

# *Ka Lono* **Hanakahiki**

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## **PBN's Dicus to keynote UH Hilo's fall commencement**

*by Ken Hupp*

Hawai'i business reporter Howard Dicus will deliver the keynote address during UH Hilo's fall commencement, scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the UH Hilo New Gym beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Degrees or certificates will be awarded to students representing the College of Arts and Sciences (198), College of Business and Economics (28), College of Agriculture, Forestry & Natural Resource Management (12), and Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language (6).

Dicus has become one of the most recognized individuals in Hawai'i's business community through his extensive work in print, radio and television. As the Web and Broadcast Editor for *Pacific Business News* (PBN), Dicus writes most of the local business stories that appear on the PBN Website, which he also airs live each weekday morning on KHON TV and Hawai'i Public Radio (HPR).

He separately writes, produces and hosts the weekly television program "PBN Friday" on PBS Hawai'i (KHET) featuring interviews with members of the local business community, workers and entrepreneurs on how Hawai'i works. Dicus also files technology and economic reports which air on WTOP Newsradio in Washington, D.C.

Before moving to Hawai'i, Dicus worked as a radio network newscaster whose reports were heard on AP Radio, UPI Radio, the Mutual Broadcasting System, and National Public Radio.

His love for broadcasting and journalism has led him to pursue other interests within the field. While with United Press International, Dicus reviewed books and CDs and wrote a humor column. And he recently began hosting a Saturday morning classical music program on Hawai'i Public Radio called "Howard's Day Off."

Melvin Jadulang, a communication major from Kapa'au, will be the student speaker. Jadulang, who carries a 3.71 GPA, has compiled a lengthy list of academic achievements. He has made the Dean's List eight times since Fall 2001, earned a UH Hilo Leadership Scholarship in 2001, was named a UH System Presidential Scholar in 2003 and received

## **SPOTLIGHT**

### **Honma high on Vulcan women hoopsters**



*Daphne Honma*

The excitement surrounding the first season of the UH Hilo Vulcan Women's Basketball program is palpable. A good deal of the hoopla is connected to the program's charter head coach, Daphne Honma -- and rightly so, as Honma is the most successful distaff

basketball coach in the history of the Big Island.

Honma was affiliated with the Honoka'a High School girls' basketball program from 1988 to 2006 and served as its head coach for the past 18 years. During her tenure, her teams made 11 State tournament appearances with eight top-five finishes. She is also a three-time Big Island Interscholastic Federation Coach of the Year. She has definitely earned her shot at a collegiate coaching gig.

"I thought that this would be a great opportunity, not just for me, but for girls' basketball in Hawai'i, as well," Honma said. "For several years I have been taking an all-star team to the mainland during the summer to give some of our local talent the exposure that they wouldn't get if they stayed home, and the results were several scholarships to NCAA Division I schools and many other girls who went on to play at other levels. This job gives me a chance to be on the other end and offer our local talent a chance to get an education and play basketball in front of their

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honorable mention to *USA Today's* 2005 All-USA College Academic Team.

His campus activities include serving as a senator and secretary for the UH Hilo Student Association (UHHSA), which twice recognized him for outstanding contributions, president of the Filipino Club, an agricultural development program peer advisor, Web designer for the University's student newspaper and a student volunteer in the UH Hilo Admissions Office.

Equally active in community affairs, Jadulang served as a legislative youth issues co-chair, working with high school and college students to develop and lobby for legislation concerning secondary and post-secondary education, agriculture and world community development. He currently serves as treasurer for the Hawai'i Future Farmers of America Foundation Board and regularly speaks at civic forums in public schools.

His address, entitled "A Leaders Choice," will focus on the choices students make and their impact on the future.

For more information about commencement, please contact Commencement Coordinator Justina Mattos at 936-1193 or email [commence@hawaii.edu](mailto:commence@hawaii.edu). For accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi at x30816 (V) or x47335 (TTY). Requests for special accommodations should be made at least 10 business days prior to the event. 📞

*(Editor's note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)*

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## Islands of Opportunity Alliance-LSAMP kicks-off with successful press conference

November 1, 2006 marked the official start date of the newly awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) Islands of Opportunity Alliance-LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation) program. The Alliance joins 19 universities and community colleges from throughout the Pacific in an effort to increase the number of underrepresented graduates with bachelor degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. To assist UH Hilo and the other Alliance member institutions kick-off the start of the new program, NSF LSAMP Program Officer Dr. A. James Hicks visited Hawai'i in late October to be present during a press conference convened in Honolulu to formally announce the commencement of the Islands of Opportunity Alliance-LSAMP. Representative from a few of the 19 member institutions, along with five current LSAMP students from UH Manoa, gathered to celebrate the formation of the new Alliance. As Chancellor Dr. Rose Tseng stated, the Islands of Opportunity Alliance-LSAMP is "the start of something exciting." 📞



*Representatives from colleges and universities throughout the Pacific gathered to celebrate the formation of the new Islands of Opportunity Alliance in October. On the far left is Dr. A. James Hicks from NSF's LSAMP program; third from the left is Chancellor Rose Tseng, IOA's principal investigator.*

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## Applications available for environmental internship opportunities

UH Hilo's Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science (PIPES) is currently recruiting undergraduate students of Native Hawaiian ancestry, other *kama'aina* students, under-represented minorities, and first-generation college students for paid environmental internships for Summer 2007. The application deadline is February 23, 2007.

PIPES encompasses several programs and targets a broad student audience. The University of Hawai'i Hawaiian Internship Program (UH-HIP), the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU), and the Micronesia and American Samoan Student Internship Program (MASSIP) can be accessed under a single, unified application. The internships are structured into a 10-week program, which includes a four-day orientation, attendance to a Statewide conservation conference (for those interns based in Hawai'i) and final presentations.

"Native Hawaiians and our local population are poorly represented in environmental agencies that make decisions about the use and protection of Hawai'i's resources," noted Sharon Ziegler-Chong, PIPES coordinator. "We are seeking undergraduates, especially Native Hawaiian and *kama'aina* students, who are dedicated to Hawai'i's environment and culture to participate in these programs in hopes to connect more of them to careers related to conservation of our Pacific region's resources."

PIPES was founded on partnerships and is supported through funding and program efforts of the USGS Biological Resources Division Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center (PIERC), USDA Forest Service Institute for Pacific Islands Forestry (IPIF), The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i (TNC), Kamehameha Schools, the UH Hilo Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center, UH Hilo's Keaholoa STEM Program, EPSCoR Hawai'i, Alu Like, Inc., Hawai'i Community College's Forest Team, the National Science Foundation and the agencies and researchers that host and support interns each year. Past host agencies have

included PIERC, IPIF and TNC, as well as groups like the Hanauma Bay Education Program, the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, the Waipa Foundation on Kaua'i, Maui Coastal Land Trust and the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

From its efforts that began 11 years ago, the result has been a successful group of programs that have influenced over 225 undergraduate students through summer internships throughout the region. Of the MASSIP and UH-HIP students who have finished their baccalaureate degrees, over 70% are either working in an environmental, science or development-related field in the Pacific region, or are enrolled in graduate school. Over 90 agencies and organizations have hosted interns, provided funding for interns and program management, and helped facilitate the success of the efforts.

"We're now starting to see some of the ripple affect of the program," said Ziegler-Chong. "For example, former interns in positions here in Hawai'i are encouraging new agencies to participate in the program, as well as serving as mentors themselves."

Summer 2007 internship application packets are available online at [www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhintern](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhintern) or by contacting the PIPES office at [uhintern@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhintern@hawaii.edu) or x30705. 📧



*Malia Kipapa collects a water sample from Honoli'i stream for her research project which focused on how organic matter sources to streams change as a stream ecosystem develops from a recent lava flow to an established rainforest.*

# Hats off to...



Yumiko Ohara

**Yumiko Ohara**, Assistant Professor, Japanese, recently served as an examiner for two Ph.D. theses: one for the University of New South Wales, and another for University of Sydney. Both dealt with critical ethnography and discourse analysis. She also served as a reviewer for *Gender and Language* and *Journal of Japanese Studies*, and had recent book reviews on discourse analysis in *Journal of Pragmatics* and on critical pedagogy in the *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*. Ohara reviewed a chapter for a book concerning emotion and multilingualism for Cambridge University Press, and had her article on "The Media and the Pursuit of Militarism in Japan: Newspaper Editorials in the Aftermath of 9/11" published in a referred international journal, *Critical Discourse Studies*. The article is co-written with Scott Saft.



Misaki Takabayashi

**Misaki Takabayashi**, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, and PRIDE (a registered independent student organization formally known as Gay and Lesbian and allies Ohana – GLO), received a \$3,000 grant from UH Student Equity Excellence and Diversity for a project on "Through Our Eyes." The project will host an auction of art submitted by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) students, staff, and faculty as well as the general public in April 2007. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for LGBTIQ students at UH Hilo.



Sevki Erdogan

**Sevki Erdogan**, Associate Professor, Computer Science, had "Insight of Fuzzy Neural Systems in the Application of Handwritten Digits Classification" published in the *International Journal of Image and Graphics*, vol. 6, no. 4. Additionally, he will present his paper, "A Neuropsychology-inspired Learning System for Human Uncertainty Monitoring" at the Ninth International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision



Patti Urso



Wayne Miyamoto

(ICARCV) in Singapore this month.

**Patti Urso**, Assistant Professor, Nursing, had her paper on "A Holistic Infrastructure for Tobacco Cessation Treatment and Education in a Multicultural and Rural Community" accepted at the American Academy of Nurses held in Miami, FL last month.

**Wayne Miyamoto**, Professor, Art, recently participated in the First Biennial Midwestern Graphics National Juried Exhibition in Topeka, KS. He received a Purchase Award from the exhibition and his work will be included in the permanent collection of the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery of the County Public Library in Topeka, KS. He also served on the Acquisition Committee for the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts last month.



Peter Mills

**Steve Lundblad**, Assistant Professor, Geology, **Peter Mills**, Associate Professor, Anthropology, and **Ken Hon**, Associate Professor, Geology, had their manuscript "Analyzing Archaeological Basalt Using Non-destructive Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF): Effects of Post-depositional Chemical Weathering and Sample Size on Analytical Precision" accepted for publication in the Oxford University Press journal *Archaeometry*.



Ken Hon

**Emmeline de Pillis**, Associate Professor, Management, and **Kimberly Furumo**, Assistant Professor, Management Information Systems, had their manuscript "Counting the Cost of Virtual Teams" accepted for publication in *Communications of the ACM*, a leading management journal.



Emmeline de Pillis

**David Miller**, Professor, English, was featured in the Dialogue section of the October 2006 issue of *Advocate*, a National Education Association higher education publication.

**Kathryn Besio**, Assistant Professor, Geography, had her article "Chutes and Ladders: Negotiating Gender and Privilege in a Village in Northern Pakistan" published in the journal *ACME*:

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David Miller



Yoshitaka Miike



John Hamilton



Thom Curtis

an *International E-journal for Critical Geographies*. The article was part of a special issue on *Gender and Sexuality*, co-edited by Besio and Pamela Moss (Univ. of Victoria). It also contains their co-authored introduction, "Introduction to Sexuality and Gender: Sexed, Unsexy and Gendered Spaces of Inversions and Reversals."

**Yoshitaka Miike**, Assistant Professor, Communication, organized the panel, "Afrocentricity, Asiaticity, and the Future of Intercultural Communication Studies" and presented "The Role of Afrocentricity and Asiaticity in Local and Global Contexts: Reflections on Humanity, Culture, and Communication" at the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the National Communication Association in San Antonio, TX last month. He was also a panelist in the session on "Asian American and Asian Communication Studies: Looking Back and Looking Ahead."

**John Hamilton**, Instructor, Physics and Astronomy, recently gave an oral presentation on the "Ashra Cosmic Ray Experiment" in the Particle Astrophysics Session of The Joint Meeting of Pacific Region Particle Physics Communities (Japan Physical Society and American Physical Society) held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. He also assisted with presentations made by two UH Hilo undergraduate students in the International Outreach Session.

**Thom Curtis**, Associate Professor, Sociology, last month presented two papers at the conference of the International Academy of Linguistics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences in Newport Beach, CA. "Understanding Islamic Law: A Case for More Effective Cross-Cultural Communication" was co-authored by former student Rebecca (Curtis) Hillstrom and describes the importance of being familiar with the Islamic sharia law when communicating with Muslims. "An Investigation of Violence as a Means to Achieve



Jerry Calton



Todd Belt



Marcia Sakai



H. Keith Edwards

Native Hawaiian Sovereignty" was co-authored with students and graduates Erica Burt, Brittany Smart, and Robert Curtis, and is the final report of a multi-year study.

**Jerry Calton**, Professor, Management, has a co-authored book chapter (with Steven Payne and Sandra Waddock), entitled "Learning to teach ethics from the heart: A journey of discovery from the inside-out" accepted for publication in *Advancing Business Ethics Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Information Age Publishing). His paper, "Practicing business ethics from the inside-out: A cross-cultural perspective" will be presented in March 2007 at a conference, Business Ethics in a Global World: China, India, and Beyond, sponsored by the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, CA. Two of his earlier articles will be reprinted in the International Library of Essays in Public and Professional Ethics – *Business Ethics and Strategy*, Volume II (Ashgate Publishing, Ltd.).

**Todd Belt**, Assistant Professor, Political Science, had two papers accepted for presentation at the 2007 Western Political Science Association meeting: "Non-Traditional Political Ideologies of the Homeless and Their Relation to Preference for Social Services Provision" and "The Impact of National Tragedies on Issue Positions and Support for the President: The Cases of September 11<sup>th</sup> and Hurricane Katrina."

**Marcia Sakai**, Dean, College of Business and Economics, has published a book chapter, "Public Sector Investment in Tourism Infrastructure," in the *International Handbook on the Economics of Tourism*. She has also been invited to serve on the steering committee of the AASCB-International affinity group of business school deans representing American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)

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institutions. The group's purpose is to discuss common problems, challenges and opportunities, and to share best-in-practices in order to meet demands placed on schools to ensure student access as well as success. UH Hilo is an AASCU institution.

**H. Keith Edwards**, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, served as coach for two UH Hilo student teams in the Pacific Northwest Regional ACM Programming Competition held last month at BYU-Hawai'i. This was part of a worldwide competition sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery, one of the major professional computing organizations. The UH Hilo teams took second and third place Statewide. Team members included Tracy Castile, Wade DeSmidt, Ryu Hiasa, Kata Kharitonova, Collin Schrandt, Chris Usher, and Daniel Gwilt.

**Bryan Kim**, Associate Professor, Psychology, has been appointed as associate editor of *The Counseling Psychologist* (TCP) journal, the official journal of the Society of Counseling Psychology (Division 17) of the American Psychological Association. It is a top-tier journal in applied psychology and had the Impact Factor rating of 3.488 in 2005. TCP is published bimonthly through Sage Publications. ☺

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## Counseling Psychology to be featured during December Focus on UH Hilo

*Focus on UH Hilo* wraps up its fall semester of shows in December with a discussion of the University's Masters in Counseling Psychology program. The show is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

Dr. Christopher Frueh, director of the UH Hilo Masters Program in Counseling Psychology, will appear on the December 6th telecast. Frueh will discuss the program's objectives and opportunities for students who earn the degree.

*Focus on UH Hilo* highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University's partnerships with various community organizations. ☺

## Come celebrate!

UH Hilo faculty, staff and families are invited to this year's Holiday Party, scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center Dining Room.

The annual event is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng and includes a brief program, refreshments and merriment, a gift of appreciation, a visit from Santa, and singing by the University Chorus, under the direction of Ken Staton. ☺

## UH Hilo Instrumental Ensemble

The UH Hilo Instrumental Ensemble's Fall concert will be held on Tuesday, December 5 from 2-4 p.m. in Music Rehearsal room PB8A-R. There is no admission charge.

The concert is directed by Dr. Richard Lee and features the UH Hilo Flute Choir, the UH Hilo Jazz Ensemble, and a performance of the minimalist piece "In C" by Terry Riley. ☺

## Holiday Concert gift

The University Chorus, Showcase Singers and members of the Instrumental Ensemble present a program of songs associated with the traditional holidays of Chanukah and Christmas on Thursday, December 7 at 1 p.m. as a "last day of classes" gift from the Performing Arts Department to the University community. The concert will be held on the Campus Center Plaza. ☺

## Great Leaps!

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department invites one and all to its Great Leaps Dance Concert, the culminating concert for all Dance classes, on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Over 100 students will perform original choreography, including classical ballet, jazz, modern dance and hip hop. The concert is directed by Performing Arts instructor Celeste Anderson Staton with contributing work by Kea Louviere, Nichole Gaskill, and Eddie Joseph.

Tickets are available at the Box Office and are \$5 general, \$3 senior and child, and \$1 faculty, staff, and UH Hilo/HawCC students with current ID. ☺



## Sounds of the Season Dec 9th and 10th

The annual UH Hilo Holiday Concert will feature the University Chorus, University Showcase Singers, the Hilo Community Chorus and the UH Hilo Orchestra performing traditional and contemporary music celebrating the *Sounds of the Season*.

Directed by Maestro Ken Staton, performances are Saturday, December 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The Saturday performance will be preceded by a 7:30 p.m. 'pre-concert' on the PAC Lanai.

Tickets are on sale at the PAC Box Office. 🎟

school to coaching at the Division II level. The responsibilities are very different; it goes way beyond the stuff that happens on the court. That's the fun stuff, the rest is pretty new to me and I'm learning as I go along."

Honma, a teacher at Honoka'a High School and a part-time coach at UH Hilo, earned a B.A. in physical education from Pacific University and an M.A. in kinesiology and leisure science at UH Manoa. Her Vulcan assistants include Pete Haliniak, who coached both football and basketball at several O'ahu high schools and who was the first women's softball head coach at Hawai'i Pacific University, and Fred Collins, a former UH Hilo player who has coached boys' basketball at Laupahoehoe and girls' junior varsity basketball at Waiakea.

"Coach 'H' brings a lot of experience," Honma noted. "Coach Fred brings a lot of positive energy, patience, and playing experience."

This season's team will have a decidedly homegrown feel. Three players are from Waiakea High school: senior forward Amy Ka'aiakamanu, a 5-foot-10 transfer from Western New Mexico; 5-6 sophomore guard Ashley Kualii, who played for Northeastern Junior College (Colo.); and 5-10 sophomore forward Sheila Azevedo. Other Hawai'i players include Huanani Liftee, a 5-4 freshman guard from Konawaena, Chrystal Hodson, a 5-7 junior forward from Kamehameha-Kapalama, Krystleyn Omlan, a junior 5-7 guard from Lahainaluna, Stacy Breining, a 5-9 wing player from West Hawai'i Explorations Academy, Chelsea Yasuda, a 5-2 junior guard from Hawai'i Baptist Academy and Jessica Ho, a 5-4 guard from Maryknoll. The Vulcs will also have a tall center, especially by D-II standards, in Halley Moseley, a 6-3 junior transfer from California State-Monterey Bay.

Possible recruits for next season include Jazzmin Awa-Williams, a 5-9 senior forward from Konawaena who was named to the *Honolulu Advertiser's* All-State first team last year, and Jessica Hanato, a 5-6 guard who garnered first-team All-State honors at Konawaena in 2005 and played for Linfield College in 2006, but who is not listed on the Wildcats' roster for this season. Former Konawaena player Leesa Deniz will join the team in January and former Kalani standout Richline Batoon has expressed interest in next season. All-in-all, it appears to be a promising beginning for Honma and the Vulcans.

"Traditionally, girls' basketball has been very popular on our island," Honma said. "I have been very fortunate with the support that I've had all these years at Honoka'a. I remember when we were in the State tournament in 1997, the last time that it was held on our island. We packed the Civic every night that we played. I hope that our fans will also support the women's basketball program at UH Hilo. I hope that our team can give back to our community as well. I know our local girls can compete at this level and I would love to keep some of our local talent home to play in front of family, friends and fans. I hope we can give the community something to cheer for and that we can represent them well." 🎟

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family, friends, and fans. I also thought this would be a good challenge for me, not only to start a brand new program, but to also coach at the next level.

"The first challenge was to put together a team that could be competitive in our conference," she added. "The second is to make sure we will be competitive and be able to challenge any opponent. Third is the adjustment from coaching high



## Campus Events

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### December

1	Last day to apply for spring 2006 classified admission	7	UH Hilo Holiday Party, 3 p.m., Campus Center Dining Room
	World AIDS Day, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., CC Plaza		Great Leaps Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission
4	BTA Silent Auction, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., CC 301	9	<i>Sounds of the Season</i> , 8 p.m., PAC, Admission
5	UH Hilo Instrumental Ensemble Fall Concert, 2 p.m., PB8A-R	10	<i>Sounds of the Season</i> , 2 p.m., PAC, Admission
5, 6	BTA Silent Auction, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., CC Private Dining Room	11-15	Final examinations
6	<i>Focus on UH Hilo</i> , 8 p.m., Channel 55	16	UH Hilo Fall Commencement, 9 a.m., New Gym
7	Last day of instruction	18	Final grades due in MyUH at Noon
	Last day to completely withdraw with a "W"		Vulcan men's basketball vs. Univ of Arkansas-Monticello, 3 p.m., Civic, Admission
	Performing Arts Dept Holiday Concert, 1 p.m., CC Plaza	25	Holiday: Christmas 🎅