victor Norem <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Patricia Saiki <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Alek Vince Jeo Trinidad <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kayela Wong ** <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Akari Okamoto <i>Hawaiian Studies - Hula</i>	Avrie Salinas-Gouveia <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Chance Tulang ** <i>Liberal Arts - Administration of Justice</i>	Risa Yamagishi *** <i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations</i>
Akari Okamoto <i>Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations</i>	Hailey Sasaki-Lee <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kimber Uemura <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Eryn Lee Young <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Aaron Pacheco <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Taenaliza Satauo <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jordan Valentine <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kathleen Yumul <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Jizele Pacheco-Alcosiba <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Reality Sergeant <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Taeyrah Vallente  <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Nicholai Zalopany * <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Oliver Padamada <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Elizabeth Shaver ** <i>Liberal Arts</i>		

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Applied Science

Marielle Acupan **  <i>Culinary Arts</i>	Joshua Carvalho <i>Agriculture</i>	Kanai Duldulao <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>	Megan Herbst  <i>Hospitality and Tourism</i>
William Ahia <i>Carpentry</i>	Joshua Carvalho <i>Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies</i>	Orion Eckardt <i>Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies</i>	Jerome Ines <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>
Ramsey Ahnee <i>Culinary Arts</i>	Brighton Christensen *** <i>Culinary Arts</i>	Anuheia Espejo-Kaneakua <i>Culinary Arts</i>	Sho Irei <i>Carpentry</i>
Kuawela Aiona * <i>Automotive Technology</i>	Isaac Crawford *** <i>Automotive Technology</i>	Aidan Estrada <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>	Joli Ishibashi-Dixon <i>Hospitality</i>
Quiana Anastacio <i>Architectural Engineering and Construction Technologies</i>	Kameron Cypriano <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>	Ryan Eugenio <i>Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies</i>	Casen Ishihara <i>Auto Body Repair and Painting</i>
Bonnie Ayonayon ***  <i>Accounting</i>	Sky Dacanay <i>Automotive Technology</i>	Douglas Freitas <i>Auto Body Repair and Painting</i>	Yassine Jendoubi <i>Automotive Technology</i>
Kam Bargumento  <i>Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies</i>	Jesusa Marie Dagupion <i>Accounting</i>	Jayden Gebin <i>Carpentry</i>	Kapena Kahilihiwa *  <i>Culinary Arts</i>
Daryl Bishop <i>Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies</i>	Christian Daquioag * <i>Carpentry</i>	Nathaniel Hara *** <i>Agriculture</i>	Jance Kajiwarra-Ke ** <i>Carpentry</i>
Jake Cambia <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>	Marc Leonell Dela Cruz ** <i>Carpentry</i>	Sakura Hayashi *** <i>Culinary Arts</i>	Cathryn Krueger *** <i>Agriculture</i>
	Zackery Dorn <i>Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology</i>		Ryan Kunishige <i>Automotive Technology</i>

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Applied Science

Gage Lorenzo
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Risha Magallanes-Soares
Accounting

David Marquis ** 
Agriculture

Enrique Martinez
Automotive Technology

Kahaliaonahulukupuna Masaoka
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Ariel Medallia
Culinary Arts

Thomas Mills
Automotive Technology

Braden Munafo
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Kolby Namnama
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Robert Oliveira **
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Caleb Parages-Martin
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Maria Guillerma Paras ***
Marketing

Shane Piscoya ***
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Ashley Prudencio-Isa *
Business Technology

Tyler Rucker *** 
Agriculture

Nate Sakai
Culinary Arts

Suzette Sakarias 
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Mark Joshua Salvador
Culinary Arts

Tsai-Fen Sarahan *** 
Agriculture

Shaun Schmidt
Diesel Mechanics

Shaun Schmidt
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Kobe Shimabukuro ***
Culinary Arts

Amanda Slavey ***
Accounting

Siobhan Stewart ** 
Accounting

Myrina Stuart
Culinary Arts

Shanley Mariane Tabios ***
Culinary Arts

Jessa Mae Tamayo
Culinary Arts

Jayden Tanaka
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Kaydene Tavares
Accounting

Ronie Thornton ***
Accounting

Rhase Tolentino
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Lori-Ann Varize *
Agriculture

Christian Ventura
Carpentry

Quintin Vicente *
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology


Megan Villafuerte
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Shadow Wong
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies


Jason Xavier *
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Science


Juliet Aguinaldo 
Nursing

Czar Alfred Agustin
Administration of Justice

Noah Ah Chong 
Fire Science


Thomas Allen
Natural Science - Biological Sciences

Abdulkarim Alsadah
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician

Natalie Alvarado *** 
Information Technology

Frances Asperilla
Administration of Justice

Angel Barajas
Fire Science

Erik Beach 
Administration of Justice


Erica Black
Nursing

Brandee Botelho
Nursing

Corey Brown
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician

Keenan Bumatay
Fire Science

Kimberly Callison
Nursing

Jake Cano *** 
Information Technology

Angel Ann Carvalho ***
Nursing

Darnell Casino 
Nursing

Conner Chamberlain **
Nursing

Megan Crandall *** 
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Angelica May Crisologo 
Nursing

Angela Cubangbang
Nursing

Selina Custodio
Early Childhood Education

Jovani D'Angelo ***
Fire Science

Michael Davis
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Jordan Delenia-Tabbada
Information Technology

Lori Doctor *** 
Creative Media

Eelekoa Emery
Fire Science

La Vonne Englund 
Early Childhood Education

Madison Eufemia *
Nursing

Stevie Fremouw
Nursing

Gaudens Gribisi
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician

Eric Gomez
Nursing

Joshua Gonzalez 
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician

Kai Gonzalez White 
Fire Science

Tresa Grace * 
Nursing

Alexis Gruber ***
Creative Media

Isaiah Guerrero
Fire Science

Tevita Hala Latu *
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician

Benjamin Hall *
Nursing

Amiaya Hansen ** 
Fire Science

Sasithon Hartman **
Nursing

Mellissa Haskins ***
Early Childhood Education


Lucy Hernandez
Natural Science - Biological Sciences


Raenette Hernando 
Nursing

Jaeyoon Hicks ** 
Nursing

Devin Iwahashi **
Nursing

Jaden Jinbo
Administration of Justice

Isabella Johnson 
Natural Science - Physical Sciences

Iliana Jose 
Nursing


Miyah Kalani
Early Childhood Education

Nicole Karrow
Nursing

Elijah Keaupunilani 
Nursing

Lepeka Kekoa
Administration of Justice

Michael Kelly *
Nursing


David Kim * 
Nursing

Kahiau Kiyuna **
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Chase Kotomori
Fire Science




Kahiau Kua-Silva
Fire Science

Ethan Leite 
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Nauhikapakea Liwis ** 
Fire Science

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Science

Alexis Loo ** 	Jessica Moser *** 	Gracie Patao	Amber Sugrue
Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management
Jordan Lowman	Matthias Moylan 	Kerry Perez *	Mikayla Tablit
Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing
Angela Lukinov	Abigail Nadeau ***	Ashley Pieratt *** 	Jordan Tapang
Nursing	Natural Science - Biological Sciences	Natural Science - Biological Sciences	Nursing
Rose Macanas-Hocson 	Jasmine Nardo 	Maya Polloi **	Grace Vallieres 
Fire Science	Nursing	Early Childhood Education	Nursing
Jason Maeda	Michelle Navor	Shannon Pua	Andrei Villahermoza
Information Technology	Early Childhood Education	Fire Science	Fire Science
Justin Maeda	Alix Nelson ***	Kyra Pusey *** 	Kanoelani Waipa *** 
Information Technology	Nursing	Early Childhood Education	Nursing
Lacey Malani 	Tre Nelson Langacker ***	Laure-Diana Roark	Yuwei Wang *** 
Nursing	Fire Science	Nursing	Nursing
Levi Manalo	Mary Nguyen *** 	Chiemi Sasaki *	Kyle Wehrsig
Creative Media	Administration of Justice	Early Childhood Education	Fire Science
William Mcandrew	Avolia Olson * 	Rerat Satauo	Tammy Wells 
Information Technology	Nursing	Fire Science	Nursing
Jane McCarthy 	Jesse Pacheco 	Karisa Daisy Solmerin	Linnsey Whitney **
Natural Science - Biological Sciences	Fire Science	Administration of Justice	Nursing
James Mehling	Ericka Michelle Paiva 	Christian Sprinkel	Lucas Wieck
Nursing	Nursing	Information Technology	Nursing
Qiana Miprano ** 	Zyan Paresa *	Keilani Steele **	Kapono Yakut **
Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	Fire Science
Kealohi Mock Chew	Justin Pascua	Kanoah Stevens ***	Christine Zito *
Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician	Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician	Fire Science	Nursing
Paige Moniz	Branden Pascual	Kimberley Stevens-Suguitan *	
Administration of Justice	Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician	Administration of Justice	
Amber Moodie	Randy Pasion * 	Cody Sugitaya	
Creative Media	Information Technology	Fire Science - Emergency Medical Technician	

Candidates for Graduation

Certificate of Achievement

Marielle Acupan ** 	Daryl Bishop	Johanna Crouch ***	Kanai Duldulao
Culinary Arts	Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies	Information Technology	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology
William Ahia	Corey Brown	Selina Custodio	Orion Eckardt
Carpentry	Fire Science	Early Childhood Education	Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies
Ramsey Ahnee	Keenan Bumatay	Kameron Cypriano	Elekoa Emery
Culinary Arts	Fire Science	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology	Fire Science
Kolby Aiona *	Gabriel Cabbab	Sky Dacanay	La Vonne Englund 
Carpentry	Automotive Technology	Automotive Technology	Early Childhood Education
Kuawela Aiona	Jake Cambia	Jesusa Marie Dagupion	Anuheas Espejo-Kaneakua
Automotive Technology	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology	Accounting	Culinary Arts
Quiana Anastacio	Daycen Castro	Christian Daquioag *	Aidan Estrada
Architectural Engineering and Construction Technologies	Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies	Carpentry	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology
Bonnie Ayonayon *** 	Brighton Christensen ***	Michael Davis	Ryan Eugenio
Accounting	Culinary Arts	Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management	Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies
Taylor Balanga	Aidan Clapp 	Marc Leonell Dela Cruz **	Leila Faler *
Accounting	Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies	Carpentry	Marketing
Angel Barajas	Megan Crandall *** 	Trevor Demello	Mauricio Fernandez
Fire Science	Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology	Information Technology
Kam Bargamento 	Isaac Crawford ***	Zackery Dorn	Anuheas Fernandez-Eames
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies	Automotive Technology	Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology	Auto Body Repair and Painting
Joshua Bernal			
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies			

Candidates for Graduation

Certificate of Achievement

Billy-Jo Freitas
Accounting

Douglas Freitas
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Jayden Gebin
Carpentry

Gaudens Gribisi
Fire Science

Joshua Gonzalez *
Fire Science

Isaiah Guerrero
Fire Science

Mariam Hanato **
Accounting

Amiaya Hansen **
Fire Science

Melissa Haskins ***
Early Childhood Education

Sakura Hayashi ***
Culinary Arts

Megan Herbst
Hospitality and Tourism

Jerome Ines
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Sho Irei
Carpentry

Joli Ishibashi-Dixon
Culinary Arts

Casen Ishihara
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Yassine Jendoubi
Automotive Technology

Kapena Kahilihiwa *
Culinary Arts

Jance Kajiwaru-Ke **
Carpentry

Miyah Kalani
Early Childhood Education

Jennifer Karpins
Information Technology

Kaniala Kawaauhau-Young
Automotive Technology

Kristina Kaygorodova
Accounting

Kahiau Kiyuna **
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Ryan Kunishige
Automotive Technology

Ethan Leite
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Nauhikapea Liwis **
Fire Science

Gage Lorenzo
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Rose Macanas-Hocson
Fire Science

Jason Maeda
Information Technology

Risha Magallanes-Soares
Accounting

Jacob Malapit
Culinary Arts

Enrique Martinez
Automotive Technology

Pierce Marzan
Information Technology

Kahaliaonahulukupuna Masaoka
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Salamasina Mather
Accounting

William Mcandrew
Information Technology

Ariel Medallia
Culinary Arts

Thomas Mills
Automotive Technology

Kealohi Mock Chew
Fire Science

Kelea Molale-Gonzales
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Braden Munafo
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Kolby Namnama
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Kaimana Napiha'a
Automotive Technology

Michelle Navor
Early Childhood Education

Tre Nelson Langacker ***
Fire Science

Robert Oliveira **
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Caleb Parages-Martin
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Maria Guillerma Paras ***
Marketing

Justin Pascua
Fire Science

Branden Pascual
Fire Science

Nino Jairo Pelton
Information Technology

Shane Piscoya ***
Machine, Welding and Industrial Mechanics Technologies

Maya Polloi **
Early Childhood Education

Ashley Prudencio-Isa *
Business Technology

Kyra Pusey ***
Early Childhood Education

Poikeao Roback
Fire Science

Nate Sakai
Culinary Arts

Suzette Sakarias
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Mark Joshua Salvador
Culinary Arts

Chiemi Sasaki *
Early Childhood Education

Rerat Satauo
Fire Science

Maria Scott *
Carpentry

Kristofer Shigehara
Information Technology

Kobe Shimabukuro ***
Culinary Arts

Amanda Slavey ***
Accounting

Ricah Mei Soriano
Accounting

Mei-Ling Stanley ***
Accounting

Kanoah Stevens ***
Fire Science

Siobhan Stewart **
Accounting

Myrina Stuart
Culinary Arts

Cody Sugitaya
Fire Science

Amber Sugrue
Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Erica Tabilin
Business Technology

Shanley Mariane Tabios ***
Culinary Arts

Jessa Mae Tamayo
Culinary Arts

Jayden Tanaka
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Kaydene Tavares
Accounting

Khyson Thomas
Automotive Technology

Ronie Thornton ***
Accounting

Rhase Tolentino
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Christian Ventura
Carpentry

Quintin Vicente *
Electrical Installation and Maintenance Technology

Megan Villafuerte
Auto Body Repair and Painting

Andrei Villahermeza
Fire Science

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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 lani ē,
Kamehameha ē
Na kaua 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 nī'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‘ū¹ Pālama Nui²

Nā‘ū.....

A Pālama Nui kāua
Wai māpuna kau i ka maka ka ‘ōpua³
Hualalai hawaii kuahiwi⁴

(Hui) Nā‘ū.....
...i ka lā...kōlili ana...a ka ‘ili kai...mā‘oki‘oki...la‘i nā Kona⁵!

A Pālama Nui kāua
Kūkulu pe‘a, ho‘olale wa‘a
He ‘Eka ka makani⁶

Ō Pūlama nui ē
Ō nāhi Uliuli a Ulupō⁷
Ō Keahualono a Pu‘uohau a Kaheawai!⁸

Kūhea mākou, eō mai ‘oe
Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui ē!⁹

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!

¹“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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ “Hualalai, hawaii kuahiwi” is a traditional saying honoring Hualalai’s role in sponging the atmosphere of moisture to fill the aquifers.

⁵ “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.

⁶ “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”.

⁷ “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.

⁸ This traditional saying demarks the districts of Kona: Keahualono to Pu‘uohau = North Kona; Pu‘uohau to Kaheawai = South Kona

⁹ The word “lono” in Keahualono means to respond; “hau” in Pu‘uohau means to sacrifice; “kahe”, as in Kaheawai, means to “flow”.

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