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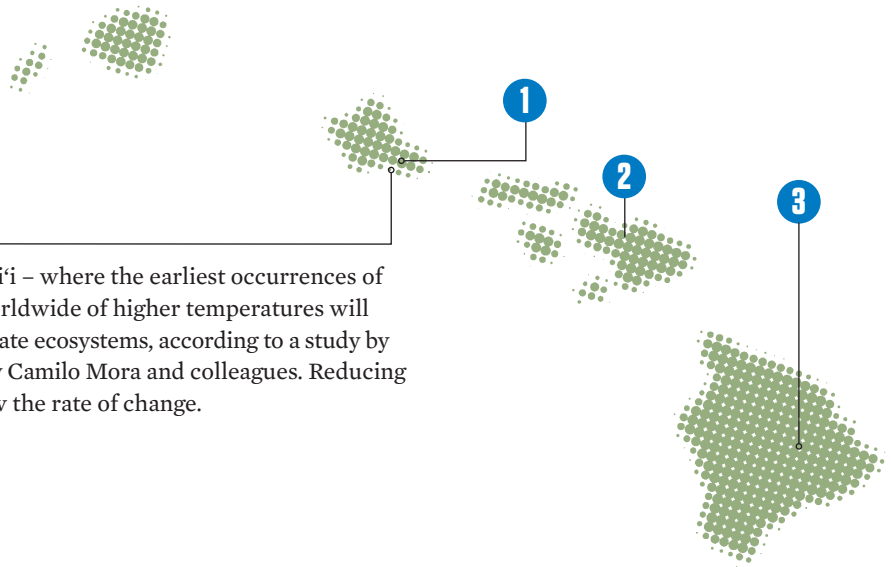
**ON THE COVER:** Hōkūle'a crew member and UH engineering graduate Lehua Kamalu. Photo by Matt Arbeit.



# 2043

Year the tropics – including Hawai‘i – where the earliest occurrences of unprecedented climate change worldwide of higher temperatures will happen that will eventually devastate ecosystems, according to a study by UH Mānoa Professor of Geography Camilo Mora and colleagues. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions can slow the rate of change.

Source: Nature, Oct. 10, 2013



## 1 MĀNOA

*Invasive species threaten Hawai‘i’s agriculture, environment and tourism. The Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Coffee Berry Borer, alien algae and Little Fire Ant are just the latest in a long list of destructive invasive species.*



**Barry Brennan**, professor emeritus and extension agrosecurity coordinator, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), on the state’s critical need to deal with invasive species, which impact our ability to grow our own food, export crops, protect our health, manage our natural resources (such as water), and support tourism, the engine of the state’s economy. UH works with many organizations as well as state and federal agencies to detect unwelcome species and to develop strategies to manage their introduction and spread.



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## 2 MAUI WELCOME VETS!

As the UH System’s first center for student veterans, the newly dedicated Veterans Resource Center at UH Maui College has been designed to not only provide returning veterans with the tools to work toward their college degrees, but also a place to call their own to support each other.

Thanks to a grant from The Home Depot Foundation, volunteers from the UHMC Veterans Club and The Home Depot in Maui helped renovate the new facility, which features a private study space, kitchenette, lounge area and built-in computer desks.

“We realize that veterans play a key role in our society by providing a diversified pool of experience. We created the Veterans Resource Center to give our veterans and their families a place to study, obtain assistance with admissions, address veterans’ benefits, and build up the camaraderie many of them miss during their time in service,” says U.S. Navy LTJG Damien Cie, faculty advisor for the center.

**3 HILO**

**GROUNDBREAKING, INDEED!**

When the arid Saddle Road area of drought-stricken Hawai'i Island yielded evidence of accessible groundwater in 2013, it was a game-changer for Donald Thomas (PhD '77 geochemistry, Mānoa). Adding excitement was another study on an underground dike complex that detected similar water resources under Parker Ranch lands.

"Many were betting against us to find water," says Thomas, whose team used new magnetic tellurics (MT) imaging technology based on how easily electricity passed through subsurface wet (yes) or dry

(no) rock. As director of the UH Hilo Center for the Study of Active Volcanoes with more than 30 years of studying Kīlauea, Thomas knew MT could also be used to detect sources of geothermal energy in bedrock.

"This has great potential for UH to broadly impact our state by identifying natural resources of water and energy to help make Hawai'i more sustainable," says Thomas who has received federal, military and state funding and is currently in talks with the Hawaiian Homes Commission about surveying their Saddle Road tracts.



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**A farm grows in Kaka'ako** — co-founders of Urban Farm Hawaii (from left) Nate Ortiz, Mitchell Loo and Andrew Detrick — all tropical plant and soil science students at UH Mānoa — sit among the 500 dryland taro they planted in January along Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu's first urban agriculture planting to grow food.

# REACH GLOBAL, CARE LOCAL

# \$108.5M

**Financial contribution** of 4,450 international students attending college in Hawai'i to the state's economy in tuition and living expenses in 2012-2013. UH Mānoa had the largest number of foreign students, nearly one-third (1,303).

[Open Doors 2013, Institute of International Education]

# \$922,815

Largest single private grant amount to date to Windward Community College by the Windward, Oahu-based Harold K.L. Castle Foundation for Paipai o Ko'olau, a new four-year initiative at WCC to increase access to potential students who might not have attended college and to boost graduation rates.

[University of Hawai'i News Release; Honolulu Star-Advertiser 2/08/13]



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Percent of degree-seeking foreign graduate students at UH Mānoa (716 out of total graduate enrollment of 5,542). At the College of Engineering, 27 percent of its graduate students come from abroad.

[Honolulu Star-Advertiser 7/08/13]

# \$66.3M

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[UH Foundation 8/13]



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Estimated number of students already in classes at Hale'ōlelo, the new two-story, 36,759 square-foot home of UH Hilo's Ka Haka 'Ula

O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. Opened on November 4, 2013 on 4.63 acres, the college's new permanent home is expecting its use to grow significantly.

[College of Hawaiian Language, UH Hilo]



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# COMING HOME

**P**acific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE)'s Executive Director Susan Yamada talks about Hawai'i's unique spin on entrepreneurs, coming home and why she never had a lemonade stand.

**Q: You are one of maybe two women entrepreneurs in 20 years honored as a Shidler Hall of Honor Award recipient (2012). How did this happen for you?**

In life, it's timing with a sprinkling of luck. My dad was an entrepreneur and he worked very hard. His advice to me was to work for someone else! So I went to work for the Marriott on Maui and after a couple years, was transferred to the Santa Clara Marriott—right in the heart of Silicon Valley during the mid-1980s. A couple years later I earned an MBA and dove straight into the PC and Internet revolution. By the early '90s, the Valley was becoming ground zero for startups and entrepreneurs. As long as you could add value, employers and investors didn't care about your age, gender or if you had failed in a previous venture. My first CEO opportunity was a failing magazine that we turned around in nine months. I was hooked and went on to start three more. So I fell into entrepreneurship. I never had a lemonade stand or planned to run a company.

**Is Hawai'i a harder place to be an entrepreneur?**

Startups are hard anywhere in the world. It's harder in Hawai'i due to higher costs, limited workforce in high demand areas, and limited startup capital. After 17 years in the Valley working in management at various startups, I returned to Hawai'i in 2001 to raise my two children who were 1 and 5 at the time. I was surprised to see a fledgling entrepreneurial community being built with state and private sector support. Hawai'i is unique and our entrepreneurial environment reflects that: close-knit, open, where people help each other. I'm particularly excited about the progress we're making at UH to instill entrepreneurial thinking into programs and curriculum through PACE.

**What do you look for with students – the one who can't sit still, bursting with ideas?**

I'm looking for the “doers” and risk takers. Those who think outside the box and aren't afraid to explore these ideas. I've always said, “Visionaries are over-rated, those who can execute are worth their weight in gold.” You have to be willing to push your comfort zone to make it happen. It's not for the timid.



**You once said that “women are smarter than men in not wanting to chase the C-Suite.” How so?**

Whenever (the issue of) women in the boardroom is brought up, there is an underlying theme of discrimination. It does exist. And while it's true that just 14 percent of executive officers are women (2011 Fortune 500 survey), I have a different perspective. Women today have more life choices than ever. They can advance in their careers, stay home with the kids, volunteer in the community, and even have more time for themselves. So they chose to opt out of the C-track. I work with 20-somethings every day and see very little discrimination (among them) based on gender roles. I believe things are going to change for men too in the next 50 years.

**What else needs to change?**

Better public schools. When I was going to public school here (she is a Castle High graduate), if you did badly in school, your parents threatened to send you to private schools. How did this turn around in one generation? We need to take more calculated risks and accept failure as a result of increased risk taking. We learn so much from failure—just as much as we do from success. We also need more kama'aina to come home and bring their experience while we simultaneously grow within. To keep and attract bright, young people, we need to diversify our economy. There's exciting stuff happening here in high tech, energy and agriculture. We need to support it over the long term. Diversification means our children will have an option to stay home.

*[Editor's note: PACE launched a \$2.5 million fundraising initiative in January to expand its space and program offerings].  
For more information on Yamada and PACE: <http://pace.shidler.hawaii.edu/>*

SAILING INTO HISTORY — Hōkūle'a returned to waters on March 10, after two months in dry dock, in preparation for her Worldwide Voyage. The canoe's return home to Hawai'i is planned for 2017, after sailing 47,000 nautical miles around the world. Photo by Mark Arbeit.

*Reaching Forward,  
Reaching Back*



By Tiffany Hill

*This month, Hawai‘i’s iconic sailing canoe, the Hōkūle‘a, and her technologically advanced sister vessel, the Hikianalia, embark on an unprecedented international voyage to navigate the world’s seas.*

**F**ive words. That’s all it takes for Lehua Kamalu to describe the motivation behind the momentous Hōkūle‘a Worldwide Voyage. “It’s reaching forward, reaching back,” says the 27-year-old, one of 260 crewmembers embarking this month on the traditional sailing canoe, Hōkūle‘a, and her sister canoe, Hikianalia, equipped with solar-powered motors and an electrical system. This is Kamalu’s inaugural voyage, but she recognizes the resounding impact she and the others will make, for Hawai‘i, and the world.

The crew will take the canoes to 26 countries, stop at 85 international ports and sail 47,000 nautical miles

across the globe. While this voyage is ambitious, the mission is not. Organizers stress the overall goals are to plot new routes of global sustainability and environmental awareness, or simply *mālama honua*: Care for Mother Earth.

This kuleana is one reason the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) was founded in 1973; the Hōkūle‘a built and launched two years later. The canoe served not only as a vessel for Hawai‘i’s cultural renaissance, but also to prove traditional wind, wave and celestial navigation techniques. The worldwide voyage crewmembers will continue the Hōkūle‘a’s tradition of perpetuating the Hawaiian culture, its communities and its oceanic way-finding practices.

Three people who are doing just that – both at home in the Islands and on the deck of the double-hulled voyaging canoe – share their personal journeys to this moment.

## ‘Looked at every world coastline on Google Earth’

**Lehua Kamalu**, Hōkūle‘a crewmember, apprentice navigator

Lehua Kamalu looks up at Hōkūle‘a’s *kia*, or mast, with a reverent gaze, as the sun begins to set. This will be her home for this month for 30 days as she and 12 fellow crewmembers sail to Pape‘ete, Tahiti on the first international leg of the worldwide voyage.

“Can I really go 30 days without a shower? I don’t know if that seems so insignificant but it’s those little things.”

— Lehua Kamalu

Kamalu’s biggest worry? “Can I really go 30 days without a shower? I don’t know if that seems so insignificant but it’s those little things,” she says, with a vivacious laugh. She also has more important things on which to focus. Namely, navigation.

Kamalu (BS ’13 mechanical engineering, Mānoa) first got involved with PVS in 2009, while still a UH Mānoa student. She was soon spending roughly five afternoons every week at the Marine Education Training Center off Sand Island, where the Hōkūle‘a and Hikianalia are docked and PVS holds crew training. She quickly learned to balance engineering school and a growing passion for voyaging. Three of her five sisters are also actively involved; Kamalu is the second oldest.



The Hōkūle‘a has taken Kamalu to new places in her island — ones she says she would have never otherwise had the opportunity to experience. “I got a feeling for how much exposure each community and each generation has to the canoe.”

PHOTO: MARK ARBEIT

About two years ago, her self-described engineering nerdiness paid off. Voyage organizers were poring over nautical charts and maps. Kamalu suggested plotting the four-year voyage using Google Earth. “I feel like the geography major of all time,” she says. “I’ve literally looked at every coastline of the world on Google Earth!” She has hundreds of Excel spreadsheets detailing where winds are favorable, where hurricane seasons are in June through November, where piracy risks are high.

Armed with this information, she helped develop the sail plan. She crashed two laptops to get there, but it was worth it, she says. She’s one of six apprentice navigators going to Tahiti, the next generation of voyage captains. “I don’t know how they did it hundreds of years ago, it’s amazing,” she says. “You understand the need to earn it.

The people who are associated with Hōkūle‘a have done amazing things both in voyaging and outside.” Now it’s her turn to follow that same path.

## ‘Recreate traditional eating on a canoe’

**Sharon Ka’iulani Odom**, Kōkua Kalihi Valley Roots Project coordinator

Sharon Ka’iulani Odom (MPH ’91, Mānoa) starts each workweek in one of O‘ahu’s last natural hidden gems, Ho‘oulu ‘Aina, a nature preserve nestled in Kalihi Valley. The preserve, marked with a worn, handwritten sign

reading, “This land is your grandmother and she loves you,” is part of health nonprofit Kōkua Kalihi Valley (KKV). A registered dietician and the coordinator of the nonprofit’s Roots Project, an ‘aina-to-table initiative started in 2011, Odom plucks native fruits and vegetables in the 1.65-acre garden to take back to the organization’s café on School Street.

When you think of the Hōkūle‘a, food isn’t the first thing that comes to mind. Odom wants to change that. “In all these years, they’ve done amazing work in learning how to navigate by the stars and read the ocean tides,” she says. “What they’ve haven’t been able to do is really recreate traditional eating on a canoe.” Although not a crewmember, Odom became involved with PVS in 1995 when she helped teach the Tahiti crew how to dry foods. For the worldwide voyage, Odom is drying and pickling foods and even testing fermenting methods. She has the support of KKV and the help of Hawai‘i’s students who have donated food from their school gardens. Foods include: chili peppers, chard, sugarcane, radishes, kale, kalo, wingbeans, cabbage, ‘olena (turmeric, which helps with motion sickness), mango and pineapple (made into jelly) and more.

An estimated 2,000 pounds of food and 407 gallons of fresh, bottled water—used only for drinking and cooking—are stored in the hulls of each canoe for the 30-day-long voyage legs. The food is prepared on a simple, two-burner propane gas stove. Odom is striving to supplement healthier, native foods into the existing voyage menu of canned and packaged foods, by including new menu items tofu hekka and pumpkin and lentil soup.

On voyages, food isn’t just sustenance, but a way of bringing the crew together and driving out the doldrums. For Odom, this relationship runs deeper. “I believe in the spirituality of food,” she says. “In the Hawaiian tradition our foods had *mana*.” This is part of the Ai Pono food movement, or “eat right,” based on perpetuating the foods of Hawai‘i, and the rich culture that created *loko i‘a* (fishponds), *lo‘i* (kalo fields) and the lū‘au.



In preparation for the worldwide voyage, Odom visited schools and communities on the Neighbor Islands to share how the crew will incorporate indigenous foods into their meals and demonstrate traditional food storage.

PHOTO: MARK ARBEIT

Through her work at KKV, Odom helps teach children the value of growing and preparing food at the café. “I really want to connect them to food and health through a much more cultural way.”

Food will also be an educational component during the worldwide voyage. “When we’re talking about preserving our lands for the future, we have to talk about the foods we eat.”

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Navigating is a fleeting, privileged experience, says Paishon. “When you have that opportunity, you try and soak it up for every second, because once it’s done, you never get it back.”

in 1975, he knew he wanted to be involved, even if just as a spectator. “I thought the closest thing I’d ever get to Hōkūle‘a was I might get to touch it,” he says with a laugh. But the canoe had a different journey for him. Not long after he started volunteering at the Sand Island Marine Education Training Center, he began sailing and taking classes. At age 30, Paishon went on his first voyage, the 1992 trip to Tahiti.

“The crew really becomes family,” he says. “The canoe is our mother, the navigator is our father. Aboard Hōkūle‘a I really felt I belonged. We took care of each other and that’s something that’s stuck with me all these years.” He literally means family. He met his wife of 14 years, Pomai Bertelmann, through the Hōkūle‘a. Bertelmann, daughter of the late Clay Bertelmann, who built the Hawai‘i-island-based Makali‘i voyaging canoe, is likewise active with voyaging. The couple has only sailed together twice, though, says Paishon. “Hopefully we’ll sail together on this worldwide voyage,” he adds.

Paishon is one of only five *pwo*, or master navigator, in Hawai‘i, inducted by the late legendary Micronesian navigator Mau Piailug, one of the last masters of traditional ocean wayfinding. Despite the responsibility and honor it brings, Paishon remains humble.

“It’s still a learning process,” says the 52-year-old. “I’m still always amazed about how much our ancestors knew. We’re still scratching at the surface at what they understand.” A mentor with PVS working with the next generation of navigators, Paishon is also the senior captain of Na Kalai Wa‘a Moku o Hawai‘i, the voyaging society of Hawai‘i island, where he now calls home. “That’s the greatest desire,” he says. “That your students are better than you; that’s what we hope for them.”

As first captain of the second international leg from Tahiti to Samoa, he’ll get plenty of teaching opportunities on the worldwide voyage. Paishon looks forward to being on the Hōkūle‘a again. He still has Uncle Herb’s pencil drawing, too. “This picture came to life for me.”

## ‘The picture came to life’

**Chadd ‘Onohi Paishon**, *pwo* navigator

A simple pencil sketch changed the life of Chadd ‘Onohi Paishon. He grew up in Nānākuli, along O‘ahu’s Leeward coast. At age 8 with his family, he met Herb Kawainui Kāne, one of four PVS founders, when Kāne was illustrating children’s books at his studio. “It was there that I first saw the drawing of the canoe,” he says. “Uncle Herb took it off the wall and gave it to me.”

Paishon, an active waterman, always enjoyed hearing Hawai‘i’s wayfinding stories from his grandparents. So when the Hōkūle‘a launched her inaugural voyage

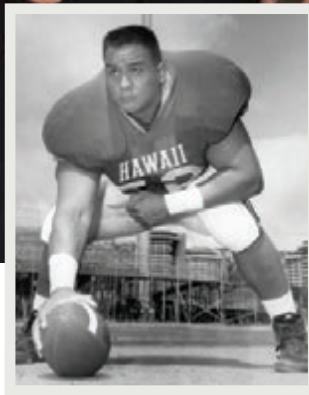
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From college to careers, “brothers forever”: (left to right) Doug Vaoleti, Shawn Ching and Mitch Ka'ai'i

time to do their homework. It made me work harder.”

Of their enduring friendship, Vaoleti says, “we grew up together.” Many professional career networks of doing business in Hawai'i come from such trusting and lasting friendships forged at UH. Vaoleti's nine-year-old contracting company, Real Builders, built the extension for Ka'ai'i's home and is planning to do the same for Ching's. Ka'ai'i is the personal banker for both Vaoleti and Ching. And yes, their families are also close.

After graduating, Ching and Vaoleti both served as color analysts with sportscaster Jim Leahey for UH

games broadcast on KFVE. Ka'ai'i has been active in UH alumni and sports, including as past president for UHAA and the Letterwinners Club, composed of former UH student-athletes; and board member for Nā Koa Football Club, 'Ahahui Koa Ānuenue, and the Shidler Alumni Association.

Despite the demands of their successful careers and busy lives, they keep in touch with each other.

“No matter how long it's been since all three of us saw each other,” says Vaoleti. “Once we start talking, it's like sitting in the cafeteria once again at UH.”



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**Claire and J. Kūhiō Asam**

**1978**  
Claire earns MEd and Kūhiō MD, UH Mānoa

**1999**  
Claire receives PhD, UH Mānoa

**2008**  
Establishes the Claire and Kūhiō Asam Scholarship Fund

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT**

Served together as commencement speakers, UH Mānoa 2012 graduation

**1971 & 1973**  
Earns AA, Leeward Community College and BEd, UH Mānoa, respectively

**1975**  
Becomes first Filipino weather announcer and anchor for KITV

**1994**  
Establishes EMME, Inc., a multi-media production company

**LITTLE KNOWN FACT**  
Hosted a local TV game show, “Dialing for Dollars”

## ‘Seize the Moment’

I had graduated from UH with an education degree and was waiting for my teaching assignment, when my dad, an engineer at KISA Filipino radio, asked me to work as an announcer. Raised by a single father, I had been taught to be fearless. At age 3, I sang on TV and did a radio show from age 10 to 14. By 16, I had learned to interview. So I was not afraid of the bright lights in the TV studio or talking on the microphone. Teaching was the steadier career, but I chose to be KISA’s first local announcer at age 21, the beginning of my professional broadcasting career. I believe that there are people born at the right time, like my father-in-law Governor John Burns. But you have to be willing to seize the moment when it happens.



PHOTO: ODELO DAYONDON

**Emme Tomimbang**



## ‘Second Time was Magic’

**F**amily circumstances called me back to Massachusetts after moving to Hawai‘i in 1965 as an 18-year-old undergraduate. I had just graduated from the University of Connecticut and landed a job on its coaching team, when my former football coach Larry Price reached out to me to offer me a job as a graduate assistant for the UH team. I decided to return to Hawai‘i. Maybe it was the tuna fish sandwiches and crackers at Kuhio Grill. Whatever, that second time was magic; it changed my destiny. I started a family here, set down roots. Even after I left Hawai‘i to pursue a career in broadcasting, I returned a third time. Hawai‘i became my touchstone. I have now spent 50 years in the islands. If I had taken another path, Hawai‘i would only be a two-year memory for me.



PHOTO: ODEELO DAYONDON

**Rick Blangiardi**

**1973**  
Earns MEd,  
UH Mānoa

**2009**  
Named General Manager  
of Hawaii News Now  
(KGMB/KHNL)

**2010**  
Named “Salesperson of  
the Year” by Sales and  
Marketing Executives  
International Honolulu

**LITTLE KNOWN  
FACT**

For 12 years, Jim  
Leahey and Blangiardi  
broadcast the first  
UH football games on  
radio and TV



PHOTO: ODEELO DAYONDON

## ‘I figured I could do better’

**I**n my junior year at college in Michigan, I decided to run for student body president, remembering a promise I had made to my father. The nomination deadline had passed, but I figured I could do better, so I organized a write-in campaign, forming a coalition with students from Hawai‘i, foreign students and those who usually don’t vote. I received the second highest number of votes, forcing a run-off for the general election. Well, I got elected as student body president. One of the first things I did was to organize community development programs that sent students into the community. It was my first foray into politics, and the lessons I learned – forming coalitions, running a grassroots campaign and giving back to community – became hallmarks of my political career.

**Gov. John Waihe‘e III**  
*Lifetime Achievement*

**1976**  
Receives JD as  
member of the first  
graduating class of  
William S. Richard-  
son School of Law

**1978**  
Elected delegate to  
Hawai‘i’s landmark  
Constitutional  
Convention

**1986**  
Elected first Native  
Hawaiian governor  
in the state and  
nation

**LITTLE KNOWN  
FACT**

Worked as a cook  
in wife Lynne’s  
mother’s restaurant



# The University of Hawai'i Distinguished Alumni Award Winners (1989 - 2013)

## 1989

Joshua C. Agsalud '55, '61  
Robert H. Hughes '38  
E. Alison Kay '57  
Ah Quon McElrath '38  
Wayne Carr Metcalf, III '75  
Marie Nakanishi Milks '66  
Richard Penhallow '26  
Larry D. Price '65  
Tina M. Shelton '80

## 1990

Momi W. Cazimero '55  
Stanton Ho '75  
Lolani Jameson '79, '88, '89  
Thomas K. Kaulukukui, Sr. '38, '39, '41  
Donald C.W. Kim '58  
Dorothy I. Matsuo '50  
James M. Morita '36  
Andre S. Tatibouet '63  
Joyce S. Tsunoda '60, '66

## 1991

Neil Abercrombie '64, '74  
Marion Diamond '35  
Hiram L. Fong '30  
Fujio Matsuda '43  
Sharon Narimatsu '67, '75  
Harriet Natsuyama '58, '60

## 1992

S. Haunani Apoliona '67, '73  
Patricia Lanoie Blanchette '72, '74  
Vernon Char '56  
Kan Jung Luke '36  
Ralph M. Miwa '48, '50  
Margaret Oda '47, '77  
Patsy Saiki '54, '59  
James Walker '59, '62  
Michael B. White '72  
Walter Wong '67

## 1993

Walter A. Dods, Jr. '67  
Robert M. Fujimoto '51  
Edward Hirata '56  
Satoru Izutsu '50  
Lawrence M. Johnson '63  
Kent M. Keith '77  
Alexander Malahoff '65

## 1994

Isabella Aiona Abbott '41  
Michael J. Chun '68

William Fruean '77  
Dewey H. Kim '50  
Helen R. Nagtalon-Miller '51, '67  
Francis Y. Sogi '49  
Ben Taguchi '54  
Jeanette C. Takamura '69, '72

## 1995

Rosie Kim Chang '47, '77  
Madeleine J. Goodman '73  
David Hyun '40  
Andrew W.S. In '42  
M. Asad Khan '67  
Frederick F.Y. Pang '58, '72  
William S. Richardson '41  
Yoshiko Sakurai '69

## 1996

Amefil Agbayani '66, '69  
Chang-Yoon Choi '68, '73  
Gregory Dever '78  
Richard H. Kosaki '49  
Abraham Piianaia '53, '55

## 1997

David C. Cole '76  
Philip Helfrich '58  
Richard D. Parsons  
Barbara Peterson '78

## 1998

Dyanne Affonso '66  
David E.K. Cooper '63  
Soon-Kwon Kim '74  
Beatrice Krauss '30  
Ernest K. Nishizaki '69  
Livingston M.F. Wong '52

## 1999

Fred Shiu Leung Chan '72, '74  
Doris M. Ching '63, '71  
Eddie Flores, Jr. '70  
Mo-Im Kim '67  
Michael S. Nakamura '74  
Terry T. Shintani '79, '85  
Daniel K. Akaka\* '52, '53, '66

## 2000

Robin K. Campaniano '73, '83  
Ronald N.S. Ho '67, '68  
Daniel K. Inouye '50  
Francis A. Keala '53  
Pamela Samuelson '71, '72  
Gladys A. Brandt\* '42

## 2001

Naleen Naupaka Andrade '76, '82  
Jack S. Fritz '73, '79  
Haruyuki Kamemoto '44, '47  
Robert N. Katayama '50  
Lydia L.W. Tsui '75  
Edwin S.N. Wong '51  
Kane S. Fernandez† '58

## 2002

Warren Haruki '77  
Kevin Hughes '02  
Daniel B.T. Lau '41  
Kurt Osaki '88  
Donna Tanoue '76  
Alan Wong '79  
Hiram L. Fong\* '30

## 2003

Allan K. Ikawa '71  
Howard Karr '66  
Francis S. Oda '00  
Puongpun Sananikone '68  
Patrice Tanaka '74  
William S. Richardson\* '41

## 2004

Beadie Kanahale Dawson '81  
Attilio Kanei Leonardi '72, '94  
Thelma Chock Nip '50  
Barry K. Taniguchi '69  
Frank Watase '50  
Ah Quon McElrath\* '38  
Richard Hartman† '74

## 2005

Charles T. Araki '57, '67  
Elmer E. Botsai '00  
Frederick Karl Duennebieer '68, '72  
Robert P. Hiam '69  
Jong-wook Lee '81  
Gary A. Okamoto '66  
Carole Kai Onouye '66  
Ronald E. Bright\* '56, '57, '73

## 2006

Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr. '77  
Samuel Koide '45  
Patricia Y. Lee '65, '79  
Robert G.F. Lee '42, '51  
Seiji Naya '58  
Kent Tsukamoto '78  
Victor Yano '74, '78  
Genoa Keawe\*

## 2007

Walter Kirimitsu '62  
Jay H. Shidler '68  
Thomas P. Gill\* '46

## 2008

Centennial Celebration with Distinguished Alumni

## 2009

Chiyoame Fukino '79  
James '69 & Lois '69 Horton  
Dee Jay Mailer '75, '85  
Sabrina McKenna '78, '82  
Daniel B.T. Lau\* '41  
David & Wendie McClaint

## 2010

Wesley F. Fong '65  
David Lassner '98  
Ashok Kumar Malhotra '69  
Virginia Pressler '78, '81, '82  
Patricia Saiki\* '52

## 2011

L. Tammy Duckworth '89  
Gary Galiher '71, '77 & Diane Ono '73, '82, '91  
Richard Ha '73  
John T. Komeiji '75  
Hing Leung Sham '80  
Isabella Aiona Abbott\* '41

## 2012

Robert Alm '73  
Frederick Choi '65, '68  
Patrick DeLeon '73  
Ted Tsukiyama\*  
Virginia Hjinshaw†  
Ann Dunham Soetoro† '67, '83, '92

## 2013

Edwin Gayagas '62  
Alden Henderson '77, '82  
Patrick Sullivan '81, '85  
Barbara Tanabe '83  
David Ezra\*

\* UH Founders Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award  
† UHAA President's Award



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# 50 Years: UH Community Colleges (1964-2014)

HOMAGE: Richard and Mildred Kosaki

## ‘Excellent Partners’

**T**hey met at the UH during World War II, as student government officers registering student volunteers for an in-community war work program. He later served in the U.S. Army’s Military Intelligence Service during the occupation of Japan. She, as a student teacher, taught 8th graders about Japan in the midst of wartime anti-Japanese sentiment. They pursued higher education on his GI Bill as a married couple on the Mainland.

Returning to their alma mater, he served on the faculty and administration (1952-1985) including as University Vice President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Acting Chancellor, UH-Mānoa. An institutional researcher for the UH, she also served on the Honolulu Charter Commission (2000), the Governor’s (Burns) Commission on Operations, Revenues and Expenditures, and as the first woman member of Hawaiian Electric’s Board of Directors for 24 years.

They were “excellent research partners,” says Mel Sakaguchi, retired Leeward Community College Provost. Together or individually, they had a hand in feasibility studies for the UH law and medical schools, and master plans for secondary education and an open university. Their major joint effort and (when asked) “most notable contribution” is the master plan for the UH community college system.

Richard Kosaki is considered “the father of Hawai’i’s community college system” as the author of the 1964 “Feasibility of Community Colleges in Hawai’i.” It transformed Hawai’i’s trade school system (a remnant, some say, of Hawai’i’s prewar two-class society) to an “open-door-policy” community college system that offered vocational and liberal arts education, giving access and alternatives for non-traditional students to obtain a college degree. And he effected that change:



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Mildred and Richard Kosaki in 2004, with infant grandson Reece (now age 9).

working with legislators, networking with Mainland experts, and tirelessly talking to those whose lives it would change, says Sakaguchi.

“Dad got letters from pig farmers who earned college degrees and others who had not considered college because of finances, etc.” says their son, Randy Kosaki, chief scientist for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Now both 89, Richard and Mildred Kosaki have been lifelong advocates for how essential public education is in a democracy. Some say they serve as shining examples. “Educated citizens raise the quality of our communities,” says their son. “I am so proud.”

— Gail Miyasaki

### AWARDED



**Sheila Conant**, the 2014 American Ornithologists’ Union’s Ralph W. Schreiber Award for “extraordinary scientific

contributions to the conservation, restoration and preservation of birds and their habitats.” The UH-Mānoa biology professor; an expert on Hawai’i’s native and endangered species, identifies non-native weeds and animal pests as the largest threat to Hawai’i’s agriculture, watershed and native species.

### AWARDED

**Donald Hall**, elected in 2013 by peers as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science for “distinguished contributions to the Hubble Telescope, astronomy at the University of Hawai’i and on Maunakea, infrared telescope, instrument and



## MOVING ON: Carol Gouveia 'Scholarship Lady'

**F**or a good part of 31 years, Carol Gouveia organized UH athletic banquets and donor tailgate parties, kept donor records of scholarship gifts to UH sports (first by hand and later by computer), and greeted visitors to 'Ahahui Koa Anuenue (AKA), the UH athletic booster organization.

Starting as a secretary in 1983 and filling in as executive director a year later when her boss left, the Kaimuki native got the job permanently when then Athletic Director Stan Sheriff told the AKA Board, "Why hire someone else? Carol's already doing the job." As head of preferred seating and parking programs for the past

13 years, she knew the name assigned to every one of those seats and stalls.

She was part of the growth of AKA membership from a few hundred to 6,000, of fundraising from thousands to nearly \$6 million annually, and of 4,000 student-athletes receiving scholarships. Her fondest memory: "the relationships with members and the student-athletes."

Retiring? Oh no. She's busy doing something familiar as president of the Hawaii Law Enforcement Association – fundraising.



sensor technology." The former director of the UH Institute of Astronomy (1984-1997) is currently an astronomer there.

### AWARDED

**Denise Antolini**, the 2013 John Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award, Oahu Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Associate dean and director of UH William S. Richardson School of Law's environmental law program. She helped found the North Shore Community Land Trust and Malama Pupukea-Waimea Marine Life Conservation District.

### PUBLISHED



*From Kau Kau to Cuisine: An Island Cookbook, Then and Now* by **Arnold Hiura** (BA English

'71, Mānoa), with **Derek Kurisu** (BS agriculture '74, Mānoa) and **Jason Takemura**, connects local plantation era-based dishes to contemporary cuisine created by Hawai'i's professional chefs (Watermark 2013).

### PUBLISHED

*Judge Sam King: A Memoir* by **Jerry Burris** (BA journalism '69, Mānoa) and **Ken Kobayashi** (BA journalism '71, Mānoa), veteran *Honolulu Advertiser* reporters, based on 2009 interviews with the late federal judge, co-author of "Broken Trust" on the Bishop Estate and co-founder of Hawaii's Family Court (Watermark 2014).

### ALOHA 'OE

**Peter Nakamura** (1953-2013), senior planner, Kaua'i County Planning Department's Long Range Planning. Nakamura (MA urban and regional planning '86; BA political science '83, Mānoa), nephew of late state Supreme Court Justice Edward Nakamura, is remembered as a public servant "passionate about a better Kaua'i," fluent in Hawaiian and a gifted musician.

### ALOHA 'OE

**Donald B. Cataluna** (1936-2014), retired sugar industry executive and former Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee. A Koloa, Kaua'i native, Cataluna (BS general agriculture '60, Mānoa), father of playwright Lee Cataluna, was one of the sugar industry's first part-Hawaiian plantation managers.

### ALOHA 'OE



**Margaret Ushijima** (1927-2013), former dean of students, UH Hilo. After retiring in 1980, Ushijima (JD '83, Mānoa) entered UH's William S.

Richardson School of Law and later joined husband, John, former state Senate President, in the family law firm. The couple was honored by UH Hilo with a 2009 Distinguished Service Award.

### ALOHA 'OE



**Klaus Wyrтки** (1925-2013), founding professor of the UH Department of Oceanography. A pioneer researcher on sea tides, El Niño

forecasting and the namesake of the Wyrтки Jet, one of the few ocean currents named after a person, he received numerous international awards for his work on physical oceanography.



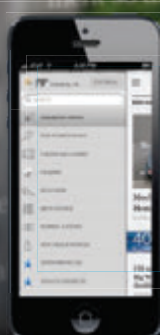
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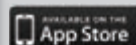


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Toby M. Tonaki

**Louis Doody** (MA '68, Mānoa), together with Betty Kikumi Meltzer and the Malki Museum, has been honored by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) as a recipient of an AASLH Leadership in History Award of Merit for their book, *Losing Ground: The Displacement of San Geronio Pass Cahuilla People in the 19th Century*. Doody and his wife, Dolly Strazer, live in Hilo.

**John Edwards** (BS '95, Mānoa), currently working at the Pentagon on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has completed a National Defense Fellowship at the Stimson Center in Washington, DC, where he presented his research on nuclear deterrence policy in the Asia Pacific region at the Brookings Institution. Lt. Colonel Edwards is an 18-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

**Rockne Freitas** (MED '83, PhD '95 Mānoa), current chancellor of UH West O'ahu, is the recipient of the E.B. Lemon Distinguished Alumni Award, Oregon State University's highest alumni recognition. Freitas earned a bachelor's degree from OSU in 1968.

**Tom Davis Genelli** (BA '62, Mānoa) has published a book, *Death at the Movies: Hollywood's Guide to the Hereafter* (Quest Books, September 2013). The former ABC film historian and his wife, Lyn, comment on more than 60 films. While at the UH, Genelli was a writer/editor (1962-'63) for *Malamalama*.

**Clare Hanusz** (JD '99, Mānoa), one of Hawai'i's well-known immigration attorneys and advocates, has joined the Honolulu law firm of Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert. She currently serves as a member of the Hawaii

Coalition for Immigration Reform and the Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking. While a student at UH's William S. Richardson School of Law, she was the recipient of a National Lawyers Guild fellowship to spend a summer helping immigrant detainees with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project.

**Norma Picacio Jones** (BA '90, Mānoa), director of bilingual education in Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown, Texas, has been honored by Mana, a national organization recognizing Latino educators and based in Washington, DC with chapters nationwide.

**Wes Kimura** (BBA '82, Mānoa) is the recipient of the 2013 Kane Fernandez Community Service Award, presented annually to a UH letterwinner who has "volunteered to support unselfishly to further advance the community." Kimura, who lettered in UH baseball (1979-'82), is currently vice president and director of automotive customer service for Servco Pacific.

**Lani Kwon** (BA '91, Mānoa) has published *The Creating CoPOWERment Workbook: Embracing the Power of Positive Psychology, Healing Stories and Explorations to Create the Life You Want* (September 2013, Balboa Press, a Division of Hay House, Inc.). She is the founder of Creating CoPOWERment® Center LLC.

**Aaron Miller** (BA '08, Mānoa) helped co-found and operate The Canadian World Education Foundation in Tanzania (CWEF TZ), which identifies and provides education sponsorship for children living across the East African country.

**Britton Shepardson** (MA '02, PhD '06, Mānoa), an archaeologist and a member of the Board of Directors for the Easter Island Foundation, has published a new book *MOAI: A New Look at Old Faces* (Easter Island Foundation Books, August 2013). Royalties from the book will be donated to the educational outreach program Shepardson founded, which seeks to include local island high school students in anthropological fieldwork.

**Lisa Simpson** (MPH '86, Mānoa) was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), an independent, non-profit organization providing evidence-based advice to government and the private sectors. She is currently president and CEO of AcademyHealth, a national organization, based in Washington, DC, serving the fields of health services and policy research and the professionals who produce and use this important work.

**Toby M. Tonaki** (BA '86, JD '93, Mānoa) has been appointed assistant vice president, claims supervisor – litigation management for Island Insurance Company, Ltd., the State's largest locally-owned property and casualty insurance carrier. He has nearly 20 years of litigation experience.

**Lance Wilhelm** (BA '87, Mānoa) has been promoted to senior vice president, Hawai'i operations for Kiewit. He will continue to play a significant role in the company's construction of the Honolulu Rail Transit System, as well as lead market, industry, operations and community involvement for Kiewit in Hawai'i. Wilhelm is a 24-year veteran of the Hawai'i construction industry.

A portrait of Kaipo Perez III, a young man with short dark hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a brown polo shirt with a yellow and brown geometric pattern. His arms are crossed. The background is a bright, clear blue sky.

# *An ocean of gratitude*

Scholarships can help the ocean and its creatures, too. That's how **Kaipo Perez III**, who earned his BS in marine biology and a PhD in marine science at UH Mānoa, sees it. Kaipo's love for the ocean and all its inhabitants was nurtured from boyhood by his 'ohana lawai'a, or fishing family.

He now shares his mana'o, or knowledge, with the community as the ocean recreation specialist at Hanauma Bay. Kaipo says that his study at UH would not have been possible without scholarships, and he plans to keep paying it forward. "I want to pass along my donors' gifts to the community as I work toward preserving and sustaining our natural resources."

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# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



## 2013 UH ALUMNI OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Oceanic Time Warner Cable was honored for its outstanding support to the University of Hawai'i. (Back row): Mitch Miyoshi (BSEE '95), Jon Eto (MBA '99), Kiman Wong (BSEE '79, MBA '83), Marcia Taira, Anne Butac (BBA '79); (front row): Sandy Davis, UHAA Executive Director Alvin Katahara, Oceanic General Manager, Media Sales MaryAnn Sacharski, Vice President of Operations Norman Santos, and UHAA President Patrick Oki.



## 2013 UHAA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

UHAA Executive Director Alvin Katahara presented the award and a chapter banner to (left to right) Lori Kaneshige (AS '89, BSN '91, MSN '96), UH Mānoa Nursing Alumni Association vice president; Dean Mary Boland of the UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; and Sally Ishikawa (BSN '70, MPH '90) Nursing Alumni Association president in recognition of the chapter's outstanding support of UHAA and UH.



## 14TH ANNUAL UH HILO DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI & SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

University and Hawai'i Island community leaders and supporters gathered for University of Hawai'i at Hilo's 14th Annual Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet on February 22, 2014 in the UH Hilo Campus Center Dining Hall.

## 2013 UHAA PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

UHAA's 2013 Partner of the Year Award was presented by UHAA President Patrick Oki to Charmaine Chan, Panda Travel director of business support, for Panda Travel's outstanding support of UH Rainbow Warriors games on the road at UHAA's Road Warrior Tailgates and UH games across the country.



May 7

**UHAA Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner**  
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel,  
Honolulu

May 30

**Shidler Maui Alumni Golf Tournament and Networking Reception**  
Wailea Golf Club,  
Emerald Course  
Kihei, Maui

May 16

**UH Mānoa Commencement**  
Waikiki Shell

June 25

**"Led Zeppelin" Laser Musical Experience**  
Hokulani Planetarium,  
Windward Community  
College

June 28

**Invasive Algae Volunteer Cleanup**  
Waikiki Aquarium

July 26

**John A. Burns School of Medicine Alumni Reunion**  
JABSOM Medical  
Education Building  
(CME)  
The Honolulu Zoo  
(Clambake)

September 20

**UHAA Colorado Football Tailgate**  
Boulder, Colorado

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# PARTING SHOT



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Spring 2014

## BRAVO!

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➔ Windward Community College Palikū Theatre's production of "Les Misérables," directed by Ron Bright, was one of the hottest theatre tickets in fall 2013. It was praised as "the most lavish of the Hawai'i productions" of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. Opening at Palikū this fall on September 26 is "Hairspray."



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