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NEW BEGINNINGS

UHF's new CEO Tim Dolan and longest-serving employee Aileen Yamashita help Kahu Kordell Kekoa bless the new UHF offices on King Street [Page 2](#)

FOR OUR UNIVERSITY, OUR HAWAI'I, OUR FUTURE

We're **move** ON THE

This year began with big changes for the UH Foundation.

In February we welcomed Tim Dolan as UH Vice President of Advancement and UH Foundation CEO. Shortly after his arrival, our central offices moved from the UH Mānoa campus to 1314 S. King Street, Suite B, in Honolulu. Kahu Kordell Kekoa blessed our new office space on Feb. 20, the day after we moved in.



The cover image on our annual report (below) represents looking toward the future. Yet as we embrace change, we remain steadfast in our dedication to serving UH students, researchers and community.

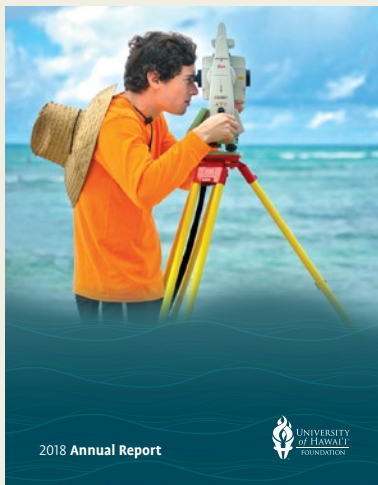


Jason Ono, chief administrative officer, takes part in the blessing of UHF's new office at the Interstate Building, 1314 S. King Street.



L-R: UHF's new CEO Tim Dolan, Kahu Kekoa, Janet Bullard, VP for marketing & communications – alumni & donor relations, and Paul Kobayashi, VP for administration & CFO

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Whether you are grateful alumni, proud parents, employers building an expertise pipeline, or supporters with a passion for changing students' lives, your generosity makes a difference. It empowers UH to provide the high-quality education our students deserve, while conducting the superb, relevant scholarship our communities require.

Thanks to you, the money we raised this past fiscal year will benefit University of Hawai'i programs and students today and for years ahead. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate change and embrace new opportunities.

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Young learns how whale bones sustain sea life

Whales are among the world's most magnificent, fascinating creatures. For UH Mānoa doctoral student Emily Young, however, they become far more interesting when they die, sinking to the ocean floor to become food for thousands of animals.

At first, each "whale-fall" looks as one might expect: attractive to sharks, shrimps and other scavengers. Then, long after the meat has been picked from the skeletons, the worms, clams and microbes who have evolved just to live on these bones move in.

"These microbes now form the base of the food web, an environment that can last up to 70 years," said Young, who examines the bones to learn "who's eating whom" and how the populations around whale-falls vary across ocean depths and locations.

As an undergraduate at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom, Young took a deep-sea biology course.

"It got me hooked. I love the idea of weird, alien-like creatures in the deep sea," she said. "There was a lecture about whale-falls, and I couldn't believe there were all these species evolved to live in these habitats. How does that happen?"



Emily Young, a PhD student in oceanography, examines a whale bone specimen for traces of life in UH Mānoa's Benthic Ecology Lab.

Young finished her master's and emailed Dr. Craig Smith, the UH Mānoa professor of oceanography who first wrote and hypothesized about whale-falls.

"I'm finishing my master's," she wrote. "If you have anything coming up, I'd be really happy to work with you."

Within two weeks of earning her degree, she was in the U.S. for the first time, a Mānoa PhD student on a boat in the northern Pacific Ocean, retrieving the whale bone Smith's team had placed there 15 months earlier.

Emily now spends most of her time in the lab, sorting and identifying the tens of thousands of animals that associated themselves with the seafloor bones.

"Emily has distinguished herself with great progress on an excellent project," said Smith, who nominated her for the Denise B. Evans Fellowship in Oceanography.

"She's outstanding in class work, and a good citizen in terms of outreach and education. The committee appreciated her accomplishments, but they were impressed by the full suite of what Emily does."

Denise B. Evans funded the fellowship as part of her estate. Since 2013, it has supported graduate students exploring undersea lava flows and populations of phytoplankton, in areas as far-flung as the Galapagos Islands and the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

"The fellowship has been great for me. It's freed me up this year, so I don't have to teach and can focus my time on being in the lab," said Young. "When I'm sorting these bones, I need hours at a time to make it worthwhile."

Young is grateful for the Evans fellowship supporting her for a whole year. "It's giving me that final boost I need to finish this research, pursuing what I've always wanted," she said.

UH Mānoa | David Cole Reception

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David Cole, national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, is one of the 2019 Dan & Maggie Inouye Distinguished Chairs in Democratic Ideals. The former Georgetown law professor presented a thought-provoking public lecture for an eager audience at UH Mānoa's Orvis Auditorium. He drew upon experiences from the past two years to address critical elements necessary to preserving liberty in American democracy. A special reception for donors and friends preceded the lecture.





Hawai'i CC – Pāalamanui Donor Mahalo & Scholarship Lunch

PĀLAMANUI CAMPUS • MARCH 8

Scholarship recipients at Hawai'i Community College's Pāalamanui campus gathered to thank the donors, advisers and community members who contributed to their success. Guests enjoyed encouraging words from community partners, and students shared how their scholarships enable them to pursue their goals. Hawai'i CC Chancellor Rachel Solemsaas saluted students for their efforts and recognized supporters for making many of these opportunities possible. Chef Paul Heerlein and his students in Hawai'i CC's culinary arts program provided a delightful lunch.



Honolulu CC Donor & Scholarship Mahalo Reception

HONOLULU CC
FEB. 7

Chancellor Erika Lacro, along with Honolulu CC and UH Foundation staff, gathered for a reception to honor the generous donors who support student success at Honolulu CC. Memories and new friendships were made as students warmly thanked the people who are making such a difference in their lives.



LĀNA'I HIGH-SCHOOLERS GET A *jump* ON *college*

College is all about my choices," said Leonard Valdez, a graduate of the UH Maui College Dual Enrollment Program at Lāna'i High School.

"The program taught me that it's my choice to go to class or not, and it's my choice to study or not. I learned to be responsible about how my choices will affect me."

Valdez was able to earn credits for high school and college simultaneously. When he turned his tassel on high-school graduation day in 2017, he'd already accumulated 19 credits toward his bachelor's degree. College sophomore status is typically 24 credits.

Today, Valdez is nearly finished with his second year at UH Mānoa and intends to declare a major in kinesiology and rehabilitation science.

More than 50 percent of eligible Lāna'i students, mostly juniors and seniors, participated in the program this year. The majority of classes meet at the Lāna'i Education Center, where com-



Leonard Valdez

puters, microphones and a television connect them in real time to classmates and professors at UH Maui's campus in Kahului.

Other classes are conducted entirely online. Jordan Lee Sanches earned 34 college credits, all through online coursework, before she earned her high-school diploma.

"I completed my associate's degree in liberal arts one semester after finishing high school in 2016," Sanches said. "In spring 2019, I'll graduate with my BBA in marketing and management at UH Mānoa."

Sanches said completing 34 college credits before entering

college opened new doors for her. "I hope students in high school today realize how valuable this opportunity is!" she said.

Dr. Lui Hokoana, UH Maui chancellor, emphasizes the program's impact on the entire island.

"Maui College and its partners are creating a culture on Lāna'i, getting students excited about college, training the local workforce, and creating future Lāna'i leaders," he told the *Maui News*.

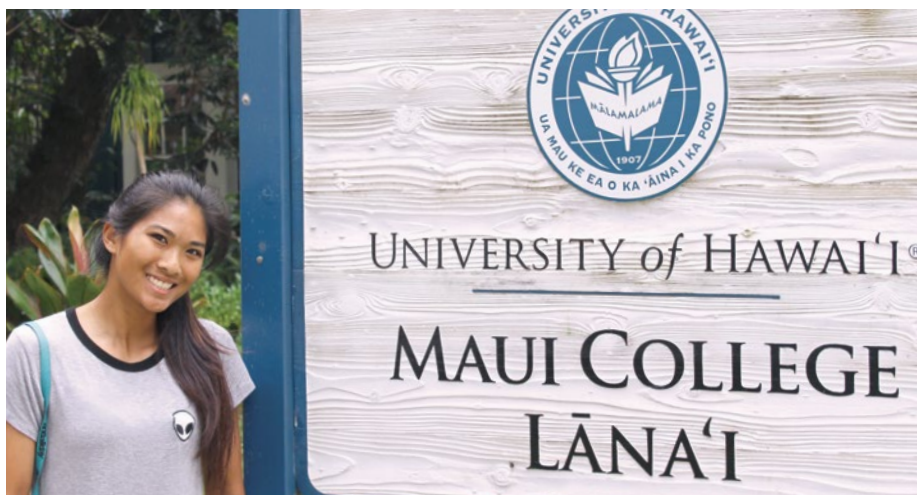
In addition to first-year college courses in English, history, psychology, math and Hawaiian language, the high-schoolers receive help in financial literacy and SAT preparation, and alongside their parents, they learn to navigate the financial aid application process.

Pūlama Lāna'i, the dual enrollment program's benefactor, contributes to students' tuition and books, plus a college-and-career fair and a recognition assembly for successful completion.

"When Jordan earned enough credits to skip frosh classes at UH Mānoa, it was our first indication that this program could boost a student with the drive and determination to pursue higher education beyond the shores of Lāna'i," said Kurt Matsumoto, Chief Operating Officer at Pūlama Lāna'i.

"Families can be confident that living on Lāna'i does not limit their children's education potential."

Valdez agreed. "I saw the opportunity to get a head start in life," he said. "I took it."



Jordan Lee Sanches

Funds facilitate U.S.-Korea connections at UH

Kyung Sun “Kay” Chung was in her 20s when she came to America as a dancer with the Kim Sisters, a vocal trio that would appear on the Ed Sullivan Show more than 20 times and hit number 7 on the Billboard singles chart. It was shortly after the end of the Korean conflict, and Kay took the opportunity to pull herself out of a poverty-stricken home.

Decades later, she is the benefactor of several scholarship endowments at UH Mānoa, aiming for increased understanding and appreciation of U.S. connections to Korea’s culture, economy and law.



“The University of Hawai‘i is my family,” she said, and her largesse is an expression of the sentiment.

Lasting tribute to great love

Chung’s endowments are most notably a tribute to her late husband, Dr. Nae Hoon Paul Chung, founding director of the Pacific Asian Management Institute



L-R: Edward Shultz, Shirley Daniel and Kay Chung

(PAMI) in 1977. Because she values education and greatly loved and respected Paul, she wants to help future generations by naming each of her endowments as a memorial to him.

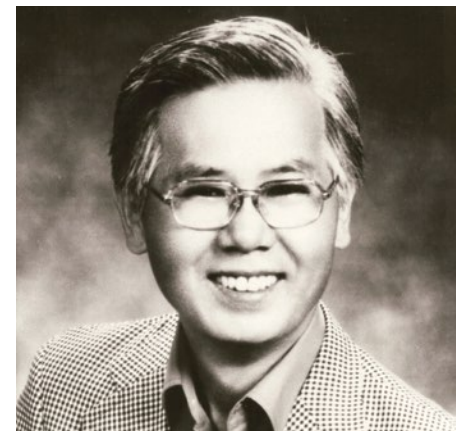
“Paul had an entrepreneurial approach to making the center work,” said current PAMI director Shirley Daniel. “It was a summer program in those days, and the university didn’t have a regular budget to support summer programs. They had to float on their own.”

An innovator, Paul Chung developed programs of interest to Korean companies, who would send their executives to UH Mānoa to study with prominent American business professors. He used their corporate fees to pay the professors and to fund courses for UH Mānoa students. Korean businessmen interacted

with students and faculty, and they all gained valuable insight.

Lifetime of bringing people together

Paul’s life’s work still brings people together and will do so into the future. Thanks to Kay’s devotion to his passion for helping others, and her generous donations of gifts today and through her bequest intention, people from around the Pacific will continue to increase their understanding of each other.



If you would like more information about including the UH Foundation in your will, trust or other gift plan to benefit the University of Hawai‘i, please contact us!

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When disaster strikes, donors step up to help

2018 was a difficult year for many Hawai'i residents.

In April, historic rains brought landslides and flooding to Kaua'i, wiping out homes and closing the main highway leading to its north shore.

Residents were stranded for more than a week, in emergency shelters, isolated from services. Volunteers steered their personal boats through dangerous surf to bring them supplies.

In May, Kilauea sent lava through residential areas of Hawai'i Island's Puna district, shooting molten rock and gas through fissures in formerly quiet streets. Entire neighborhoods were evacuated, homes and property left to the mercy of nature.

In August, Hurricane Lane was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it skirted the island chain, but it brought flooding to Hawai'i Island, leaving even more students in financial distress.

The impact on UH students was dramatic, and it is still being felt on our campuses. Damaged vehicles caused transportation issues. Shifting living arrangements created new family responsibilities. The rippling effects on entire communities shuttered businesses and eliminated jobs. For many, logistical hardships, financial difficulty and mental fatigue made returning to school or enrolling for the first time impossible.

"I am not looking for handouts," wrote one student, "just a little bit of help to get me on my feet again, so I don't have to worry about where my kids' next meal is coming from, or if I'll have

enough money for medication this month, or enough gas to get to campus for final exams in two weeks."

Campuses have responded with financial assistance, counseling, and space in residence halls, helping students focus on schoolwork and long-term plans.

Along with concerned residents in Hawai'i's communities, Central Pacific Bank Foundation, Strada Education Network and Hawai'i Community Foundation stepped forward with emergency funding to help students hit by these extraordinary disasters to cover housing, food, scholarships, medical expenses, counseling services and other financial difficulties.

There's no predicting when disaster will throw our communities and our students' lives into chaos, but we thank our donors for reaching out when it does. Their generosity has helped students stay on track in achieving their educational goals.



Members of the Hawai'i Community Foundation and Strada Education Network enjoyed meeting Kaua'i CC student recipients.