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## It doesn't happen by chance.

A new physician enters medical practice debt-free and ready to serve her island community. A UH researcher restores a damaged coral reef. Local high school grads step onto 10 college campuses on seven Hawai'i islands, the first in their families to do so.



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These chapters begin when your passion meets the University of Hawai'i's mission. Every day, your belief in higher learning makes education attainable, affliction curable and justice accessible. Yet accessibility and cures are merely avenues on which these stories unfold. The real stories are transformed lives in our homes and neighborhoods.

Together, we have much more to set into motion, but in this annual report of the UH Foundation, we offer a look at several narratives in progress—stories you continue to make possible.

You and 19,217 other donors made 23,898 gifts, raising \$71,617,038 in fiscal year 2019 to support students, research and programs throughout UH!

In addition to building and nurturing impactful partnerships, you inspired us to think deeply about our mission and identity. We are proud to support UH: our work and success are integrally connected. With our mission guiding us, we embrace a “new” logo that may look rather familiar to you—the UH seal.

Your commitment makes us excited about the positive changes our organization is making. We look forward to working with you, writing new stories of transformation for our university.

Mahalo,

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## FOR OUR *students*

It's a steep challenge: two- and four-year degrees for 55 percent of Hawaii's working-aged residents by 2025. Yet UH is up to the task, with approaches from all angles, encouraging students at all stages of their journey and on every island.

Each year, a growing number of students set foot on our campuses for the first time, already armed with college credits and skills for success, thanks to early-start programs and bridge programs. Some are the first in their families to attend college, others are embarking on new careers. Still others return to complete degrees begun years ago.

The university's structures provide the avenues, while your donations clear the way for success in today's dynamic workforce. You make it possible for these students—wherever they are on the journey—to chase their ambitions.

# Early College gives high school students a flying start

The Early College program, a collaboration of the Hawai'i Department of Education and the UH System, is an initiative that gives students an opportunity to take college classes on their high school campuses.

Typically, Early College students learn from college professors in classes with their high school peers. Students who complete a college class receive high school and college credit.

The number of UH Early College classes is growing. It's an exciting trend, since research supports the tremendous potential for dual-credit programs to increase students' enrollment and persistence, and to close opportunity gaps for underserved populations.

ECMC Foundation and Pūlama Lāna'i are building on this partnership between UH, the DOE and other philanthropic partners such as the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, Kamehameha Schools and The Freeman Foundation.

## ECMC Foundation

ECMC Foundation awarded a generous grant to Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education to pilot a project to create online courses for Early College students at rural and remote schools. Hawai'i P-20, a statewide collaboration led by the Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawai'i Department of Education and UH,



*Rovy Anne Dipaysa, right, listens in her botany class at Leeward Community College. The Waipahu High School senior earned her AA from Leeward five months before graduating from high school.*

works to strengthen the education pipeline from early childhood through postsecondary education and training.

For high schools in rural communities, finding a qualified instructor to teach an Early College course for a handful of students is challenging, especially for areas where the commute from the nearest city is a 2-hour drive, or a 45-minute plane ride. Hawai'i P-20 is looking into offering online courses, where students from rural high schools can take a course together, as a solution and to leverage resources.

## Pūlama Lāna'i

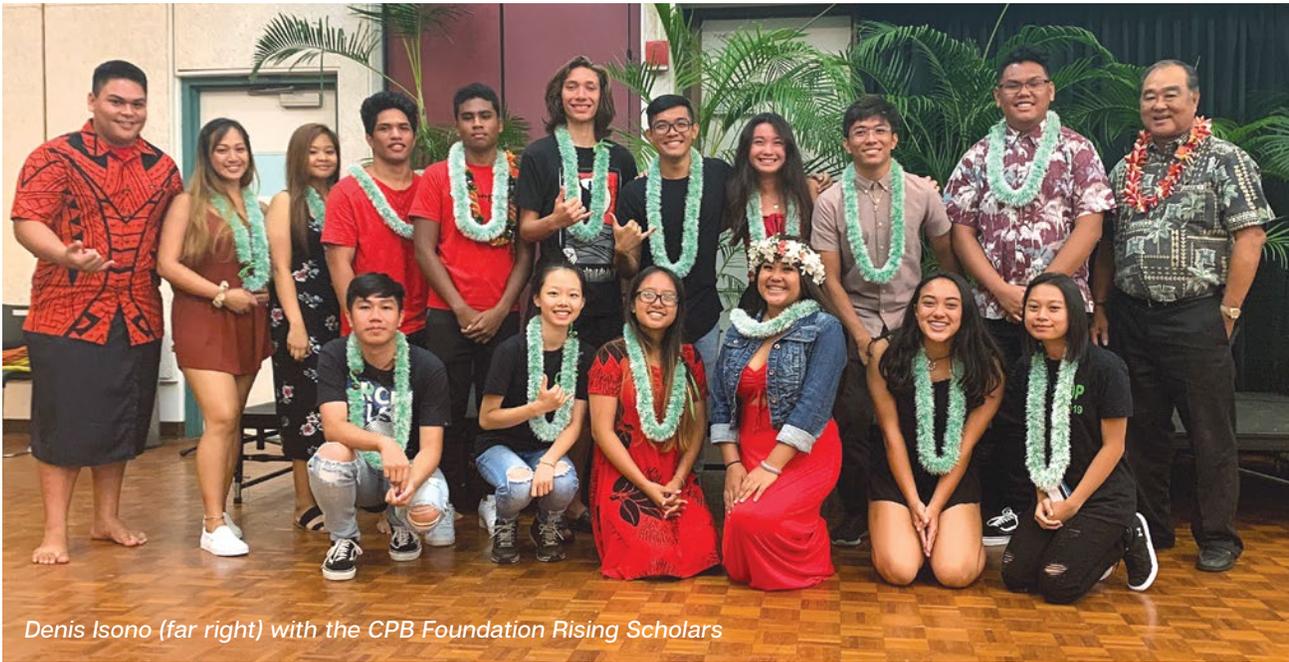
"College is all about my choices," said Leonard Valdez. "UH Maui College's Dual Enrollment Program at Lāna'i High School taught me that it's my choice to go to class or not, and it's my choice to study or not. I learned

to be responsible about how my choices will affect me."

When he turned his tassel on high school graduation day in 2017, he'd already accumulated 19 credits toward his bachelor's degree. Now he is on a fast track with intentions to declare a major in kinesiology and rehabilitation science.

Most Lāna'i Dual Enrollment classes meet at the Lāna'i Education Center, where computers, 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.

Pūlama Lāna'i contributes to students' tuition and books as well as a college-and-career fair and a recognition assembly for successful completion.



Denis Isono (far right) with the CPB Foundation Rising Scholars

# Opening doors for motivated students

The transition from high school to college can be challenging to navigate. Over the last 50 years, the College Opportunities Program at UH Mānoa has created a pathway for 3,800 Hawai‘i students who had the drive to enter university, but may not have met the minimum requirements.

COP students come from varying backgrounds. Director Michael Maglaya said, “Some were told by people close to them that there was no way they would succeed in college. Some could not see how they could pay for college. Some came from families where neither parent attended college.”

The statewide program provides a free six-week summer course requiring participants to live on campus and enroll in classes focused on upgrading academic

and social skills. Those who successfully complete the COP program are admitted to UH Mānoa in the fall semester and advance to COP’s First-Year Academic Program.

Since 2013, **Central Pacific Bank Foundation** has generously funded scholarships for COP students. In 2019, they pledged an additional

\$50,000 in scholarship support to celebrate COP’s 50th anniversary.

President of the Central Pacific Bank Foundation Denis Isono (BBA ’73 Mānoa) said, “We know these students are the leaders of tomorrow, and we’re proud to support a pathway to higher education and work readiness for their future career success.”



Students in the UH Mānoa College Opportunities Program, 1975

# Paving the way for engineering careers

The College of Engineering at UH Mānoa is dedicated to world-class education and research. Dean Brennon Morioka said, “Through our graduates and our research, we provide people and discoveries to transform lives and support vibrant, knowledge-based economies. We are inspired by the principles of sustainability and resilience.” Here are some of the donors partnering with the college to engineer a resilient Hawai‘i.

## Liu Family

Only 10 engineering students were permitted to leave China in 1947, and David Liu was among them. He worked his way through graduate school at Oregon State University, and he went on to become a licensed civil engineer and a pioneer in geotechnical engineering in the U.S.



As a partner in the firm of Dames & Moore, Hawai‘i’s first geotechnical engineering firm, he developed systems for building on O‘ahu’s coral formations. Landmarks such as the Ala Moana Hotel and the Ilikai Hotel bear his imprint.

In recognition of the importance of higher education, the Liu family established the David C. and May T. Liu Civil Engineering Fellowship for civil engineering graduate students focusing on geotechnical engineering.



## Hawaiian Electric

Hawaiian Electric supports programs encouraging students to pursue careers in STEM fields including the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentorship Program’s Freshman Bridge and the Engineering Student Ambassadors Program.

“A resilient future for Hawai‘i relies on building a workforce of technology innovators, critical thinkers and solution-oriented leaders,” said Scott Seu, Hawaiian

Electric senior vice president of public affairs.

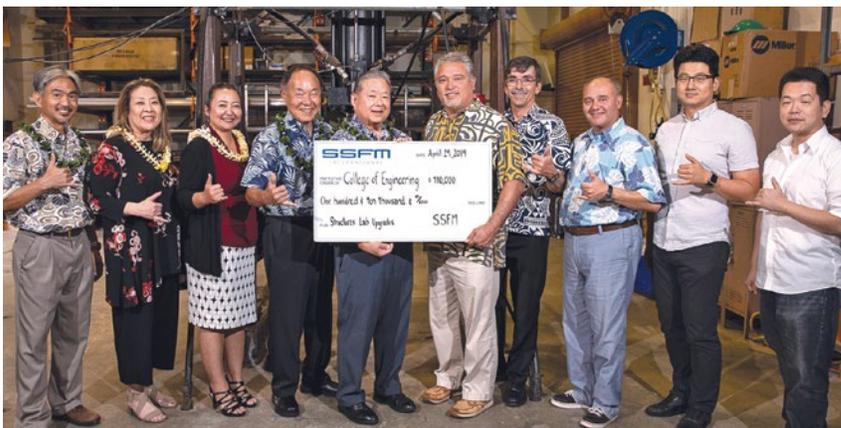
“This is why we support programs providing opportunities for our students to cultivate their interest in the STEM fields and prepare them for success.”

## SSFm International

SSFm International made a new gift to support the structural engineering program.

“SSFm started as a structures firm and our roots with UH run deep,” said SSFM President and CEO Michael Matsumoto (BS ‘67 Mānoa).

“We know that hundreds of students will benefit from new equipment, which will prepare them for successful structural engineering careers.”





*UH Mānoa civil engineering graduate students test the rheology of sustainable, cementless geopolymer concrete.*



## Grateful alumna credits accounting school at Shidler

Carolyn L. Ching (BBA '72 Mānoa) made a gift commitment to name the A Tower auditorium, one of the largest rooms at the Shidler College of Business. She also made a generous bequest commitment to create an endowed scholarship for Shidler students.

"I credit the Shidler College of Business, and specifically the School of Accountancy, for providing me with a great education and equipping me for a challenging and satisfying profession," said Ching. "I am so grateful for all the benefits I received from the school."

Ching joined the international CPA firm Arthur Young (now EY) and worked her way up to principal. She then started her own CPA firm more than 20 years ago called Hee and Ching CPAs, LLC.

## UH partners with donors to increase opportunities for working adults

For more than a decade, UH has aligned its strategic plans and initiatives with Hawai'i's educational attainment goal: 55 percent of working age adults having a 2- or 4-year college degree by 2025.

Of Hawai'i's 25- to 44-year-old working-age adults, 24 percent have some college but have not yet earned a degree. This includes 34,000 who started at one of 10 UH campuses in the last five years.

Many of Hawai'i's adult learners struggle to make ends meet, which competes for their time, energy and finances in pursuing education and training. UH is committed to increasing educational opportunities for them and is reaching out to these residents to help them return and complete their degrees.

Donors are key partners in this effort. They make an impact with scholarships, mentoring, and developing needed infrastructure and flexible programs that reduce barriers and fuel success.

Two national funders are supporting UH's efforts to urge Hawai'i residents with some college to return and earn a credential.

### Lumina Foundation

A generous grant from Lumina Foundation is supporting UH's statewide efforts to:

- Implement outreach/public awareness campaigns to encourage adults to come back to UH to finish their degrees.
- Provide streamlined services tailored to the needs of these students, many of whom are working full-time and have family obligations. These services include personalized advising, credit for prior learning opportunities and expanded online learning options.
- Use design thinking and a systems approach to revamp student support systems including changing policies, procedures and practices to better support returning students.

### Crankstart

Crankstart supports adult students returning to UH Mānoa, UH West O'ahu and UH Hilo with the Crankstart Reentry scholarships.

Building on the successful model of the Osher Lifelong Learning Reentry scholarships, the Crankstart award supports non-traditional, low-income and underserved students.

The scholarship specifically supports students returning to complete their first undergraduate degrees who are ideally between the ages of 25 and 50.



UH Maui College commencement, spring 2019

## Scholarships give UH Maui students a new beginning

UH Maui College's 2019 commencement student speaker shared more than words of wisdom when she graduated with her accounting degree. **Carla-Mae Bailey** (BAS '19, AAS '16) created a scholarship to assist students going through difficult life transitions, and to help them with a new beginning.

As a student, Bailey received tremendous support from the college when she was going through a challenging life transition. Her scholarship was one of seven new scholarships created by donors this year for UH Maui College students. Other

new scholarships include the Aloha Makena Scholarship and the Rich Serbin ECET/ENGT scholarship.

Makena Golf and Beach Club funded the Aloha Makena Scholarship to support a student in sustainable science management, agriculture or Hawaiian studies.

Computer scientist Rich Serbin established a scholarship for students in the engineering technology or electronic and computer engineering technology programs.

Memorial scholarships were also established to remember Evelyn Correa, the first emergency room nurse at Maui Memorial and



*Jennifer Chrupalyk (right) receives Carla-Mae Bailey's (left) inaugural scholarship at UH Maui College.*

James Bandeaux, loving husband, father and friend, who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Through these scholarships these special people's values will live on.

# Sisters of Wakaba Kai strengthen ties

Audrey Lee (Endo) (MA '82, Mānoa) was among potential pledges in the tranquil Japanese Tea Garden at Queen Emma Gardens in 1974, when members of the Wakaba Kai sorority lifted their voices to welcome them in song.

“My heart was captivated by the true friendship they offered us, if we chose to pledge,” she recalls.

“Little did I know or even comprehend how this college experience would create a lifelong opportunity to know friends I had never met before, and some I have yet to meet today.”

Lee is the first president of the **Wakaba Kai Alumni Association**, formed in 2017 for members of the now-defunct sorority.

The sorority’s honorary adviser, Lillian Yajima, had wished for years to perpetuate the Wakaba

Kai legacy, and she called upon alumni to continue the story of Wakaba Kai Sorority.

Wakaba Kai was organized as a club at UH Mānoa in 1927, when the school’s Dean of Women felt a need for ethnic organizations celebrating and perpetuating different cultures on campus.

It was originally a community service organization promoting Japanese culture, but at the beginning of World War II, all ethnic clubs at Mānoa disbanded.

In 1949, students interested in restarting Wakaba Kai as a sorority asked Yajima, an original club member, to be their adviser. The group promoted friendship among members and interest in Japanese culture, encouraged participation in extracurricular activities, and served UH and its community.

Although it is no longer a registered campus organization, many members stay in touch, continuing the relationships formed during a pivotal point in their lives.

Wakaba Kai sisters from across the decades formed the alumni association following a reunion luncheon suggested by Yajima, 90 years after the club’s origins, and organized by younger sisters from the 1990s. Renewing its commitment to the mission, they established the Wakaba Kai Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship.

UH Mānoa students pursuing degrees related to Japanese Studies and involved in service perpetuating Japanese culture will receive assistance from the women who studied before them, at the same campus where the sisters formed special bonds strengthened by the passing years.



*Sisters of the Wakaba Kai Alumni Association*



Photo by Raiatea Arcuri, UH Hilo

## FOR OUR *families*

They aren't just nurses, physicians, social workers, teachers and pharmacists graduating from UH. They are our friends and neighbors—Hawai'i's people aspiring to a vision of the islands where suffering is alleviated, disease is cured and poverty is defeated. Hawai'i strives to improve the quality of life for all its people, with new strategies developed by science and cultural wisdom preserved through the ages.

Your commitment lets new physicians graduate without debt, making it feasible for them to practice in their island home. Your donations teach communities to take precautions against opioid abuse. Your gifts recruit future educators in response to teacher shortages in rural areas.

Together, you and the University of Hawai'i work toward an even better place for our families to live, grow and learn.

# Addressing Hawai‘i’s physician shortage

To address Hawai‘i’s growing physician shortage, healthcare leaders work with UH to help students graduate with minimal debt, enhancing their ability to stay and practice throughout the islands.

## Hawai‘i Pacific Health

Hawai‘i Pacific Health funded tuition for five new JABSOM students, following its 2018 identical commitment of five scholarships, in collaboration with philanthropists Barry and Virginia Weinman and other donors.

“JABSOM medical students graduate with an average debt of \$169,000,” Hawai‘i Pacific Health President and CEO Ray Vara said.

The debt is a barrier to practicing medicine in Hawai‘i, where physician reimbursement is lower than in many parts of the nation, and practice expenses and the cost of living are higher.

“Through partnerships supporting medical education, we can keep more of our excellent students at home while serving a real community need,” said Vara.

## Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente Hawai‘i’s full-tuition scholarships for five Hawai‘i residents supports students intending to practice in Hawai‘i’s rural, underserved communities, addressing health disparities in our state.



*First-year MD students learn how to perform an endotracheal intubation. Photo by Deborah Manog Dimaya.*

Kaiser Permanente now provides pre-clinical and clinical training at Moanalua Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente facilities, making it a full teaching partner.

This private/public partnership increased JABSOM enrollment by five medical students for the 2019-23 cohort.

“JABSOM physicians are particularly dedicated to improving health equity and eliminating care disparities in our communities,” said Geoff Sewell, MD, FACP, president and executive medical director for Hawai‘i Permanente Medical Group. “We’re thrilled by this partnership’s potential for the health of Hawai‘i’s people.”

## The Queen’s Health Systems

Since 2002, The Queen’s Health Systems awards stipends allowing

12 ‘Imi Ho‘ōla students each year to focus exclusively on academics during the rigorous 12-month program. The medical education “boot camp” enables students from underserved communities to enter JABSOM upon completion.

“Queen’s deeply values its relationship with JABSOM and our efforts to prepare tomorrow’s leaders in the medical field,” said Jill Hoggard Green, RN, PhD, president and CEO.

Queen’s also provides full-tuition scholarships to three 2019 ‘Imi Ho‘ōla graduates. This is in addition to its 2018 commitment of 6.75 full-tuition scholarships, in collaboration with the Weinmans.

“We are pleased to announce we will continue support of the ‘Imi Ho‘ōla program and scholarships,” said Hoggard Green.

# UH Hilo fights opioid epidemic with help from AmerisourceBergen

Unused medications in households and at care facilities expose residents to potential harm due to mistaken ingestion and increase the likelihood of theft and assault.

Nationally, more than 71,000 children under age 19 are admitted to emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over-the-counter drugs annually. The problem can add to drug abuse in young adults and teens.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo received funding from the **Amerisource-Bergen Foundation**, a not-for-profit charitable organization focused on supporting health-related causes that enrich the global community, to support its efforts to help the community confront opioid addiction.

The award will help fund educational events as well as offer

simple alternatives to dispose of unused medications.

“Since 2012, DKICP has been involved in events promoting medication return,” Dean Carolyn Ma said. “At our 2018 fall health fair in Hilo, we collected 34 pounds of medication with the Hawai‘i State Narcotics Enforcement Division in their take-back program, and this initiative will give us more opportunities to offer this option to Hawai‘i residents.”

Ma emphasized that many people don’t realize that unused drugs in their medicine cabinet can lead to accidental overdoses or intentional misuse by anyone with access.

“How to dispose of unused medications safely in a manner responsible to our ‘aina is a common question. This funding will expand our ability to educate our community and highlight our expertise,” she added.



## Nursing alumni raise scholarship support for UH

On April 11, 2019, the UH Mānoa Nursing Alumni Association hosted the 2019 Alumni Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i.

More than 180 guests attended to honor two 2019 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, Mimi Harris (MS '89, BS '76) and Gail Kanegawa (BS '87, AS '85), and two 2019 Outstanding Young Alumni recipients Andrew Moats (MS '07) and Jennifer Morita (DNP '15, MS '12, MS '02, BA '00).

The alumni chapter raised funds to support nursing endowed scholarships and student awards.



# Hawaii-Pacific Foundation focuses on Native Hawaiians

**Hawaii-Pacific Foundation, Inc.** has established several funds to help the UH Mānoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work’s initiatives addressing health and social disparities facing many Native Hawaiian families.

“We are deeply appreciative of the support from the Hawaii-Pacific Foundation, Inc. in partnering with us to build a community-based and culturally-anchored workforce,” said the school’s Dean Noreen Mokuau (MSW ’77, BA ’75 Mānoa).

“This will be accomplished with responsiveness to the needs of the diverse populations of Hawai‘i, and with unique *kuleana* (responsibility) to the needs of Native Hawaiians,” she said.



*Two Ke A'o Mau participants with Dean Noreen Mokuau (center) at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work Convocation, 2019.*

“We believe that our shared commitment is a reflection of university-community partnerships vital to the health and resiliency of Hawai‘i.”

The Hawaii-Pacific Foundation is also one of UH West O‘ahu’s Educational Pathways programs’ supporters.

“Their gifts help fund the program, which takes a grow-your-own approach to solving a teacher shortage in Leeward O‘ahu and on the Wai‘anae Coast,” said Dr. Camille Hampton (EdD ’17, MEd ’09, BBA ’01 Mānoa, AA ’99 Leeward), head of the program at UHWO.

The pathway program’s goals include increasing the number of students from West O‘ahu entering the field of education, expanding the number of students at UHWO pursuing a teaching degree, and increasing the number of UHWO graduates teaching at area schools.



*Representatives from the Hawaii-Pacific Foundation met with Chancellor Maenette Benham (EdD ’93 Mānoa). Image courtesy of UHWO Staff.*



## FOR OUR *future*

Living in the middle of the Pacific means constant stewardship of the gifts our islands provide. Vigilance against human carelessness, foresight toward catastrophe and resilience in the face of whatever may come our way are critical, even while we address the unique cultural and societal relationships our geographic location implies.

Dedicated to world-class education and research, UH serves the needs of the present without jeopardizing the needs of the future. Coral reefs are restored, endangered plants are protected, native birds fly again in forests where they were once abundant. Meanwhile, local businesses expand into sections of the economy once dependent on container ships bringing goods from thousands of miles away, as demand grows worldwide for ideas and products born in Hawai'i.

With your gift, you uncover the mysteries of the earth, bring relief to people's suffering, reveal the hidden complexities of human interaction, and bring us closer every day to a better understanding of ourselves and each other. The body of the world's knowledge grows every day because of you.

Corals growing in the lagoon habitat at Kure Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Photo by John Burns



## Gates Coral Lab defined by resilience

Building on its commitment to funding innovation and solving global challenges, the **Annenberg Foundation** is supporting the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology Gates Coral Lab at the University of Hawai'i.

The Gates Coral Lab, established by world-renowned scientist Dr. Ruth Gates, expands the basic understanding of how coral reefs function and leads the effort to protect and conserve these beautiful, important—but threatened—ecosystems.

The award from explore.org, a direct charitable activity of the Annenberg Foundation, continues Gates's legacy of preserving

coral reefs in the face of warming seas by examining the extent to which coral reefs will adapt and why some corals are more resistant to bleaching.

Monitoring Kāne'ōhe Bay's unique coral reef ecosystems will provide baseline data on how climate change affects corals. The Gates Lab will provide digital accessibility of its open data.

The Gates Coral Lab works on coral reefs and the tropical marine ecosystems protecting coastlines, supporting tourism and providing nutrition to communities around the world. It focuses on biological traits defining the differences in resilience among corals and reefs.



Photo by Elyse Butler

“We have lost 50 percent of the world's coral reefs in the last three decades. If we do nothing, more than 90 percent of coral reefs will die by 2050.”

**Dr. Ruth Gates (1962-2018)**

# Saving Hawai'i's rarest plant species from extinction

Hawai'i is often referred to as the "extinction capital of the world." Home to 45 percent of all federal-listed endangered species in the U.S., Hawai'i has already lost 10 percent of its native flora to extinction.

The Plant Extinction Prevention Program is a project of UH Mānoa's Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit with a mission to preserve Hawai'i's rarest plant species through collaboration and teamwork. PEPP aims to address the extinction crisis in Hawai'i by focusing its conservation actions on 236 species with fewer than 50 plants remaining in the wild, with the highest risk of extinction. It works on all islands to remove invasive species and to plant native species.

"With so many plant species in such low numbers, our priority is to find more plants and to monitor them to ensure there are no

imminent threats," PCSU Deputy Director Dr. Clifford Morden said. "If there are threats, we take immediate action to protect them. Then we collect propagules so their genes can be preserved at an off-site facility if the wild plants die."

Through these focused recovery actions, PEPP implements recovery for more than 200 endangered plant species each year. This year, private support from Patagonia, Hawai'i Community Foundation, and the BAND Foundation has been essential to PEPP's work.

The **BAND Foundation** made a gift to prevent the extinction of 30 of Hawai'i's rarest plant species in the most remote regions on five of the main Hawaiian Islands. The funds provided helicopter transport for urgently needed, high-priority plant recovery actions. This recovery would not

otherwise be possible because of the plants' remote location and inaccessibility.

**Patagonia** funded the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle technology (i.e., drones) to survey coastal and interior cliffs of the Kohala Mountains on Hawai'i Island for two endangered species. The key to the survival of both species is finding more individual plants.

Locating and protecting the plants through traditional survey methods involves many helicopter trips into remote sites, weeks of bushwhacking and long, exploratory (and often unproductive) rappels, which are dangerous, time-consuming and expensive. With video-mounted UAVs, PEPP can quickly reach the plants in most desperate need of protection in a relatively safe and cost-effective way.



*Susan Ching Harbin of O'ahu  
PEPP puts on an air layer.*



*The ‘alalā, or Hawaiian crow, is critically endangered.*

*Photo by Ann Tanimoto  
(BS '10, MS '14 Hilo)*

## Donors helping to protect sounds of the forest

Nearly six million years ago, a small flock of finches arrived in the Hawaiian Islands and evolved into at least 55 species of birds known as the Hawaiian honeycreepers. They are among the most beautiful and diverse groups of birds in the world, and also the most threatened.

The primary reason for the continued decline of honeycreepers is mosquito-transmitted diseases like avian malaria and avian pox.

**Hawaii Forest & Trail**, a tour company with a strong conservation mission, made a gift to the UH Hilo Biology Department to support research and technologies

to reduce mosquito populations and suppress the spread of avian diseases in Hawai‘i.

“I believe we are getting very close to actually having the technology to save many of our remaining Hawaiian forest birds. Gifts like this are critically important in making this a reality,” said Patrick J. Hart (PhD ’00 Mānoa), Chair & Professor of Biology at UH Hilo.

A team from the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science program and the Biology Department at UH Hilo received support from the **Disney Conservation Fund** for its work in promoting the

successful conservation of the critically endangered ‘alalā or Hawaiian crow.

The ‘alalā has great cultural and ecological significance for the people of Hawai‘i and the forests where they live and were once found. An endemic species once found in forests throughout Hawai‘i, the ‘alalā has been extinct in the wild since 2002.

Through intensive conservation efforts, ‘alalā raised in captivity have been released into native forests, representing what conservationists hope will be the start of a self-sustaining population of wild ‘alalā.

# ‘Imiloa expands wayfinding outreach

**Ama OluKai Foundation** has supported wayfinding-themed outreach programming at UH Hilo’s ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center for the past five years. This world-class museum and planetarium complex showcases scientific discoveries within the framework of native Hawaiian traditions of navigation and exploration.

“The Ama OluKai Foundation and its board have been proud to support ‘Imiloa since we were founded in 2014. Our mission is to honor non-profit organizations who preserve and celebrate the cultural heritage of Hawai‘i,” said Dan McInerney, executive director of Ama OluKai Foundation.

“Wayfinding and the science of discovery are important chapters in this rich cultural history. There is no better organization dedicated to this endeavor and educational outreach than ‘Imiloa.”



Support from the Ama OluKai Foundation allowed the center to extend its unique brand of Hawaiian culture-based science programming—including MANU (Modern and Ancient Ways of Navigating Our Universe) ‘Imiloa—across the state of Hawai‘i and even to the East Coast.

In 2019, the foundation made it possible for ‘Imiloa to expand

its signature Wayfinding and Navigation Festival from one day to a month-long event.

The festival is designed to educate the Hawai‘i Island community about the rich history of Polynesian voyaging. It also honors the accomplishments of modern-day navigators who are reviving and perpetuating this important tradition.



Russell & Valerie Hata, center, celebrate the new Y. Hata lab at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific.

## CIP keeps growing with local partners' support

**Y. Hata** began as a mom-and-pop operation in Hilo in 1913. Founder Yoichi Hata transformed his backyard business into a statewide foodservice distribution network.

Three generations later, Y. Hata is still an innovative family business whose forward thinking means investing in Hawai'i's culinary future.

This year the company sponsored the Y. Hata & Co. Advanced Pacific Regional Cuisine Lab at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, a working kitchen with eight complete cooking stations for Hawai'i's next wave of chefs.

Valerie Hata said, "We want our culinary students to have facilities and opportunities to take them wherever they want to go."

Culinary students have also been helped through generous support from the **Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Foundation**.



Takitani Foundation presents its full gift to CIP.

To recognize their contribution to construction and programs of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific, the innovation center building at CIP will be named the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Innovation Center.

Mamoru and Aiko Takitani, founders of Hawaiian Host, created the Takitani Foundation to express their appreciation to the

local community for its support of Hawaiian Host products.

Since its inception, the Takitani Foundation has provided scholarships to Hawai'i students who exemplify the qualities of hard work, high academic achievement, commitment to excellence, and community service, values the Takitanis lived by.

# Feeding Maui's up-and-coming "foodpreneurs"

**Maui Wine** and **Koholā Brewery** made gifts to support the Maui Food Innovation Center, a unique in-state incubator fostering agribusiness and "foodpreneurs" acceleration and education.

Part of UH Maui College, MFIC assists the community with technological expertise, innovative training, consultation, a manufacturing facility and a resource hub for new and established food entrepreneurs endeavoring to bring their products to market locally, regionally and nationally.

Ian Elumba (BA '97 Mānoa), co-owner of Koholā Brewery said, "Koholā Brewery supports the Maui Food Innovation Center because we share the vision of building a stronger and

sustainable Maui by supporting local entrepreneurs, agribusiness, food manufacturing and growth in our local economy."

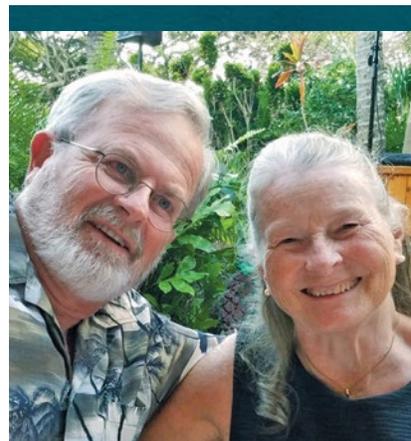
"I have had the privilege of running the only winery on Maui for many years, and there is nothing easy about it," said Paula Hegele, owner of Maui Wine. "I know that the winery would not be what it is today, if it had not been for the help I have received."

She sees MFIC not only as a manufacturing facility, but as the place where everyone comes together to learn and connect.

"Opportunities will emerge for farmers, manufacturers and emerging entrepreneurs from this gathering place," Hegele said.



*Brittney and Eric Cruz receive feedback on their Salsa Cruz products through "speed dating" at the Food Akamai Food Launch*



## Life-long interest blossoms with botany scholarship

Later in life, Dr. Patricia Fallbeck and Dr. Thomas Timmons moved to Hawai'i and became Master Gardeners, following their life-long interests in botany and ethnobotany.

They are instrumental in maintaining the Master Gardener Program for the County Extension Office, and they have established and worked in many gardening programs throughout Kaua'i.

To give the students of Kaua'i every opportunity to participate in a field critical to the survival of the island, they created a scholarship endowment for students pursuing a degree or certificate in Hawaiian botany, biological sciences, plant biology and tropical agriculture or sustainability science at Kaua'i CC.

## Encouraging vocational studies & reusable resources

Native Hawaiian organization **Alaka'ina Foundation** established the Alaka'ina Foundation UH Community College Technical Education Scholarship for students pursuing vocational or technical education studies at any of the seven UH community colleges.

This new gift builds on positive impact the Alaka'ina Foundation has already made at UH. Other gifts include supporting pre-engineering students transferring

from Kaua'i CC to UH Mānoa and the Kaua'i CC Innovation Center. Alaka'ina Foundation also generously supports Kaua'i CC Cognition Learning Center (COGS), a remarkable volunteer enterprise where students, faculty and staff join hands to develop technologies that leverage reusable resources.

"Alaka'ina in Hawaiian means leadership, and our mission at the Alaka'ina Foundation is to

build and promote leadership and education initiatives for *nā pua o Hawai'i*, or the youth of Hawai'i," said Philip Kahue (BA '84 Mānoa), executive director of the Alaka'ina Foundation.

"We strive to develop a new generation of leaders, especially among those who live in rural areas, who have the aptitude, attitude and vision to lead our communities and our nation in the future."



Kaua'i CC carpentry students



## New hall ends 15-year quest for legal service space

A ceremony dedicating the UH Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law’s new Clinical Building on Sept. 6, 2019, featured a Hawaiian blessing and words of gratitude. The celebration ended a 15-year quest for space to provide practical training for law students, while also providing access to justice for members of the community.

The building will house clinics providing direct service to clients in the community, with law faculty guiding students as they

learn to work with real people on real problems.

Honolulu attorney **Mark Davis** led the campaign to raise funds from donors, and his Davis Levin Livingston law firm and foundation provided a leadership gift.

Davis stressed the unprecedented generosity of the legal community, and he emphasized that the new building will be a place “where students learn to be lawyers—courtroom lawyers.”

“The justice system is going to

depend on things like this for students to learn how to deliver justice, and learn how to use the justice system,” he said.

“Within the pillars of our democracy, our law schools have a special responsibility. The courtroom remains a venue for civil discourse. To maintain a viable civil justice system, this building is important.”

The project was a combined effort of the law school, UH administrators and the Hawai‘i state legislature. 120 donors gave over \$4 million, including 13 law firms and four foundations. Half of the private funding went to the new building, with the remainder refurbishing areas in the existing 40-year-old building.

The school provides thousands of hours of free legal assistance annually to some of the state’s most vulnerable people, including elders, veterans, youths, immigrants, prisoners and families living at or below poverty levels.



*Mark & Janie Davis and family at the opening ceremony*

# alumni IN ACTION

Whether they're cheering on the 'Bows at Homecoming or enjoying pūpū and drinks in the heart of Portland, our alumni embody the spirit of Hawai'i no matter where they are. They number 325,000 around the world, a growing family of ambassadors who are our pride and proof of the value of a UH education.

## Mānoa Homecoming 2019

Go 'Bows! The alumni team kicked off Homecoming 2019 festivities with the first-ever Homecoming Alumni Pau Hana on Sept. 19 at Honolulu Beerworks in Kaka'ako. Guests had exclusive access to the Beer Garden, where they could mingle with fellow alumni, enjoy pūpū and reminisce about their college days.

Homecoming festivities continued Sept. 20 with the third-annual Picnic on the Path event at UH Mānoa's Legacy Path. Students, alumni, faculty and staff enjoyed live DJ entertainment, giveaways, guest appearances by Head Coach Nick Rolovich (BA '05 Mānoa), Provost Michael Bruno, the UH Band, the UH Cheer Team and the Rainbow Warrior Dancers.



## Maui Bitters & Bites

UH alumni and friends on Maui were treated to an evening of indulgence at the Bitters & Bites event at Andaz Maui. Guests were wowed by a three-course meal crafted by UH Maui College alumnus Chef Jon Pasion (AAS '10) and perfectly-paired cocktails by the Andaz Maui mixology team. Along with an exclusive cooking demonstration by Chef Jon, guests also enjoyed a sneak preview of new fashion designs by UH Maui College alumni Anna Kahalekulu (AAS '15) and August Milan (AAS '15).

## History of surfing

On June 13, UH alumni and friends gathered at the UH Mānoa Art Auditorium for a very special sold-out presentation by renowned historians and alumni John Clark (BA '76, MPA '94 Mānoa) and Ian 'Akahi Masterson (AA '01 Windward, MA '10 Mānoa). Clark, pictured at right, and Masterson, left, delved into the history of traditional Hawaiian surf sports and their cultural significance. The evening concluded with an in-depth, lively Q&A session.



## Portland alumni reception

The first-ever Portland Alumni Reception was a success! On Sept. 11, alumni and friends gathered at North 45 in Portland for a special pau hana hosted by President David Lassner. It was a pleasure seeing some familiar faces, making new friends and strengthening ties to our Portland 'ohana.



## Hānai Host program hike

They say it takes a village, and on Sept. 7, friends, significant others, keiki and pets of the Hānai Host Program mentors and mentees all came together to hike Maku-pu'u Lighthouse. We are so grateful to our 200 faculty, staff and alumni volunteers who create a loving and caring environment to support our incoming UH Mānoa first-year students from the mainland.

## Washington alumni celebration

Ahead of the Sept. 14 football game against the University of Washington, UH alumni and friends in the Evergreen State gathered at Cast Iron Studios in Bellevue for an evening of food, fun and UH spirit hosted in partnership with Hawai'i Tourism.

Guests enjoyed live entertainment by the Hawaiian Airlines Serenaders and appearances by President David Lassner, Athletics Director David Matlin (MBA '97 Mānoa) and Head Coach Nick Rolovich along with the UH Cheer Team.



# UH Foundation Financial Report

JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019

By partnering with donors, the University of Hawai'i Foundation has raised \$71,617,038 this fiscal year to benefit University of Hawai'i students, faculty, research and programs.

## DOLLARS SPENT (IN 000s)

### 2019 Distributions to UH

PROGRAM SERVICES	
Research . . . . .	\$11,397
Student aid and services . . . . .	\$10,890
Special programs . . . . .	\$8,075
Academic support . . . . .	\$7,375
Faculty and staff support . . . . .	\$3,309
Athletics . . . . .	\$2,785
Extension and public services . . . . .	\$1,036
Capital projects . . . . .	\$697
Other . . . . .	\$677
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$46,241</b>
SUPPORTING SERVICES	
Development . . . . .	\$8,703
Administrative, management & fiscal services . . . . .	\$5,503
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$14,206</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$60,447</b>

## BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2019 (IN 000s)

### Assets

Cash & equivalents . . . . .	\$19,771
Contributions receivable . . . . .	\$35,811
Prepaid expenses and other receivables . . . . .	\$2,073
Property & equipment . . . . .	\$10,386
Investments . . . . .	\$439,690
Interest in trusts held by others . . . . .	\$31,917
Other assets . . . . .	\$3,700

**TOTAL ASSETS: \$543,348**

### Liabilities & Net Assets

LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$8,553
Liabilities under split-interest agreements . . . . .	\$12,529
Amounts held for others . . . . .	\$4,362
Long-term debt . . . . .	\$8,200
Other liabilities . . . . .	\$668

**TOTAL LIABILITIES \$34,312**

NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions . . . . .	\$4,640
With donor restrictions . . . . .	\$504,396

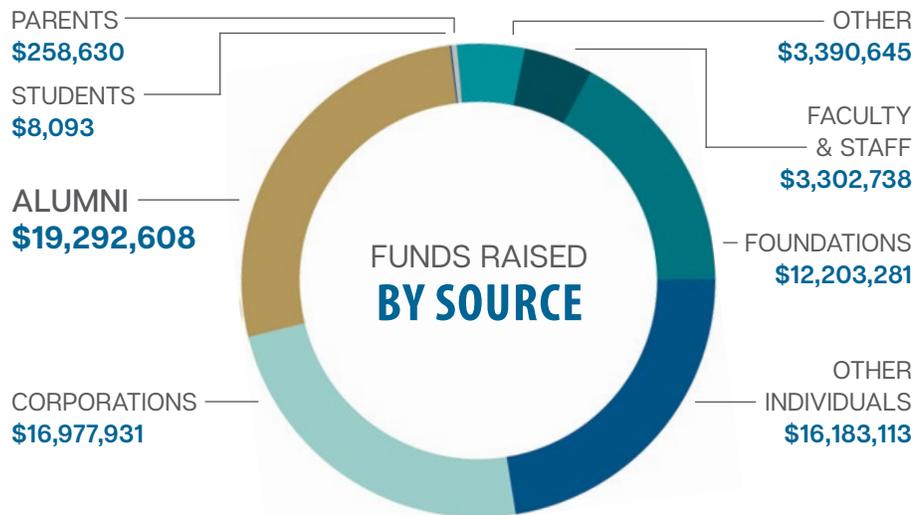
**TOTAL NET ASSETS \$509,036**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS: \$543,348**

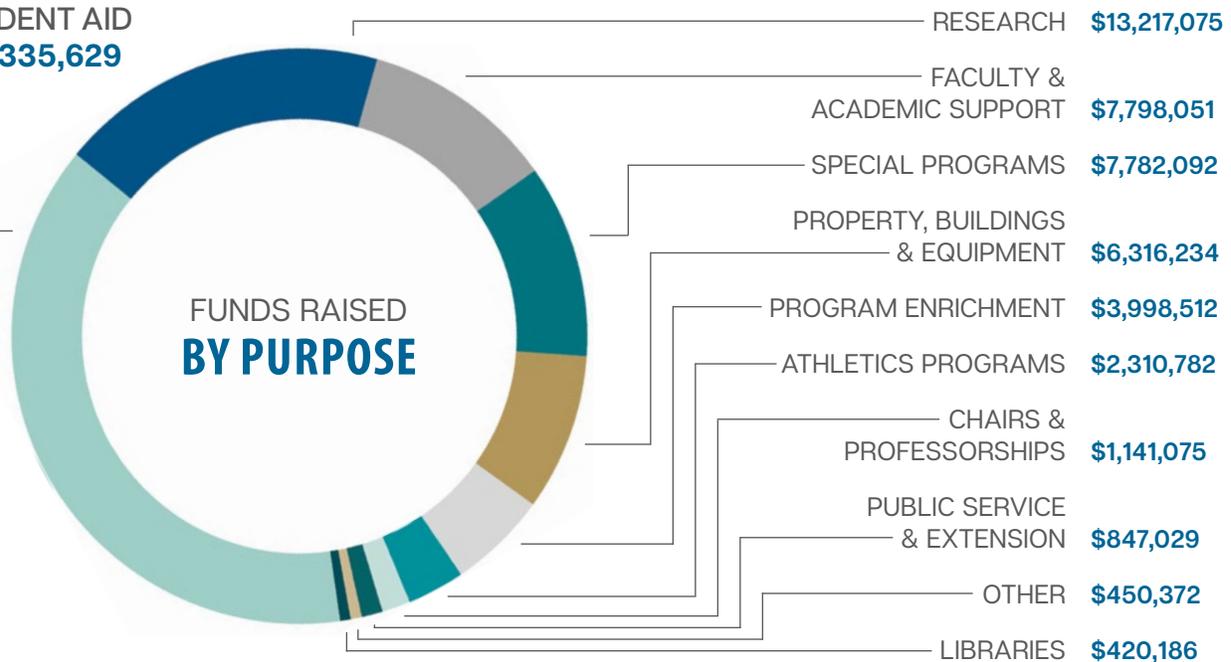


FUNDS RAISED FOR UH IN FY19:

**\$71.6 MILLION**



STUDENT AID  
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