

Chancellor's Corner

May 9, 2012

Congratulations to our graduating students and mahalo to all for the good work we have accomplished this year. Here's a glimpse of the latest happenings on campus.

Students Thanked and Recognized (STAR) Reception

On Monday, April 30th Kauai Community College and the University of Hawaii Foundation held a reception to recognize our generous donors who have established scholarships and academic awards for our students. Through their generous and heartfelt contributions, KCC provided over \$1.3 million in Financial Aid, the highest amount awarded across the University of Hawaii system. Numerous awards and scholarships were bestowed by each of the divisions to outstanding student achievers. It was a beautiful reception and wonderful to see community leaders come out to meet the students they have helped reach their goals.



2012 Hakuoh University International Study Tour

Congratulations to Anastasia Chase for being selected as a participant in the 2012 Hakuoh University International Study Tour. Hakuoh University, located in the shouther area of Tochigi Prefecture, offers a ten-day summer home stay program to UH Community College students who are exemplary volunteers that have demonstrated leadership in their community and/or school and want to learn first-hand about Japan and Japanese culture. Students selected for this program engage in intercultural activities with Hakuoh students, study Japanese culture, visit historical sites, and give a presentation that reflects the participant's volunteer experience serving his/her community or school and life as an American community college student. Anastasia is one of only six students that were selected from the entire community college system at UH. We're excited to have you represent Kauai Community College!

University of Hawaii Community Colleges Leadership Champion (CCLC) Named

Congratulations to Isaiah Kaauwai for being named the Community College Leadership Champion from Kaua'i Community College for the next year. Isaiah's selection reflects the respect his colleagues have for him, and the promise they see in his leadership. Thank you, Isaiah, for your interest in CCLC's effort to grow new leaders of the community colleges for the 21st century.

Every year each campus and the UHCC office selects a representative to be part of CCLC. The CCLC was established in 2004, under the vision and sponsorship of Joyce Tsunoda and the Tsunoda Community College Leadership Development Fund. Their mission is to identify, encourage, develop, and support the next generation of community college leadership.

Previous KCC Champions include Glenn Alquiza, Bonnie Honma, Phyllis Vidinha, Sandy Magnussen, Candace Yim-Tabuchi, Calvin Shirai, Pua Palmeira, and Maureen Tabura. I have had the privilege to facilitate the CCLC since 2008.

Student Art Exhibit and Vocal Ensemble Mini-Concert

The One Stop Center was transformed into the art hub of Kauai on Tuesday, May 1st when the art department held their Spring Student Art Exhibition. The students of the art department unveiled many beautiful new pieces of artwork from, sketches, to paintings, to photography that will remain on display through the Fall semester. I encourage everyone to stop by the lobby of the One Stop to see the works of our amazing artists.

Following the exhibition, the students of MUS 201 (Vocal Ensemble), directed by Greg Shepherd performed a mini concert with choral and solo music from various Broadway shows, classical pieces, and even some contemporary. The performance was an abbreviated version of their full concert from several nights earlier where they performed at the Lihue Parish Hall. The singers, almost all college-aged, come from a variety of backgrounds but are joined together in their love of music. Some of the songs performed included "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables, a medley from "West Side Story", "Morning Tide", "The Climb", and "Someone Like You."



Recent and Upcoming Music Department Events

On May 5th and 6th, The Kauai Chorale, KCC Concert Band, and the Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School Chorus collaborated for the first time for two performances of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. There were 150 performers on stage from 7th graders through 90 years of age. All members of the KCC music faculty were present. Nina Saraos, the orchestra director, performed with the Kauai Chorale, Barry Toy, the jazz ensemble director, performed with the Wind Symphony, and Greg Shepherd performed with a solo in Carmina Burana. I attended the Sunday performance and was very impressed and absolutely delighted by the beautiful music I heard. The collaboration was a great idea, the results spectacular, and the PAC was packed. Kauai Chorale conductor Lois Ricciardi, KCC conductor Sarah Tochiki, and Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School Chorus conductor Julianne Hiu are all commended for bringing together three different programs to produce such a wonderful event.



If you were unable to attend any of the recent musical events, you haven't completely missed out. There are still two more chances to hear some great live music this weekend at the PAC and both events are free! The first is on Saturday, May 12th, at 7:00pm at the KCC-PAC for the Jazz Band Spring Concert! Kauai Voices (a new vocal ensemble) and the Duke Curlendo Quartet (Steve Dubey, Hank Curtis, Marty Leonard, & Mike Odo) will be starting off the concert. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted for the Larry MacIntosh Scholarship Fund. The second is a Mother's Day matinee, on Sunday, May 13th as the KCC Orchestra will be featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Herold & Haydn! Take your favorite 'Mother' to the Orchestra Spring Concert!

I'd like to close this Chancellor's Corner by once again congratulating the graduates of KCC. Whether you're on your way to starting a career or continuing on to another learning institution, I'm absolutely delighted that you choose Kauai Community College to be part of your learning experience. I truly hope that we were able to provide you with the tools necessary to pursue your endeavors and that you look back at your time here with fond memories. It has been an honor to serve as your Chancellor. Mahalo!