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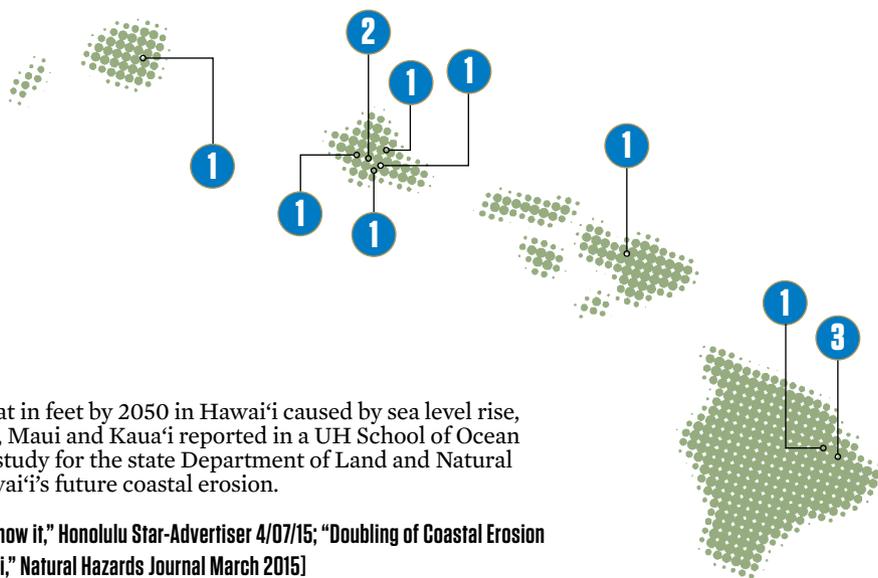
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Estimated maximum shoreline retreat in feet by 2050 in Hawai'i caused by sea level rise, using data from 10 beaches on O'ahu, Maui and Kaua'i reported in a UH School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology study for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources to assess and plan for Hawai'i's future coastal erosion.

["Constant beach loss will alter Hawaii as we know it," Honolulu Star-Advertiser 4/07/15; "Doubling of Coastal Erosion Under Rising Sea Level by Mid-Century in Hawaii," Natural Hazards Journal March 2015]

1 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

"So we're really talking about a sizable proportion of transfer students."

Jason Taylor, principal investigator of Credit When It's Due (CWID) Program, national funder of reverse transfer programs, of the estimated 40 percent of transfer students nationwide currently who don't earn a bachelor's (or any college) degree. Developing software to track student data to automatically award two-year associate degrees to those who complete credit requirements between more than one institution, UH leads the nation, among the first 12 CWID-funded reverse transfer states. It has doubled associate degrees awarded with an 18 percent average annual increase compared to 2 to 5 percent in other states.

["UH using reverse transfer to award two-year diplomas," Honolulu Star-Advertiser 1/12/16; <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2016/01/12/uh-leads-the-nation-with-reverse-transfer-program/>]

2 LEEWARD QUALIFIED CARE FOR AUTISTIC KEIKI

Families with an autistic child, take heart. Starting this fall, a new, and UH system's only, registered behavioral technician (RBT) course will offer the rigorous training for credentialed specialists to provide proven, safe and developmentally appropriate treatments for their child to gain greater self-sufficiency. Responding to a state mandate, referred to as Luke's Law and effective January 1st, Leeward's RBT course complements the law's requirement that insurance companies cover qualifying treatment fees up to \$25,000 annually until a child turns 14. With about 3,000 autistic children in Hawai'i and only 76 RBTs, this course can offer families seeking affordable care greater peace of mind as a mandated credential requirement for paraprofessionals directly implementing applied behavior analysis (ABA) services for autistic children. For qualified students, the eight-week course at \$120, offered online, is the state's most affordable RBT training.

"We're excited to equip educators with successful ABA and other evidence-based therapies shown to promote positive academic, behavioral and social outcomes that give autistic children the best opportunity to improve their lives," says Leeward Education Program Instructor Christina Keaulana, of RBT as an internationally recognized and highly marketable special education credential.

For more information: Christina Keaulana at 808-455-0487 or ctk8@hawaii.edu

3 HILO SLOWING SUPERBUGS

With more than half of antibiotics (the best known of antimicrobial drugs) overused or misused and 1 in 7 hospital-acquired infections nationwide caused by “superbugs” resistant to these drugs, Hilo’s Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) has partnered with the state Department of Health-funded Hawaii Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative to establish one of the nation’s first ASPs (antimicrobial stewardship programs) at Hawai’i hospitals statewide—and ahead of an anticipated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention national mandate. “Pharmacists lead most ASPs as pharmaceutical experts on what drug is best for what bacteria,” says Roy Goo, assistant professor in DKICP’s Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Based at Kaua’i’s Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Goo heads Hilo’s newest college’s ASP efforts initiated in 2014. With three other faculty located at hospitals on Hawai’i, Maui and O’ahu, the program oversees about 80 UH pharmacy students statewide who gain real-life experiences and a new progressive perspective on antimicrobials as future pharmacists by screening and developing appropriate regimen recommendations for patients on high-risk or high-cost antimicrobials.

“Bacteria continually evolve resistance, while not enough new drugs are being produced,” says Goo. “We need to slow the pace of resistance with appropriate use of these important drugs to ensure patient and community health.”



OUT OF ROCK — Traditional offerings of stone completed the ‘ahu or stone structure where the “summits and oceans intersect” at the new Pālanuui campus in West Hawai’i, as part of its February 26, 2016 Moku Ka Piko ceremony, which blesses and dedicates a newly constructed home. Now home to approximately 400 students, Pālanuui is Hawai’i Community College’s first permanent campus to serve residents on the west side of Hawai’i Island.

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Percent loss of agricultural cropland acreage statewide over 35 years (from 350,833 in 1980 to 151,831 in 2015), based on 15 crop categories surveyed at farms and ranches by UH Hilo Spatial Data Analysis and Visualization Lab, using geographic information systems

technology, aerial imagery, field visits, interviews and community outreach for 2015 baseline state Department of Agriculture survey.

["Agriculture in Decline," Honolulu Star-Advertiser 2/22/16; "UH Hilo produces mapping for statewide agricultural survey," UH press release 2/23/16. See report "Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline Project," hdoa.hawaii.gov/salub/]

"We're almost in disbelief that everything is done."

Nick Ciuffetelli, KTUH general manager of Hawai'i's first FM-licensed radio station debuting in 1969 at UH Mānoa, on reaching its first ever O'ahu island-wide coverage this year by doubling signal strength from 3,000 to 7,000 watts via new relocated transmitter and antenna, shared with Hawai'i Public Radio, atop Tantalus. KTUH's new signal at 90.1 FM ranks among the strongest 1 percent of college radio stations nationwide.

["KTUH expands reach, new frequency," PBN 12/25/15; "Watts Up: Honolulu's college-radio favorite is getting more power," HONOLULU Magazine, Jan. 2016]

"Mentoring the next generation of Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs will be easier."

Doreen "Pua" Canto, president of UH Maui College's Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC), one of three Hawai'i winners among 80 nationwide of the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Growth Accelerator Awards. One of eight category winners of SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, MFIC will use its \$50,000 award to initiate the Maui Accelerator Program for women-owned, Native Hawaiian and other minority enterprises.

["Maui Food Innovation Center wins SBA Growth Accelerator Award," UH press release 8/05/15; "Three Hawaii tech accelerators win national competition," PBN 8/05/15]

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Number of years reached in 2016 by Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, providing the only undergraduate and graduate programs in the Pacific. Hawai'i residents from 20+ racial/ethnic groups, including Mānoa's second highest Native Hawaiian enrollment, comprise 70 percent of its students.

[Hale to Kauhale: Celebrating Our 80th Anniversary, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, 2015]



\$700,000+

Value of privately funded scholarships and awards provided since 1996 to students at Hawai'i Community College (Kona), celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2016.

[University of Hawai'i Foundation, 2016]

"Now I know I can keep going, and I don't want to stop."

Shantice Caldwell, once homeless Kapi'olani Community College student and aspiring pediatrician or veterinarian, of her first 3.0 GPA under the Lunalilo Scholars Program that funds/supports the crucial first college year for disadvantaged students. From 22 students in 2012 to 52 this year, the Marian and Lester Kaneta Foundation-funded program's "biggest achievement is the jump in Native Hawaiian Scholars, who outperform their counterparts," says its Project Director LaVache Scanlan.

["Lunalilo project helps lift barriers to higher learning," Honolulu Star-Advertiser 6/15/15; interview: LaVache Scanlan 1/13/16]

Q&A

Clare Hanusz, one of Hawai'i's best known immigration lawyers and Hawaii Chapter Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, on kids, compassion fatigue, and the promise and the "dark side" of immigration to Hawai'i

From a Catholic high school education to working with Central American refugees, and on to law school in Hawai'i, what were the influences, the constants for you?

My parents for starters, a nurse and an attorney, who left a banking position to work in government human services; growing up in an integrated neighborhood; a nun in high school who worked in Nicaragua with refugees fleeing civil wars in Central America. At age 21, with my parents' support, I went to Central America. It changed me. It made me think how I would want to be treated if our roles were reversed. Working with refugees in the Arizona Sanctuary Movement, I met two amazing women, immigration attorneys. I realized this is what I want to do. UH law school (JD '99) supports students pursuing personal interests, so I returned on summer breaks to Arizona and gained important practical experience.

In your 15 years of practice in immigration law, has the mood, public opinion toward immigrants changed?

Everywhere, including here, how we look at migrants is tied to how we are doing. In a tough economy, we look for reasons, sadly, for scapegoats to blame. Immigrating is not a choice for many. We're not a border state; so people leaving everything they know— family, language, culture— don't travel thousands of miles to come here on a whim. They want better lives for their children and themselves. They want to contribute. They've made the fabric of our community richer as a result.

Your 2011 criminal case of a locally owned farm accused of illegally importing and mistreating farm workers from Thailand was a shock. Do we have many undocumented migrants? Victims of human trafficking?

It's impossible to put a number on people living literally "in the shadows" among us. Immigrants can come legally through family petition, also as lawfully employment-based recruits, from executives to manual laborers. But current laws don't allow those without lawful immigration status, even after 10-15 years here, to "get in line" for citizenship. Many fear deportation. I still work with those Thai workers, who now have their green cards and are doing well here. I learned about the "ugly secret," the "dark side" of broken promises for safety and pay for imported laborers in our agriculture and seafood industries.



You once said, "There are a lot of broken pieces in the immigration system ... and the pieces that particularly tug at my heart are the ones involving children." Can you elaborate?

What concerns me most is the devastation on a child from the loss of a deported parent, a father with no criminal record, no danger to society but (who) lacked immigration status because of the lack of options for those who've been here a long time. It's a short-sighted act with a terrible ripple effect on our community. It tears apart a self-sufficient family and puts a financial strain on social services. It's the kids who ultimately suffer most. In the current polarized political climate, it's hard to see positive immigration reform. Immigration advocates fear that legal employment and family-based immigration will become more restrictive.

As a founder of the Hawaii Coalition for Immigration Reform, what keeps you going?

Well, compassion fatigue is real. But we must honor our international agreements and changes do happen in our own laws. Federal recognition of same sex marriages now provides these couples equal immigration benefits. In January, Hawai'i joined 11 other states to approve a "limited purpose driver's license," which I testified in favor of at the last legislative session. It's a win-win. Now more people in our community can go to work, school and health care as tested and insured safe drivers. Look around at what generations of immigrant successes have made our community. We all share a common humanity.

— GAIL MIYASAKI

Where East Meets West

Hawai'i is China's gateway to America. Like the Japanese in the 1980s, the Chinese are coming, and experts say we have advantages. Here's why the Chinese are hooked on Hawai'i.

By Tiffany Hill

Just before Na Lan finished her undergraduate degree, four U.S. college acceptance letters arrived in the mail at her home in Qingdao, roughly 400 miles from Beijing. She chose the one from a mid-size university in the middle of the Pacific.

"I thought, 'Hawai'i is the place where East meets West; it's a cultural melting pot.' I knew I would feel more comfortable in Hawai'i, compared with many other states simply because (Asians) are the majority here. I wouldn't feel foreign," says the 33-year-old. "My expectation about Hawai'i and the actual situation kind of matched. I watched Hawai'i movies before I came like '50 First Dates,' and the Aloha spirit did make me feel comfortable. Everyone really is friendly!"

That was 12 years ago. Lan graduated in 2009 with a juris doctor from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She now considers O'ahu her home. She met her husband, Xiaobin Lin, also from China, on campus and they have two sons. For the past seven years, Lan has worked as a real estate attorney.

Lan was one of approximately 1,230 international students—both undergraduate and graduate—who study at the University of Hawai'i each academic year. Second to the Japanese, Chinese students are the largest demographic of international students. It's a number that's likely to grow. Lan is one of

China's 415 million millennials, or approximately 31 percent of the country's population. She witnessed firsthand her country's rapid industrialization and the changes that came with it: rising incomes, increased education, urban living, greater mobility and relative political stability. Today, the world's most populated country is considered its second largest economy and will eventually claim the top spot from the U.S., according to University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization's Annual Forecast 2016.

Many of Lan's peers have likewise opted to leave China for an overseas educational and career experience. In fact, says UH law professor Alison Conner, it's encouraged by families, employers and the government, and sometimes financed by the latter. "I think it's a wonderful thing for the Chinese government to send people abroad," she says. "It's a very forward looking initiative."

Educational opportunities in the Islands, including grade school, are key to building and maintaining Hawai'i's blossoming relationship with China. In turn, it's provided a springboard for increased tourism throughout the Islands, as well as real estate investments. And as the influence of Chinese millennials continues to grow, Hawai'i schools and businesses hope to reap the benefits.



Na Lan moved to O'ahu from a large city on the east coast of China in 2004. Today, she calls Hawai'i home and works in Honolulu as an attorney at Motooka & Rosenberg.



Chuck Gee knows what appeals to Chinese students and visitors. In 1978, he was the first dean of an American university to be invited to visit China.

Why the Chinese Study in Hawai'i

Visit the Mānoa campus today and it won't take long to see Chinese students studying in Hamilton Library, walking to class or enjoying lunch at Bale. Attending U.S. schools, particularly college, is a growing trend for Chinese students. According to the nonprofit Institute of International Education, during the 2014-2015 academic year, 304,000 students from China came to the United States, 81 percent of whom were in college. When Lan arrived in 2004, that number was only 62,500. Chinese students now make up 31 percent of international students studying in the U.S.

Chuck Gee, UH board of regents emeritus and former Mānoa School of Travel Industry Management dean (1976-1999), attributes this uptick in part to rising incomes in China. Chinese families, he adds, seek high-ranking schools, and American and British universities fare well. Gee is well versed on what appeals to Chinese students and visitors. In 1978, he was the first dean of an American university to be invited to visit China. Under his TIM school deanship, UH received

its first Chinese students, establishing an educational partnership between Hawai'i and China. He was also a longtime tourism consultant in China.

"The Chinese are very pragmatic," he says. "They do not choose liberal arts; they go into the professional schools. Their preference is for engineering, travel industry management, business administration, law. Education is intended to serve more than learning, but as a springboard to a good occupation."

In recent years, Hawai'i has also accelerated marketing itself as an educational destination for international students, especially those from China. In 2014, the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), in partnership with 20 private schools and Hawai'i's colleges, launched the Study Hawai'i Educational Consortium. Dennis Ling, DBEDT business development and support division administrator, says the goal is to attract 2,000 international students to Hawai'i by 2017.

While Ivy League schools outrank UH in their academic standing, other factors come into play. "A lot of Chinese prefer to come to Hawai'i because it is the most friendly place, and we have a lot more Asian and Chinese cultural

expertise here,” says Fred Lau, UH music department’s chair of ethnomusicology and director of the Center for Chinese Studies at Mānoa.

Beijing-native Beryl Yang says she and her husband were surprised by Hawai‘i’s outright kindness. “I grew up in a big city where no one says hello to a stranger,” says the ethnomusicology doctoral candidate. “Of course, I learned that’s aloha.” She teaches music and Asian studies at Kapi‘olani Community College and hopes to continue after she graduates in May.

This congeniality is a strong selling point for Lau, who regularly visits China in his role as center director. He’s helped open small UH recruiting offices in Beijing and at Peking University, the country’s largest institution of higher education. Outside of China, the Center for Chinese Studies is the world’s largest among higher learning institutions, says Lau, and hosts 25 to 30 visiting scholars from China each academic year.

The faculty’s connections and expertise are another draw for Chinese students. Aloha spirit and trade winds aside, the fact that professors of international students are familiar with their home countries makes for a more enriching educational exchange for Chinese students. Lau is Mānoa’s music department’s Chinese scholar. At Richardson law school, Conner, director of international programs, is the go-to Chinese law expert. Both studied in China and Conner has lived in Hong Kong and Beijing.

“My professors love China,” says Xiao Hua, Lan’s sister-in-law. Lan and her husband encouraged Hua to attend UH law school to advance her legal career in Shanghai.

Why the Chinese Visit Hawai‘i

For many of the same reasons Chinese students study in Hawai‘i, Chinese tourists likewise visit the Islands. “Our local culture and the Hawaiian culture are interesting to the Chinese, and they appreciate the scenery,” says Gee. “The Chinese have always believed in travel for its learning value.”

Dave Erdman, founder, president and CEO of PacRim Marketing Group, says this is edu-tourism, which has potential for a larger role in Hawai‘i’s tourism industry, and includes students coming to the Islands for school. “It’s important to our local economies and schools.”

Only 4 percent of the Chinese population currently has a passport, according to a 2015 Goldman Sachs report. But that number is expected to mushroom to roughly 100 million over the next decade. Many of those travelers will be college-educated millennials and China’s growing middle class. (In November 2014, the United States and China agreed to extend visas from one to ten years).

PacRim Marketing is familiar with the Asia travel market and the emerging influence of the Chinese. Hawai‘i has already experienced the first wave of Chinese visitors. They travel to the Islands as part of a jam-packed, multi-U.S. city tour, and often hit up the Islands on their way to the Mainland or back home. They share similarities with early Japanese visitors that booked discount group tours.

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Dave Erdman, founder, president and CEO of PacRim Marketing Group, of edu-tourism, which has potential for a larger role in Hawai‘i’s tourism industry, and includes students coming to the Islands for school.

“Not unlike the Japanese market in the beginning, the Chinese are attracted to luxury brands and buy multiple items per friends’ requests as well as for gift giving,” says Erdman (BA East Asian Languages/TIM ’79, Mānoa), who has advised businesses on the Asian international traveler market for more than 25 years.

In addition to designer bags, Rolex watches and iPhones, like other tourists, Chinese visitors also crave made-in-Hawai‘i items. “When Chinese travelers return home, they share stories about their experiences and the friendly local culture and compare notes,” says Siyuan Wang (BS TIM ’14, Mānoa), PacRim Marketing Group China specialist. Local gifts, such as mac nuts and noni juice, are as highly valued as luxury goods.

While Hawai‘i’s current Chinese market of 160,000 visitors is fledgling compared to the behemoth Japanese visitor industry of 1.5 million, Gee says, “They have already displaced the Japanese in spending.” It’s a matter of time before Chinese translators, signage and cultural amenities have a larger presence in the local hospitality industry.

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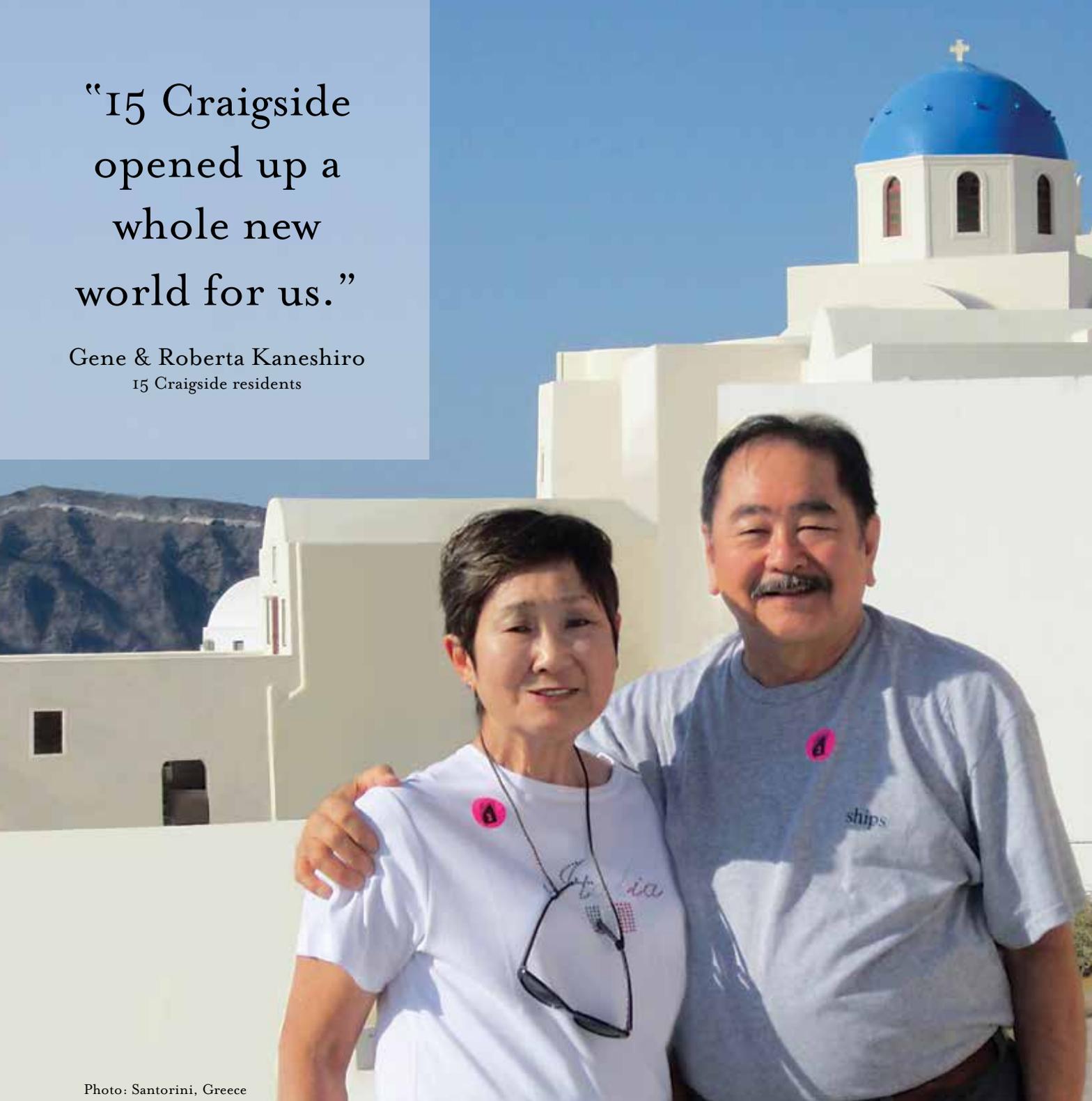


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Dave Erdman and Siyuan Wang of PacRim Marketing Group are familiar with the Asia travel market, including the emerging influence of Chinese visitors.

Why the Chinese Invest in Hawai'i Real Estate

The more the Chinese visitors travel to Hawai'i, whether for school or vacation, the more likely they are to later invest in local businesses and real estate, says Erdman. While many initial Chinese U.S. investments are in big cities such as New York or San Francisco, adds Wang, "as they become more familiar with Hawai'i's fresh air, safety, weather, culture and good transportation, they consider buying a second home or condo here, where it is still considered affordable." It's also common for Chinese parents to buy apartments near universities where their child is studying.

According to DBEDT, while only 0.1 percent of homes sold in Hawai'i were purchased by buyers from China, Hong Kong residents paid the highest average sale price of international buyers at \$1.05 million per home (international buyers accounted for only

4 percent of total Hawai'i home sales from 2008 to 2015). Most home sales were on O'ahu. "O'ahu's natural beauty close to an urban setting is another big draw to invest in Hawai'i," says Wang.

Hawai'i is also on the list of desired development places for Chinese real estate developers who are expected to spend more than \$175 million in the next few years on residential and commercial properties worldwide, according to Affinity China.

Our vibrant Asian culture, blue skies and favorable location make the Islands an affable place for students, visitors and investors.

For Lan, the decision to start her career and family on O'ahu came easy to her and Lin. "We like Hawai'i," she says. "We wanted to make it our home." The family plans to visit their home country regularly, and when they do, she always recommends Hawai'i and UH. "You never forget your college experience!"

DOUBLE ★ MAJOR

Major Kai Kahele and Major BJ Itoman fly the C-17 Globemaster III for the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204 Airlift Squadron, transporting troops, equipment and supplies to war zones and disaster areas across the globe. They've got the right stuff and they found it on UH's volleyball and basketball courts.

By Dave Choo

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

In the summer of 1992, Kai Kahele was approached by a coach, who had been watching him playing a pick-up volleyball game. The coach was former All-American and two-time Olympian Pete Velasco, a volleyball legend who had just moved to Hilo from Honolulu. Velasco told Kahele that he had the potential to become a good player and if he trained with him, in two years, Kahele could play for any collegiate Division I volleyball program in the country.

Just a few months before, Kahele was a member of the Hilo High Vikings team, his first and only season of competitive volleyball. However, he had not played in a single game. But learning from an Olympian was an opportunity of a lifetime and Kahele made the best of it. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, he worked one-on-one with Velasco and every Saturday morning they drove out to Kona where they trained at the beach.

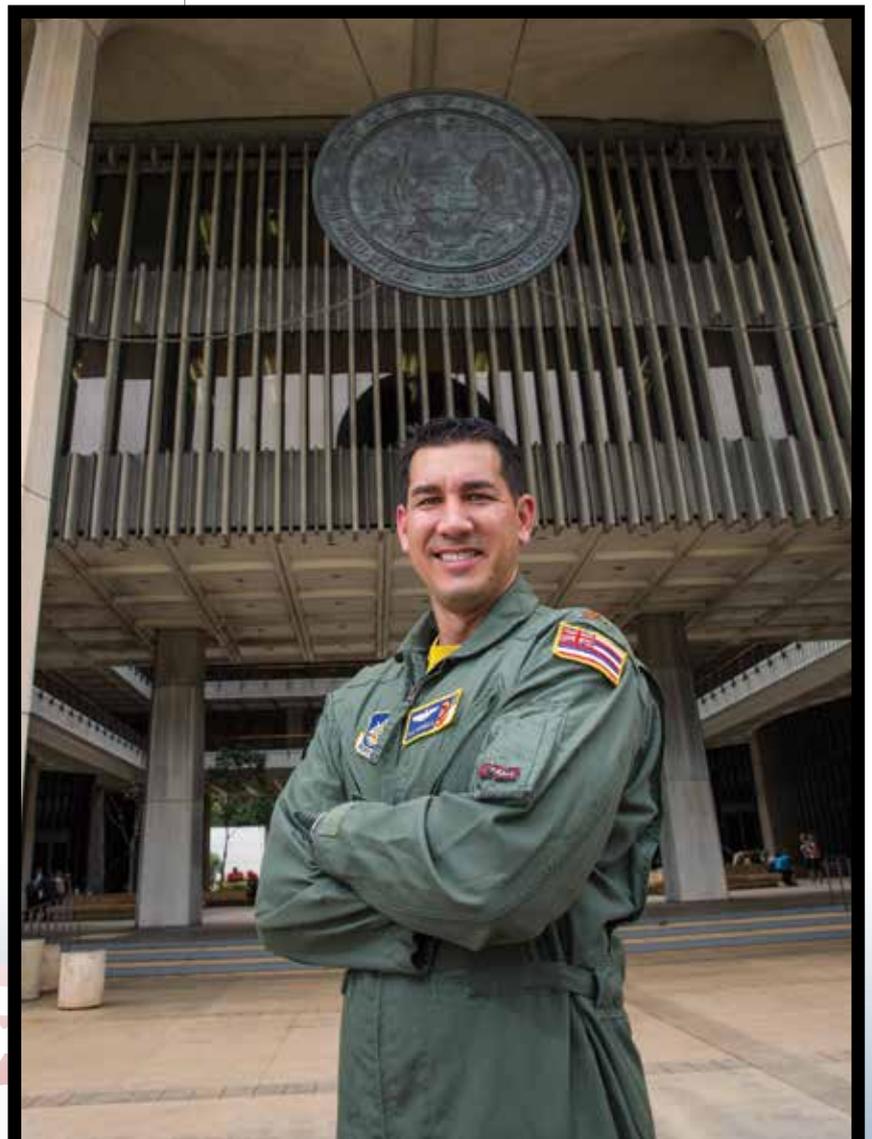
Fast forward to fall 1994. Kahele, now enrolled at UH Mānoa, tries out for the volleyball team. To his surprise, Kahele made the first cut, then the second and the third. This was no small feat, considering that the 1995 season would be the beginning of what many consider the golden age of UH men's volleyball. It was the first season for Israeli Yuval Katz, who would go on to be a two-time All-American and NCAA Co-Player of the Year.

Kahele was undeterred. He was the first to practice and the last to leave.

"Back then, walk-ons didn't get practice uniforms or shoes like the recruits, and our lockers had our names written on athletic tape," says Kahele. "One day my locker had a nameplate, not tape. Inside

were new uniforms and shoes. I'll never forget that day."

On his third and last season with the team, Kahele was named the team's most inspirational player. It was also during that season, that he met a pair of United Airlines pilots at a post-game autograph session. The men, who also flew for the Hawaii Air National Guard, encouraged Kahele to sign up, which he did right before graduation.



In 2001, Kahele was commissioned as an officer in the Hawaii Air National Guard, first flying F-15 fighter jets before transitioning to cargo aircraft. Today, he flies the C-17 all over the world, including war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as relief missions as far away as Nepal. In 2009, he joined Hawaiian Airlines and has flown all of their aircraft.

This past January, Kahele's father, State Senator Gilbert Kahele, passed away. About a month later, Governor David Ige appointed Kai to fill in for his father during the 2016 legislative session.

"My dad asked me to consider taking over for him but only if I could give a 100 percent," says Kahele. "I thought long and hard about it and told him: 'Dad, if you have to go, you can go now. Don't worry, I got this.'"

ALWAYS ON POINT

Following BJ Itoman's first season with the UH women's basketball team, Coach Vince Goo playfully teased his talented point guard about a flaw in her game. Itoman, who had just been named to the Big West Conference's All-Freshman Team, had made only 1 of 29 three-pointers.

"I told her that she made only one more than I did and I didn't even play," says Goo.

The ribbing was motivation enough for the former 'Iolani School basketball standout, who spent the ensuing summer working on her long-range jumper, eventually shooting an average of 800 three-pointers per practice session. The practice paid off.

By her senior season (1998-'99), Itoman was a dangerous outside threat, making 43 three-pointers out of 121 attempts, both of which still rank in the top ten for single-season accomplishments for Wahine basketball players. In fact, evidence of Itoman's well-rounded game can be found throughout the UH record book. Her 487 career assists and 4.3 assists per game are still tops in Wahine history, and her 256 steals rank second. She's also third at 80 percent in all-time free throw completion.

Itoman accomplished all of this while maintaining a 3.78 cumulative grade point average, which earned her three Western Athletic Conference All-Academic honors. In 1999, she received the Jack Bonham Award, the most prestigious recognition in University of Hawai'i athletics, which honors



outstanding performance both on and off the field of play.

After graduation, Itoman was considering playing professional basketball overseas when she got a call from her brother, Ryan, who was training to become an F-15 fighter pilot and thought that his hard-working, disciplined sister had the right stuff to fly.

In typical Itoman fashion, she approached her new career with a singular focus. She joined the Hawaii Air National Guard in 2000 and got her private pilot's license before officer's training school. After three years, she was flying the venerable C-130, a troop, medivac and cargo transport aircraft. Today, like Kahele, she flies the C-17 and has transported troops and materials to war zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan. She's also flown relief missions all over the world.

Even though Itoman had never sat in a cockpit before joining the Air National Guard, she says that her experience with sports, especially collegiate sports, prepared her well for the rigors of pilot training.

"It was pretty intense. It was physically demanding, but I also had to learn how to fly, how to do it the military way and then you have to learn about the aircraft you're flying," says Itoman. "But being in the cockpit is similar to being on court. I enjoy the intensity of it. As an athlete, you know you need to depend on people. Teamwork is so important. You play as a team and fly as a crew."

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Former Director, Office of
Biodefense Research, National
Institute of Allergy and Infectious
Diseases, National Institute of
Health (retired)



Eric Yeaman

President and Chief
Operating Officer,
First Hawaiian Bank



Jackie Young

Former Chief Staff Officer,
American Cancer Society
(retired)



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Conrad Nonaka

‘Listen to those who know you best’

I discovered a knack for hotel management while attending UH Mānoa and went on to work at the Royal Hawaiian, Princeville and the Westin Taiwan. I was home awaiting a new hotel assignment and consulting with my best friend, Chef Alan Wong, at his new Pineapple Room restaurant when Westin called to fly to Manila in 10 days. This upset my wife, Susan, away on a Mainland business trip. I’d be gone when she returned. Alan feared for my marriage, so to help keep me home asked Kapi’olani Community College Provost John Morton to call me for its new Culinary Institute of the Pacific. That was 15 years ago. I’ve never regretted turning down Manila (and a huge pay increase) to listen to those who know me best.

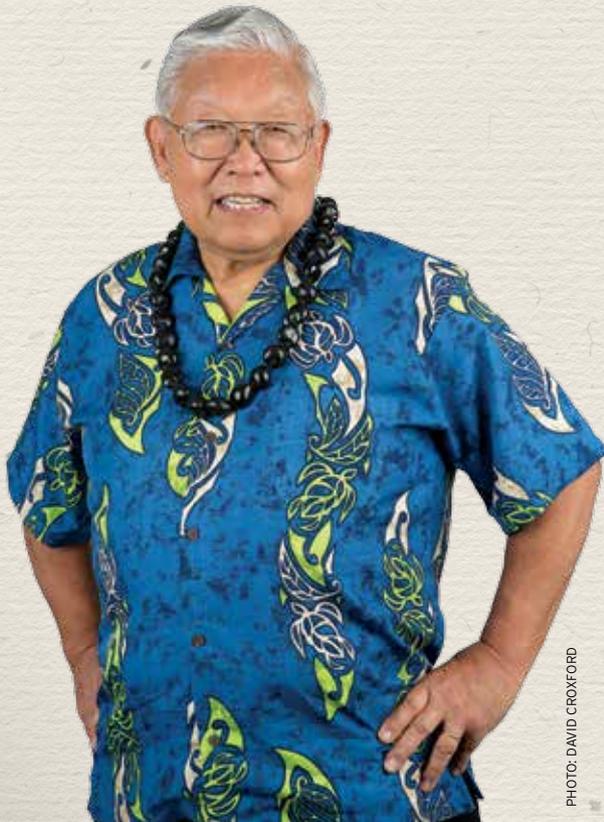


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Ernest Takafuji

‘A life-changing experience’

I decided to attend UH Mānoa to save my family some money. Most of my Punahou classmates, as expected, left for Mainland colleges. In my first year, my father’s unexpected death from a brain tumor at the age of 49 deepened my resolve to be a physician. There was a lot still to know in medicine. Going to college at home had made it possible for me to be here to help my widowed mother and still stay in school. In my second year, I met an attractive young woman pursuing a degree in education. We’ve been married now for 48 years with two wonderful grown children and two dear grandchildren. Going to UH was a life-changing experience for me in more ways than one.

1978

Earns BEd, UH Mānoa, following AS (1970), Kapi’olani CC

2001

Named Director, Culinary Institute of the Pacific

2003

Developed Kapi’olani Farmers’ Market, in partnership with the Hawai’i State Farm Bureau, now a destination event attracting more than 9,000 people each Saturday

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

Once aspired to be an aircraft mechanic

1966

Earns BA zoology, UH Mānoa

1972

Joins the U.S. Army for a 30-year career in communicable disease control, biological defense and chemical casualty care

2002

Joins the National Institutes of Health to develop biodefense measures against chemical, biological and radiological threats against the United States

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

Composes songs, plays guitar and ukulele to accompany wife Carol’s hula troupe, Hui O Ka Pua ‘Ilima

1989

Earns BBA accounting,
UH Mānoa

1998

Serves as lead for
Arthur Andersen
accounting firm to
work with court master
Colbert Matsumoto to
return Kamehameha
Schools' focus to its
educational mission

2015

Named President and
COO, First Hawaiian

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

Has traveled to 21
countries, ranging
from Russia, Ukraine
and Bahamas to
Germany, Cambodia
and Marshall Islands

'Do the right thing for the right reason'

When Walter Dods, Jr., board chair of Hawaiian Telecom, approached me in 2008 to become CEO of the financially distressed telephone company, I was honored, but thought, "Why would I do this?" I was just promoted to COO at HEI (HECO's parent company), a larger, stable kama'āina company. "Just hear us out," Dods asked, noting Aloha Airlines' recent bankruptcy and not wanting another local company to go under. So I listened, made a leap of faith and took the job. At 40, I was young enough to have energy, experienced enough to contribute—especially for its 1600 employees—to see it not fail. Today, Hawaiian Telecom is a tech leader in Hawai'i. I learned a lot, especially to do the right thing for the right reason.

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Eric Yeaman

1969

Earns BS speech
pathology and audiology,
UH Mānoa

1992

Becomes first woman
Vice Chair, Hawai'i State
House of Representatives

1998

Diagnosed with breast
cancer and speaks out
publicly on her experi-
ence, while managing the
nation's first campaign
for marriage equality

LITTLE KNOWN FACT

Featured, along
with daughter
Paula, on a Hallmark
mother-daughter card
for its 1992 national
Mother's Day
campaign, which
included a book and
an ABC TV special

'Life is not a spectator sport'

When I was 15, a Chinatown fortuneteller foretold that I would die at 25. I decided to make good use of my time. As a young military wife, I saw firsthand the Berlin Wall go up and our country's segregated South. My first job, at age 40 and now a mother of four, opened my eyes to the need for quality education for my blind and deaf students. Life is not a spectator sport. So I began to speak out and advocate for those unable to speak for themselves on social justice and healthy community issues including gender equity in education and work, Native Hawaiians, the environment, health care, sexual harassment, marriage equality and more. At age 80, I'm still here and still going strong.

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Jackie Young



The University of Hawai'i Distinguished Alumni Award Winners (1989 - 2015)

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 '64
Joyce S. Tsunoda '60, '65

1991

Neil Abercrombie '64, '74
Marion Diamond '35
Hiram L. Fong '30
Fujio Matsuda '43
Sharon Narimatsu '67, '75
Harriet Natsuyama '59, '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 '70, '73
Gregory Dever '78
Richard H. Kosaki '49
Abraham Piianaia '53, '55

1997

David C. Cole '76
Philip Helfrich '58
Richard D. Parsons Attended '64-'68
Barbara Peterson '78

1998

Dyanne Affonso '66
David E.K. Cooper '63
Soon-Kwon Kim '74
Beatrice Krauss '26, '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 '93
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, '61
Barry K. Taniguchi '69
Frank Watase '50
Ah Quon McElrath* '38
Richard Hartman† '74

2005

Charles T. Araki '57, '61
Elmer Botsai '00
Frederick Duennebier '68, '72
Robert P. Hiam '69
Jong-Wook Lee '81
Gary A. Okamoto '66
Carole Kai Onouye '67
Ronald E. Bright* '56, '57, '73

2006

Thomas Kaulukukui, Jr. '77
Samuel Koide '45
Patricia Y. Lee '65, '79
Robert G. F. Lee '71, '83
Seiji Naya '58
Kent Tsukamoto '78
Victor Yano '74, '78
Genoa Keawe*

2007

Walter Kirimitsu '62
Jay H. Shidler '68
Thomas P. Gill* Attended '40-'42, '47

2008

Centennial Celebration with Distinguished Alumni

2009

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

2010

Wesley Fong '65
David Lassner '98
Ashok Kumar Malhotra '69
Virginia Pressler '75, '81, '82
Patricia Saiki* '52

2011

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

2012

Robert Alm '73
Frederick D.S. Choi '65, '68
Patrick H. DeLeon '73
Ted T. Tsukiyama* Attended '39-'41, '46
Virginia Hinshaw†
Ann Dunham Soetoro† '67, '83, '92

2013

Edwin Gayagas '62
Alden Henderson '77, '82
Patrick Sullivan '81, '85
Barbara Tanabe '83
David Ezra* Attended '67-'68

2014

J. Kūhiō Asam '78
Claire L. Asam '78, '99
Rick Blangiardi '73
Emme Tomimbang '71, '73
John Waihe'e III* '76

2015

Ren Hirose '85
Jillian Inouye '66, '80, '87
Tom Shigemoto '71
Stanford Yuen '66
Simeon Acoba, Jr.* '66

* UH Founders Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award

† UHAA President's Award

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Honored: Mark Oyama

2015 Hawai'i Restaurant Association Hall of Fame

Comfort food for life

Growing up in rural Lāwa'i, Kaua'i—where family and festive meals came from fishing the ocean, home farming and hiking the Garden Island's wilderness—formed deep memories of food “touching every human emotion” for Mark Oyama, one of nine inductees honored by Hawai'i's restaurant and food service industry, and the only one from Kaua'i. “Food pulled everything together for me. Creating it fresh and well to share with others shaped who I am,” says Oyama, who cooked at an early age and worked through high school preparing bento, mallassada, manju and other island favorites for Kaua'i stores.

For the 1988 graduate of Kapi'olani Community College's Culinary Arts program who honed his culinary skill and versatility at a fishing lodge in Alaska and at high-end cuisine in posh Greenwich, Connecticut, among others, cooking blended a career and a passion. But by 1992, he came full circle back to Kaua'i feeling burnt-out working nonstop, and even contemplated taking over his father's plumbing business. A phone call that year from the chancellor of Kaua'i Community College and another from a trusted friend convinced the hesitant Oyama to teach others how to cook. That first year his students won a statewide culinary competition (the first of many gold and silver medals to come) and in September, he oversaw 90,000 meals for those seeking refuge at the college's makeshift shelter during Hurricane Iniki.

In the 24 years since, teaching has become Oyama's priority. He emphasizes mastery of basic techniques, flavors and methods, and, hopefully, gaining an understanding of food's connection, as he did, to human emotion, from joy to sorrow. He keeps his hand in the industry “to stay abreast of food trends,” as owner of Mark's Place restaurant in Līhu'e and Contemporary Flavors Catering in Puhi, and as a partner in the Da Hawaiian Poke Co. in Kapahulu. “Comfort food” is his favorite. “It's been the constant touchstone to my childhood memories.”

— GAIL MIYASAKI



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AWARDED

Craig Santos Perez, the 2015 American Book Award for *from unincorporated territory [guma']*, a collection of poetry and prose called by Publisher's Weekly “a haunting, forceful testament to a legacy of militarization, cultural hegemony and resistance.” The native Chamorro from Guam is a UH Mānoa associate professor of English (Omnidawn 2014).



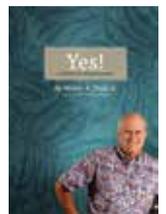
AWARDED

John E. (Jack) Randall, (PhD marine biology '55, Mānoa), the Darwin Medal by the International Society for Reef Studies, its most prestigious honor, for lifetime achievement in coral reef science. The senior ichthyologist emeritus at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,

credited with 30 new genera and 815 new fish species, has named more valid marine fish species than any ichthyologist in history.

PUBLISHED

Yes! A Memoir of Modern Hawaii by Walter Dods, Jr., co-written by former Honolulu Advertiser journalists Gerry Keir and **Jerry Burris**



Honored: Kanoelani Nāone

2015 Pacific Business News Business Leader of the Year Finalist

It took just five years after graduating from Waimea High School for Kaua'i native Kanoelani Nāone to earn a bachelor's in 1991 and a master's in 1992 in political science (Mānoa), while juggling classes and waitressing.

It took nine years to earn her doctorate in 2008 (Mānoa) in indigenous politics and education, but by then she was married, teaching and later started her own company to be a stay-at-home mom. The former Miss Hawai'i kept accumulating experience with for-profits, nonprofits, public education, budgets, organizational policies, grant-writing and even land acquisition. So in 2007, when INPEACE (Institute for Native Pacific Education & Culture) came calling to fill its CEO position, she felt "the job was designed for me."

Nāone soon realized that external funding would shortly end for the statewide nonprofit committed to grassroots community and culture-based education. So she devised an innovative 30-day funding plan and a longer term diversified funding strategy, and hit the pavement rallying the board, staff and volunteers that brought in new funders, 750 new individual donors, and more than 40,000 volunteer hours—resulting in no cuts in personnel, staff hours or program services. During her tenure, INPEACE has raised \$33 million and this year is launching an entrepreneurial program for workforce development. "My eclectic background prepared me to always think with an eye on the future."

More information: www.inpeace.org



PHOTO: INPEACE

(BA journalism '69, Mānoa), a rags-to-riches-island-style autobiography of one of Hawai'i's best known business executives (former First Hawaiian CEO) and post-Statehood political insider (Watermark 2015).



**ALOHA 'OE
Spencer
Leineweber**

(1947-2015), School of Architecture professor, graduate program director and director, Heritage Center (Mānoa); internationally recognized advocate of architectural preservation, including Hawaiian Mission Houses museum, Kalaupapa Hansen's Disease Settlement, Hawai'i's Plantation Village Waipahu, 'Ewa Villages homes, 'Tolani Palace, and believed to be the

first Hawai'i architect to receive the National AIA Design Honor Award.

ALOHA 'OE

Edwin Cadman (1945-2015), dedicated, accomplished physician, researcher, dean and the driving and transformative force behind UH Mānoa's medical school in Kaka'ako to educate Hawai'i's physicians and to attract prominent researchers to create a serious biotech and life sciences center in the Pacific. "There would be no John A. Burns School of Medicine in Kaka'ako without Ed's visionary and inspiring leadership," said former Gov. Ben Cayetano.

ALOHA 'OE

Ed Sakamoto (1940-2015), popular and prolific Hawai'i-born playwright and journalist (BA English '62), with

19 plays performed in Hawai'i, New York and the West Coast; recipient of the Hawai'i Award for Literature, the state's highest award for a writer.

ALOHA 'OE



Agnes "Auntie Aggie" Cope

(1924-2015), co-founder, Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; founder, Wai'anae Coast Culture and Arts Society, grand kumu hula, Native Hawaiian traditional healer, "Living Treasure" of Hawai'i, was awarded a UH Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2009. "She always thought about the community first," said former U.S. Rep. and Wai'anae native Colleen Hanabusa.



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Patricia Case

Patricia “Patty” Case (BA ’81, Mānoa), Case Properties International president and principal broker with more than 20 years of O’ahu real estate experience, has joined Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties as vice president and previews property specialist.



Jonathan Mizukami

Patrick “Rick” Ching (MBA ’86, Mānoa), with 31 years of experience with Servco Pacific, succeeds Eric Fukunaga as president of the Honolulu-based company specializing in automotive products, insurance services and home appliance distribution.



Gabriel Nakashima

Blane Gaison (BED ’81, Mānoa), former All America and All WAC UH football safety, and NFL Atlantic Falcons cornerback, named executive director, Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH). The former coach and athletic director of Kamehameha-Kapālama has 26 years of Hawai’i high school athletic administration experience.



Ed Protzel

John Y. Gotanda (BBA ’84, JD ’87, Mānoa) becomes president of Hawai’i Pacific University, June 30, 2016. A world expert on international law and former dean of Villanova University School of Law, he led the school’s recent transformative focus on 21st century legal practice and its most ambitious fundraising initiative.



Suzanne P. Vares-Lum

Hilda Heine (MED ’76, Mānoa), one of the first women leaders of an independent Pacific island nation,



Pamela Watanabe

elected president of the Marshall Islands, which lies only two meters above sea level. Heine served on the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization for the UN Climate Change Conference’s historic 2015 Paris Agreement.

Jonathan Mizukami (Certification of Achievement ’99, Associate in Applied Science ’01, ’01, Maui), Kula native, Maui Culinary Academy graduate in both culinary arts and commercial baking, and former executive chef of Honolulu’s Vintage Cave with 10 years of experience in a Michelin 3-star restaurant, named chef de cuisine at Honolulu’s Chef Mavro Restaurant.

Gabriel Nakashima (MEDT ’11, Mānoa), chosen as a “2016 Forbes 30 Under 30 in Education,” is a former Wai’anae middle school math teacher for Teach For America, and currently director and founder of Charter Substitute Teacher Network, a 320-employee operation in Chicago and Denver schools.

Ed Protzel (BA ’83, West O’ahu) feature film screenwriter and film scripts/projects developer for 20th Century Fox, has published *The Lies That Bind (Dark Horse Trilogy, Book 1)* (Touchpoint Press 2015), set in the pre-Civil War South and based on his screenplay.

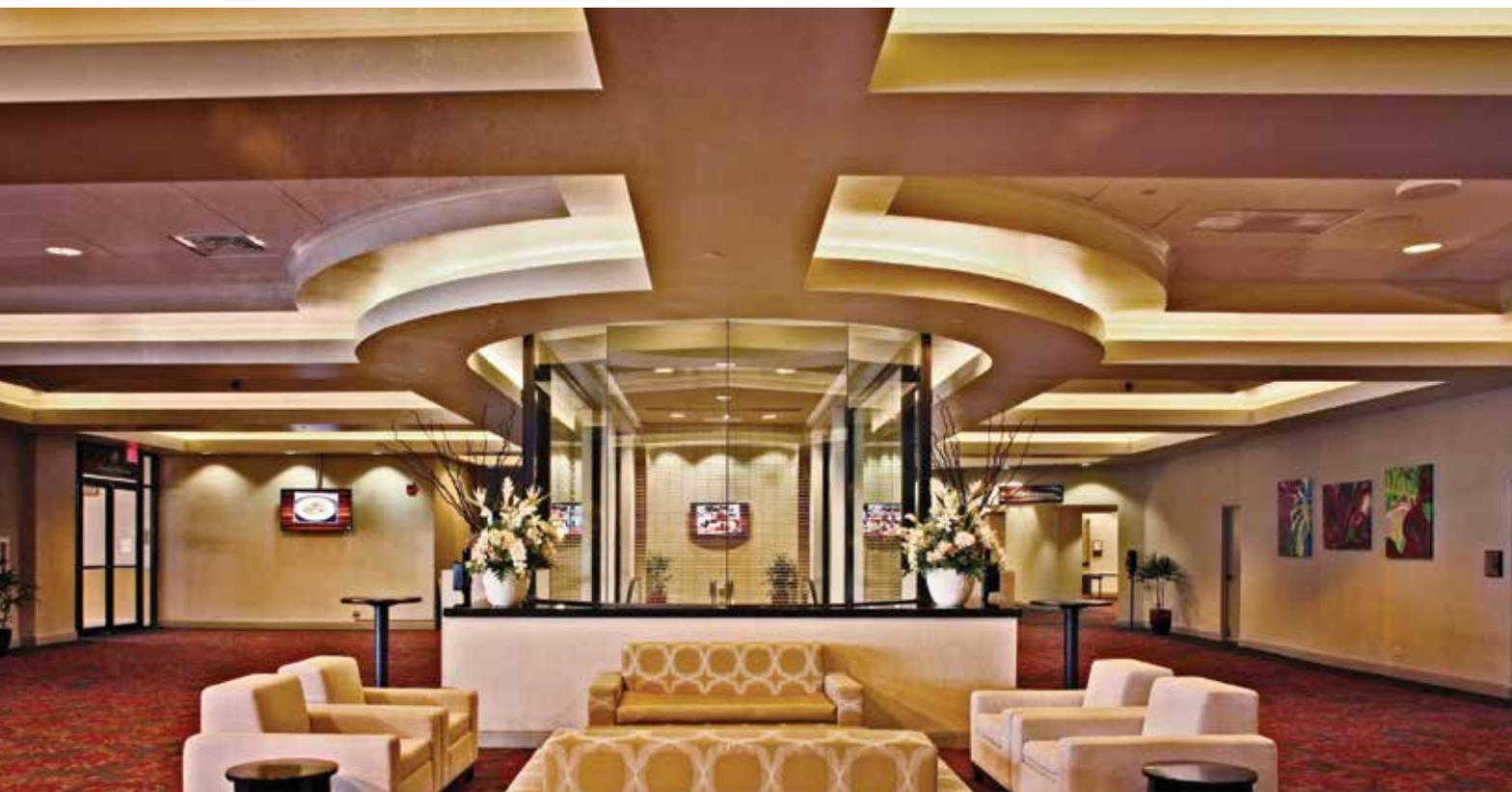
Ernest Rezents (BA ’54, Mānoa), one of three individuals worldwide awarded the

2015 True Professional of Arboriculture by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), is a highly respected consulting arborist and retired UH Maui professor emeritus in agriculture who helped author the first Maui County Planting Plan and has trained nearly 100 ISA-certified tree workers in the state.

Suzanne P. Vares-Lum (BA ’89, MED ’96, Mānoa), promoted as the first female U.S. Army brigadier general of Native Hawaiian ancestry, has a nearly 30-year military career, including most recently chief of joint staff, Hawaii National Guard; Operation Iraqi Freedom II; and UH ROTC.

Michael Sana (BA ’99, Post-baccalaureate Certificate ’01, MED ’12, Mānoa), Waipahu High School science department chair and mentor in UH Mānoa’s Master of Education in Teaching program, named Hawai’i’s only 2015-’16 Milliken Educator Award national winner. He is Hawai’i’s only Rutgers University-certified biology and medical biotechnology instructor.

Pamela Watanabe (BBA ’79, Mānoa), named president of Hoike Services, is responsible for the former Island Insurance subsidiary and Honolulu-based information technology and software firm providing business analysis and programming expertise to large companies.



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East meets Pacific to honor distinguished alumni Chizuko Endo, Taiko Center of the Pacific, and Senator J. Kalani English, Hawai'i State Senate District 7. Performers included the Taiko Center and UH Tahitian Ensemble, Te Vevo Tahiti no Manoa.



HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS 2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Chancellor Erika Lacro (left) and Steven Auerbach, director of the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training, congratulate Karen Kamahale (AS '78 fashion technology) as one of seven outstanding alumni in February.

ARTISTRY RULES AT 2016 UHAA LIFE MEMBER EVENT

Members enjoyed creating their own art, watching a student demonstration of screen printing art, learning about UH Mānoa artists from Mānoa Art and Art History Chair Gaye Chan, and dining on a delicious dinner by Kissaten Café.



ALUMNI GIFT SUPPORTS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Kenneth Yeung (MSW '74, Mānoa), known as "Mr. Tiger Balm" as its exclusive distributor, donated \$50,000 to Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2016.

May 27-29

UH Baseball vs. Arizona

Les Murakami Stadium
Honolulu

May 31

UHAA Distinguished Alumni Awards

Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort,
Coral Ballroom
Honolulu

June 14

'Imi Ho'ōla Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony

Medical Education Building,
UH Medical School
Honolulu

August 27

UH Football vs. California

Sydney, Australia

October 1

UH Football vs. Nevada

Aloha Stadium
Honolulu

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UHalumni.org/events

hawaii.edu/calendar/uh/2016

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Students of the Year

Animal Sciences major **Mandy Chen** (c) won the coveted Student Employee of the Year (SEOTY) award for UHM and then went on to win SEOTY for the state! Mandy, who coordinates activities for the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, helps to keep CTAHR's educational and outreach events for students well organized. Two other CTAHR students were also nominated for SEOTY—**Heather Kalehuawehe** (l) in Family Resources and **Justeena Veltre** (r) in Food Science and Human Nutrition.



Pass On, No Pass Back

Dietetics students **Victoria Duplechain**, **Joy Nagahiro-Twu**, **Heather Fucini**, and **Mariah Martin** (l-r) have launched UHM's chapter of the Food Recovery Network, offering prepared but unused food to those less fortunate in the community and reducing the environmental problems of food waste. They partnered with CTAHR alumna Donna Ojiri, Sodexo's UHM general manager, to give the food to homeless shelters through the Institute for Human Services—over half a ton since starting five months ago!



Cracking the Centromere Paradox

Researcher **Gernot Presting** and his three postdoc scholars in the Department of Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering have solved a question that's long puzzled geneticists: why the DNA at the centromeres in cell nuclei evolves so quickly. **Kevin Schneider** and **Thomas Wolfgruber** (l and r), with **Zidian Xie**, helped to overturn the previously held hypothesis with an alternative explanation representing a major advance in the understanding of centromere evolution.



High-Octane Fashion

Doing it all is all in a day's work for **Von Kaanaana**. The junior in Fashion Design and Merchandising not only is directing CTAHR's 50th Annual Senior Fashion Show—a job that requires imagination, energy, superb promotional skills, meticulous organization, and tact—he's also one of the featured designers! In fact, he does just about all things fashion, including photography, modeling, and make-up. No wonder his goal is to create and head a full-scale fashion house in Honolulu, incorporating design, production, and marketing!



The Roots of Healing

Alumna **Leina'ala Bright** brings together cultural and scientific knowledge from multiple traditions, drawing on her work in aquaponics as a research assistant and grad student in Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering and her studies in the Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. A practitioner of lomilomi and lā'au lapa'au, Lei has researched the properties of healing herbs like 'ōlena and pōpolo grown aquaponically. Now she creates home aquaponics set-ups and manages the Waimanalo Market Coop.



Doctor in the House

Nobuhisa Morimoto, just beginning his residency, explains that his studies and research at CTAHR were integral in preparing him for medical training at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Though much of the subject matter in med school was new, the techniques and background knowledge from his studies in Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences and Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering prepared him for his training—but even more important, he says, was the emphasis placed on service and excellence.

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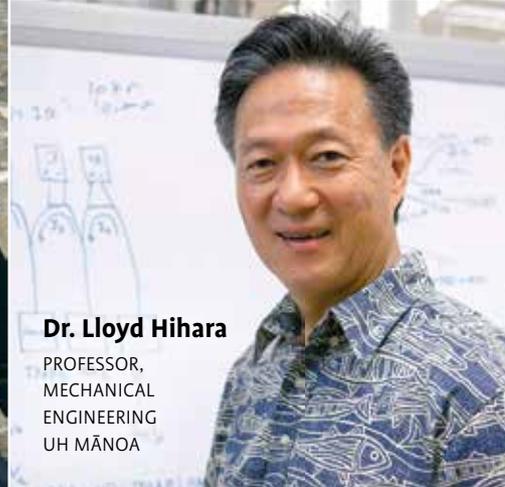
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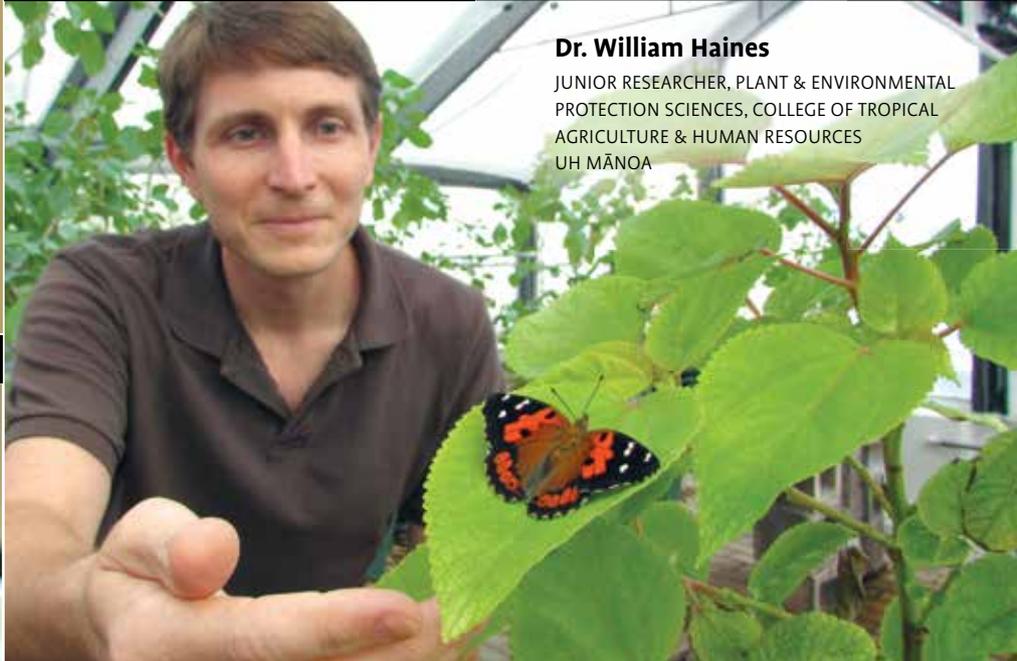
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