Celebrating Global Education and Global Responsibility

Every spring for 22 years, Hawai‘i Pacific University has hosted Intercultural Day. With more than 100 countries represented in our student body, the event is a testament to the University’s commitment to prepare graduates to live, work, and learn as active members of a global society.
Meet the 2006 Alumni Awardees

The University recognizes three alumni for their achievements at the sixth annual Paul C.T. Loo Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet

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Hawai‘i Pacific University honored three alumni for their professional accomplishments and contributions to the community at the sixth annual Paul C.T. Loo Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet. Awards for Professional Achievement, Alumni Service, and Young Alumni were presented April 28 at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

The awards are named in honor of Paul C.T. Loo, HPU founder and trustee and executive director of Morgan Stanley, Hawaii area.

Loo, who addressed the guests, prefaced the introduction by speaking of the value of successful alumni and the role they play in attracting students to the school. He made it a point to remind alumni that whether they know it or not, they have had and will continue to have an impact on their communities.

“You never know when someone is looking at you. We have got a reputation that people admire, look up to,” says Loo. “There are people today who will go to HPU because of what you do, and who you are.”

“I am very proud of all of you,” adds Loo.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Raymond P. Vara, Jr. (B.S.B.A. Finance ’93), was honored with the Professional Achievement Award. Chuck Sted, HPU trustee and president and CEO of Hawaii Pacific Health, introduced him.

“Health care is really really hard,” says Sted. “Whenever we’re in a complete chaotic, impossibly challenging situation Ray says, ‘This is fun!’ and he actually means it.”

For Vara, the fun started soon after graduation from high school in Canton, Ohio. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, a decision that could have taken him anywhere in the world. Vara was posted to paradise—Hawaii’s Tripler Army Medical Center—where he became clinic administrator for the hospital’s OB/GYN training program. It was a seminal assignment for Vara, marking the start of a lifelong career in healthcare administration.

Following his time at Tripler, Vara was awarded an Army ROTC scholarship that enabled him to attend HPU. He completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majoring in finance while simultaneously earning his commission as a U.S. Army officer.

Vara spent several more years in the Army, assigned to hospital administration posts in Tacoma, Washington, and Fairbanks, Alaska, before transitioning to life as a civilian—and positions as CFO and eventually CEO of Los Alamos Medical Center in New Mexico.

Today Vara is executive vice president and CEO of operations for Hawai‘i Pacific Health. Among his responsibilities is oversight of Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children, Kapi‘olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic and Hospital, Wilcox Memorial Hospital, and Kauai Medical Clinic. His work includes strategic planning, management of daily operations, relationship building with other providers, physicians, and community leaders, and ensuring cost effective services are delivered by quality staff.

“My job is to balance the breadth of the mission with available resources,” says Vara. “Health care is a difficult environment and there’s a lot of business complexity, everything from getting Medicare reimbursements to investing in technology.”

“People in Hawaii are getting above-average care,” says Vara. But with the challenges he encounters every day, he knows firsthand that more needs to be done to ensure the high level of care that Hawaii enjoys today, continues into the future. “The community needs to bring health care to the forefront,” he adds.

Reflecting on his time as a student at HPU, Vara credits the University with providing a unique learning environment. “It gave me the opportunity to work with professors who were not
only academics but also seasoned industry professionals,” he says. “I was able to put my degree in business administration together with something that was critical to our community. I like being able to come to work and make a contribution to people’s lives on a daily basis.”

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Ernest H. Fukeda, Jr. (M.B.A. Management ’99), received the Alumni Service Award. He was introduced by Dr. John Kearns, interim dean, HPU College of Business Administration.

“We’re honoring Ernest tonight not because of his extensive accomplishments in the business world,” says Kearns. “But rather for all he has done above and beyond his professional career.”

By any measure, Fukeda demonstrates professional success. He is president and COO of The Hawaiian Insurance and Guaranty Co., Ltd. But it is from an ongoing role of leadership in the community that he continues to derive the greatest personal satisfaction.

To hear Fukeda tell it, his involvement was serendipitous. “A lot of friends were getting involved,” says Fukeda. “I saw the good they were doing. So I got involved and tried to do my best.”

His first experience came as a member of the board of Hospice Hawaii, an organization dedicated to caring for terminally ill people. “What they were doing for the community touched me,” he says. “I wanted to help make them an even stronger organization. It was a very rewarding experience.”

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Fukeda served on the Hospice Hawaii board with Barbara Ideta (B.S.N. ’89), president and CEO of The Queen’s Federal Credit Union, who nominated him for the Alumni Award.

“I believe Ernest is one of our community’s unsung heroes, an unassuming, gracious, and humble gentleman with a winning smile and a big heart,” says Ideta. “He truly walks the talk to make the community a better place.”

Since then, Fukeda’s work with community organizations has been both extensive and rich in memories. One of his most memorable is from the time he served as a board member for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii, which provides a “home away from home” for seriously ill children and their families.

“Every quarter, the members of the board cook dinner for the guests who are in residence there,” says Fukeda. “I’m a good griller, so I’d grill steaks. These families are very strong. But I’d have trouble eating when I’d think of what they’re going through and how they’re dealing with their setbacks. It really touched me.”

It isn’t just people whose lives have been touched by Fukeda. He is currently chairman of the Hawaiian Humane Society board. “Our goal is the humane treatment of all animals,” says Fukeda, who owns a cat. “I’m a dog person, but my daughter loves cats, so we’ve had both.” Fukeda says they have come from the Humane Society.

“I’ve always believed in finding a passion,” says Fukeda. “As long as you can make a difference you should stick with it.”

In the late ’90s, Fukeda was passionate about completing his MBA at HPU. “The purpose of getting my MBA was to enhance my organization,” he says. “I was there to learn. If I wasn’t learning, I let them know. I was probably different than most students, but I think the professors appreciated that.”

After receiving the HPU Alumni Service Award, Fukeda summed up the experience in the same way he might describe his work in the community. “It was awesome. I felt so honored. I was very touched by it.”

**YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**

Dr. Helen Varner, retired dean, HPU College of Communication, introduced Jared T. Grugett (B.S.B.A. Corporate Communication and Marketing ’02), recipient of the Young Alumni Award.

“It is said that adversity is the best test of character,” says Varner. “Jared has an extraordinary ability to make lemonade out of life’s lemons.”

“Actually, I like lemonade,” says Grugett. “It’s a good thing. Since graduating from HPU in 2002, his career has moved like a runaway lemonade machine. He’s occupied five different management positions, ridden out a bankruptcy, and overseen the sale of three different companies.

While a student at HPU, Grugett joined Summit Communications as a marketing consultant. Shortly after graduation he was marketing director of the Honolulu-based telecommunications company. But Summit soon filed for bankruptcy and came under the administration of a court appointed trustee. After an exodus of company management, Grugett assumed the role of general manager.

“It was tough at the time,” Grugett recalls. “But the opportunity to go through a bankruptcy and guide a company through Chapter II was an invaluable learning experience.”

When Summit was sold out of bankruptcy to Houston-based Direct Telephone Company Inc., Grugett became a vice president of the company with responsibility for the Hawaii market. Soon, he put together a partnership that purchased the Hawaii operation back from Direct Telephone and two years later sold the company—renamed Hawaii Direct Telephone Company STS, LLC—for three times its original purchase price.

Along the way, Grugett worked at KHNL News 8 as a weekend sports anchor. He also became a general partner in Blue Water Check Cashing, a franchisee of ACE Cash Express. In 2005, he completed the sale of this company and became a general partner in Chicago-based Blue Water Money Management, which specializes in international monetary exchange.
“I like to diversify and do a lot of different things,” says Grugett. “It’s exciting. I guess you could say I’m a risk taker.”

Grugett credits his mother as being a role model for his personal success. “She was a single mom raising three rambunctious boys,” says Grugett. “That’s almost enough said right there.” He also attributes his business philosophy to her. “Anything we do, we do it ethically. That’s something that has to be instilled through your parents. That and a strong work ethic.”

Varner is another person he points to as playing an important role in his life. “I’d never been here before,” says Grugett, who grew up in a small town in Oregon. “Helen provided a lot of clarity for me and helped me in many ways beyond the classroom. She turned out to be my second mom.”

Grugett’s experience after graduation from HPU may not be typical, but it does provide insight into the advice he gives new graduates. “You can’t just pack it in if things get tough,” he says. “If you believe in it, stick to it.”

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Retired Navy Admiral Thomas B. Fargo has been named to the Board of Trustees. He is currently president of Trex Enterprises Corp.

“HPU is a leader in private higher education and has helped Hawaii become and remain the educational center of the Pacific through their global outreach to students, including those in the military,” says Fargo. “I am excited, eager, and honored to work with visionaries such as President Chatt Wright, Chairman William Aull, and the other trustees who are responsible for the great success HPU has achieved in only 40 years.”

As the senior U.S. military commander in the Pacific and Indian Ocean areas from 2002-2005, Fargo directed Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force operations from the U.S. West Coast to the East Coast of Africa. The area encompasses more than 40 countries, 100 million square miles, 300,000 troops, and nearly half the world’s population. He coordinated the U.S. response to the December 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Originally from San Diego, Fargo served as commander of the Navy’s Pacific Fleet before moving to Pacific Command. He is a past recipient of the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership. He earned the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Fargo serves on the boards of Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., Hawaiian Airlines, Japan-America Society of Hawaii, and Iolani School.

Lloyd M. Fujie, CPA, was appointed to the position of vice president and chief financial officer in January.

“I am pleased to welcome such an established community leader to Hawai‘i Pacific University,” says President Chatt Wright. “Lloyd Fujie has been a longtime supporter of HPU. Along with his extensive professional experience, he is a perfect fit for this position.”

Fujie comes to HPU with 32 years of professional experience at Deloitte & Touche LLP, including 10 years as managing partner in Hawaii. His clients have included Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Kamehameha Schools, Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., The Queen’s Health Systems, and Servco Pacific Inc. He earned both his bachelor and master degrees in business administration at the University of Hawai‘i.

“I am pleased and honored to join HPU. I have assisted HPU with its fundraising for several years and was always impressed with its outstanding performance as a private university and with its leadership. The state of Hawaii benefits in many important ways because of HPU, and I am very excited about being part of this extraordinary organization,” says Fujie.

Fujie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is on the Board of Directors for Aloha United Way, Bishop Museum, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Japan-America Society of Hawaii, Diamond Head Theatre, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation, and The Pacific Club.
HPU-OI Partnership Educating Future Scientists

In 2003, Oceanic Institute near Makapuu Point became an affiliate of Hawai‘i Pacific University. As a result of the partnership, HPU marine science students are afforded a unique educational opportunity.

“Our partnership with HPU has given students an opportunity to get practical experience while contributing to a growing database instrumental in the monitoring of global oceans,” says David Ziemann, Ph.D., director of the OI fisheries and environmental science department. “Not only does it give them real shoulder-to-shoulder work with our scientists, it gives us an opportunity to work with students who might have a refreshing approach when it comes to determining conclusions from the data they’ve gathered.”

Under the guidance of Christopher Winn, Ph.D., HPU director of marine and environmental science and associate professor of oceanography, students are participating in a coastal time series project in Kaneohe Bay that could contribute to a broader oceans monitoring program conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“HPU and OI have given me a strong foundation in the basics of oceanographic research, and I have had the opportunity to carry out small-scale research projects as preparation for graduate research,” says recent HPU graduate Ginger Lee Jahn (B.S. Marine Biology ’06).

The Kaneohe Bay monitoring project is the kind of work Winn says distinguishes the budding scientist among other students.

Austin Shelto, a marine biology major from Guam, says he plans to use the knowledge he gains at OI to improve life back home.

“I’ve made it my goal in life to try to find ways to preserve and restore the coral reefs in order to help stimulate the economy in Guam,” says Shelto. “If we could beautify it, more tourists would come, and that would help the economic situation there.”

Winn refers to the ongoing Kaneohe Bay project as an environmental stewardship program. “I’d like to see HPU and OI as part of a new initiative developing over the next decade in monitoring global oceans,” says Winn.

Last summer HPU marine biology major Lucas Kearns interned in OI’s shrimp department and got hands-on experience with shrimp aquaculture. By participating in data collecting for the Kaneohe project, Kearns sees the relationship between water quality and sea animals.

“I am now using those skills I learned about aquaculture,” says Kearns. “It puts everything together—water quality testing, harvesting shrimp, and good organization skills.”

Students are also instilled with a vision for the bigger picture, the results of good and bad chemistry in our world’s oceans.

“In the past, Kaneohe Bay has been used for waste water disposal, so a lot of organic matter is in the bay’s sediments. As it breaks down, it releases more CO₂,” adds Kearns. “That makes it a good source to gather data and to set up models on what could happen in the future.”

Greta Conti, an HPU undergraduate from Italy, says she treasures the experience she is gaining at OI.

“For anyone who wishes to find a job in science, I recommend finding extra opportunities, other than regular lab courses, to apply what they learn in school and to gain valuable experience,” says Conti.

An important benefit is that students gain an appreciation of what is involved in aquaculture and in scientific research.

“We have great potential to contribute and broaden OI’s opportunities and the opportunities for HPU’s students,” says Winn. “This monitoring project could be an important initiative over the next decade. We need people trained for this.”

HPU professor Dr. Christopher Winn reviews research data with marine biology major Austin Shelto.
The Hawai‘i Pacific University Cheerleaders captured the national title at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Chick-fil-A Collegiate Championships for the fourth year in a row.

At the April NCA competition, the HPU Coed Cheer Team won its fourth straight national title. The HPU Small Coed Cheer Team (consisting of no more than four men) won its second national title after debuting last year at the NCA tournament. Also winning national titles were the HPU Cheerleading Stunt Group, for the second year in a row, and the HPU Dance Team. The All-Girl Cheerleading Team, the only all-girl college cheer team in Hawaii, placed third at this year’s competition.

The HPU Stunt Team, which competed for the first time in the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College Cheerleading Championships in January, was named national champions.

HPU Cheerleaders Make History Again

Sharing Their Culture

Through exhibits, performances, and a parade, HPU students celebrated and shared their culture at the 22nd Intercultural Day on April 21. The following groups were recognized with awards:

EXHIBIT
1st Latin Countries
2nd Samoa
3rd Middle East

PERFORMANCE
1st Samoa
2nd Indonesia
3rd Groove Time Jammers Dance Club

PARADE
1st Samoa
2nd Thailand
3rd Taiwan

OVERALL WINNER Samoa
HPU Supports the Military

As an integral part of Hawaii’s military community, Hawai’i Pacific University values and supports the U.S. armed forces.

HPU partnered in sponsoring the 21st annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Month opening ceremonies at the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, on April 27, as Hawaii’s military, business, and government leadership gathered to show their appreciation of our armed forces.

As a key sponsor of the event, HPU’s International Vocal Ensemble sang the national anthem with “Gomer Pyle” actor Jim Nabors and “Hawai’i Pono’i” with Hawaii entertainer Danny Kaleikini, as well as “God Bless America” and the Navy hymn, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save.”

HPU’s affiliate, Oceanic Institute, provided shrimp for the dinner reception. HPU’s President’s Hosts served as escorts for the event’s attendees.

Those in attendance included Governor Linda Lingle, Senator Bob Hogue, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Deputy Commander of U.S. Pacific Command Lieutenant General Daniel Leaf, HPU President Chatt G. Wright, Oceanic Institute President Dr. Bruce Anderson, and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii President Jim Tollefson.

“Hawai’i Pacific University recognizes the importance higher education plays in building and maintaining the best informed and most effective fighting force in the world,” says Bob Cyboron, dean of HPU Military Campus Programs. “Since the mid-1970s HPU has been an integral part of the military community in Hawaii.”

In addition to the two main campuses and Oceanic Institute, HPU has six campuses located on Hickam Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Camp Smith, Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Schofield Barracks, and Tripler Army Medical Center.

“Due to increased deployments and varied work schedules of our military family students, HPU now delivers a quality, robust distance-learning program to complement its traditional classroom delivery method,” adds Cyboron. “Members of our military ‘ohana (family) can now achieve their education goals by taking online courses via the Internet, wherever they are, and on a time schedule that meets their needs—seven days a week, 24 hours a day.”

All sites provide full service to students in the Military Campus Programs by including registration, financial aid information, counseling, book and sundries sales, veteran’s benefits information, and administrative support.

Military personnel, their families, and Department of Defense employees are eligible for the Military Campus Programs.

“Hawai’i Pacific University is proud to support our armed forces, here at home and overseas,” says Wright. “HPU has been serving Hawaii’s military for many years, and we look forward to maintaining our strong ties in the years to come.”
Pocket Hawaiian Grammar

Already hailed as the ultimate reference guide to the Hawaiian language, *Pocket Hawaiian Grammar* (Island Heritage, 2005), co-authored by two HPU faculty members and a University of Hawai‘i professor emeritus, is finding its way onto the bookshelves of seasoned linguists and students alike.

The book, written by HPU Assistant Professor of Hawaiian and Japanese, and modern languages program chair, Gary N. Kahāho‘omalu Kanada, HPU Professor of Linguistics Dr. Kenneth William Cook, and UH Mānoa linguistics Professor Emeritus Dr. Albert Schütz, is a handy-sized paperback easy to carry in a backpack or briefcase.

“I decided to help write this book,” says Kanada, “to provide a useful aid for those studying the Hawaiian language, who invariably have many questions about the grammar. For the first time, the student or researcher is able to find a plethora of information all in one place.”

*Pocket Hawaiian Grammar* serves as a reference guide to the Hawaiian language. Because it is written in dictionary form, it is easy for readers to find explanations of grammatical terms (both Hawaiian and English), major sentence patterns, and grammatical markers. The authors explain terms relating to the sounds of Hawaiian and include a guide to pronunciation. This new resource includes examples and references to nearly 80 works spanning more than a century of research of the Hawaiian language.

“*Pocket Hawaiian Grammar* includes observations that go back to the mid-19th century,” says Cook. “Thus, the reader is given a historical perspective on how grammatical topics have been described through the years.”

Kanada joined HPU in 1993 and teaches all levels of Hawaiian and Japanese. He has studied at Hiroshima University through a Japanese Ministry of Education scholarship, where he focused on Japanese and Okinawan dialects. Kanada earned his BA in Japanese language, his MA in East Asian languages and literatures, and a certificate in Indo-Pacific languages from UH Mānoa.

Cook joined HPU in 1988 and has taught English as a second language (ESL) and Spanish. In HPU’s teaching English as a second language (TESL) programs, he has taught syntax, phonology, and semantics. He earned fellowships from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the University of California. Cook has taught ESL in Guatemala and Japan. He earned his BA in Spanish and his MA in linguistics from California State University, Long Beach, and his doctorate in linguistics at the University of California, San Diego. In addition to English, Dr. Cook speaks Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Hawaiian, and Samoan.

Contemporary Media Ethics


Whitfield wrote the chapter, *Truth on Campus: The Anonymous David Slayes the Political Goliath, But at What Cost?* The chapter discusses the issue of anonymous expression over the Internet through the examination of a now defunct, controversial Web site that arose in 2000 when a mainland university faculty member grew frustrated with the local media.

Whitfield earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Missouri, his master’s at the University of North Texas, and his doctorate at Texas Tech University. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as a professional journalist for several years. Before joining HPU in 2003, Whitfield had 26 years of teaching experience.

Mitchell Land, Ph.D., co-editor of the book, is teaching two classes at HPU this summer, Introduction to Journalism and Global Communication Cases.
MAY 2006 COMMENCEMENT

Valedictory speakers: Florian Roux (M.A. Teaching English as a Second Language), Stacy Trinh (B.S.B.A. Accounting), and Jay Lewis (B.S. Computer Science and A.A. Math, A.S.C.S. ’01)

President Chatt G. Wright and commencement speaker and “Fellow of the Pacific” awardee, Dr. David A. Heenan, trustee of the Estate of James Campbell
Hawai‘i Pacific University honored junior Akihide Adachi and Flavia Brakling (B.A. Communication ’06) as the 2005-06 male and female scholar-athletes of the year at the annual Student Athlete Awards Banquet on May 3 at the Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio hotel.

Adachi, a men’s soccer player from Hyogo, Japan, is a striker and three-time All-Star in the Men’s Island Soccer Organization (MISO). He helped guide the HPU White team over the HPU Green team for the MISO championship in the fall. In the classroom, he is an international business major with a 3.95 cumulative GPA.

Brakling, who won the same award last year, capped off her senior season on the women’s volleyball team in style. She led HPU to a 24-3 record and their third-straight Pacific West Conference Championship. The Sao Paulo, Brazil native was named to the Daktroniks Pacific Region All-Star Team, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region Team, and the AVCA All-America Second Team. A three-time all-region performer, she was second on the team in kills [419], kills per game [4.36], and led the team in digs [298] and digs per game [3.10]. She totaled double-figure kills in 22 of 27 matches and recorded 13 double-doubles on the year.

Off the court, the journalism program graduate worked as a sports editor for Kalamalama, HPU’s school newspaper. She carried a 3.49 cumulative GPA, and was inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society, which honors student athletes for excellence in the classroom and on their respective playing fields.

Men’s basketball player Donnell Dobbins took home the coveted Sea Warrior Award, which goes to the student athlete who demonstrates excellence on the playing field, portrays good sportsmanship, and is active off the court participating in community service projects. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, the senior led the team in scoring points per game [14.4], assists per game [3.3], and steals per game [1.6]. He was very active in the community, working with the Special Olympics basketball teams and Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Dr. Jack Karbens, associate professor of accounting and finance, received the Emma Mauz “Super Fan” Award, which was created in memory of Emma Mauz, a dedicated and loyal fan of high school athletics. Established in 1991, the award pays tribute to the individual whose enthusiasm and support of Sea Warrior athletics deems him or her the “Super Fan.” Karbens is a regular at athletic events and has even volunteered as the “official” for HPU home cross country meets. He loves to talk “HPU sports” in the classroom and frequently encourages students, faculty, and staff to attend athletics events.

The final award went to faculty athletics representative Barbara Burke, who is stepping down from her position this year. Burke received a service award for her 12 years of work with the Athletics Department. She was a big part of the certification and eligibility of student athletes at HPU and provided counsel and guidance to them on a daily basis. In addition, she served as the advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and often attends HPU sporting events, supporting and cheering the Sea Warriors.
Annual Team Highlights

Hawai‘i Pacific University’s men’s and women’s cross country teams outran their opponents during the regular season and continued with a sweep at the Pacific West Conference Championships. Jakob Klausen, senior from Copenhagen, Denmark, paced the men’s team, winning the 8K race for his sixth win of the year. Inga Burger, freshman from Siegen, Germany, won the women’s 5K, and ended the season winning two of her final three races. The women placed five runners in the top 10 at the conference championship, including three of the top five finishers. Louise Brasen placed second and Anne Olesen fifth, while Masako Sagawa and Pia Folsing finished eighth and ninth, respectively. The men placed three runners in the top 10 and two in the top five. Casper Dahl, who was Hawaii’s first finisher in the Boston Marathon in April, placed third, while teammate Aaron Norton finished in seventh place. Klausen represented HPU at the West Regional Championships, finishing in 10th place out of 107 runners, which earned him All-Region honors. Louise Brasen was the women’s top finisher in 16th place.

The women’s volleyball team continued its dominance of the Pacific West, winning their third conference championship in three years. Ranked as high as second in the country during the season, they advanced to the West Regional semi-finals and ended the season ranked eighth, at 24-3 overall. Three Sea Warriors earned All-America honors, led by junior middle blocker Barbara Martin, who was named to the first team. Flavia Brakling (B.A. Communication ’06) and senior Vera Oliveira each earned second team recognition. The trio also earned American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region and Daktroniks Pacific Region honors as well. Martin was named Pacific West Conference Player of the Week three times during the season.

Men’s basketball had three players earn All-Conference honors and two players earn conference Player of the Week honors. Senior Donnell Dobbins was named to the conference first team, while fellow seniors Audrius Peciukas and Finis Harwell earned second team and honorable mention recognition, respectively. Peciukas was named twice as Pacific West Conference Player of the Week, and teammate Joseph Ison was named once during the season.

In his first season as head coach of the HPU baseball program, Garett Yukumoto (B.S.B.A Human Resource Management ’93) guided the Sea Warriors to a respectable 24-20 overall record. Senior justice administration major Grandon Costa became the school’s all-time leader in hits, runs, and hit by pitches, while fellow senior social science major Brandon Sato became the all-time leader in games played and at-bats. Senior pitcher Mario Ramirez was solid all year, finishing 6-1 with a 3.10 ERA and six complete games.

Stefan Pampulov (B.S.B.A. International Business ’01, M.B.A. ’03) guided the men’s and women’s tennis teams to winning records in his first season as head coach. The men’s team finished the season ranked 33rd with a 9-6 record, while the women’s team finished 9-9 and ranked 26th overall. Both teams finished above .500 in conference, with the men finishing 7-2, and the women, 5-4. The women’s team qualified for the West Regional Championships.

The women’s softball team rode a late eight-game winning streak to finish second in the Pacific West Conference. At 27-18, the team qualified for the West Regional Tournament in Bakersfield, California. Freshman Krystal Plunkett of Pearl City, Hawaii, had an outstanding rookie season, leading the team in eight offensive categories, including batting average (.415), hits (54), doubles (11), RBI (29), slugging percentage (.631), and OB percentage (.509).

Men’s and women’s golf had a tremendous season, with the women winning all their matches on Oahu. The men’s team won every Division II match they participated in and finished in 15th place in the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational in Phoenix, Arizona.
J. Watumull Scholarship

Mr. (far right) and Mrs. (far left) Gulab Watumull congratulate the scholarship recipients, Bibhuti Shrestha (second from left), graduate information systems major from Nepal, Sara Thampan (middle), graduate human resource management major from India, and Prajanna Tuladhar, MBA student from Nepal.

First Insurance Company Scholarship

Allen B. Uyeda (right), president and CEO, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd., presents the scholarship to Yen-Ju Chen, a management major from Taiwan. Yen-Ju participates in Rotary Club activities and is secretary of the Taiwanese Student Association.
1974
@ John T. Graver
(B.A. Psychology) plans on taking a little time off this year to return to Oahu for a visit. He especially wants to take a tour of the Hawai‘i Loa campus. John is owner of Windermere Real Estate in Yelm, Washington.

1991
@ HTH Corporation has announced the promotion of Toshiya Amada (B.A. Business Economics) to director of sales. Toshiya will manage sales operations for wholesale, retail, and the meetings and conventions market at Pacific Beach Hotel and Pagoda Hotel on Oahu, as well as King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel on Hawaii island.

1993
@ Eugene J. Henwood (A.S.L.) and his wife, Chanthaly, welcomed daughter Mercedes to their family on October 17, 2005. Gene works in diplomatic security for the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

@ Terry Miley, Ph.D. (A.S. Management ’89, B.S.B.A.), would like to share with his fellow HPU alumni that he recently completed his Ph.D. in International Computer Applications Management at Summit University, Metairie, Louisiana. Asked what made this all possible, Terry responded, “Having a great faculty and administration at HPU that works with every student to bring out their best was the key. HPU gave me the start I needed to achieve this academic milestone and go on in my career to achieve far more than I ever thought possible.”

@ Gina Pizzuto (B.S.B.A. Travel Industry Management) married Wyatt Welch in May of 1997. Since the birth of their son Aubrey in 2002, Gina has been a stay-at-home mom. They are expecting their second child in summer 2006 and live in Portland, Oregon.

1995
@ Jonathan Hoffman (B.S. Marine Science) is pictured with some of the seniors at the Toms River High School North in Toms River, New Jersey, where he teaches.

@ InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong appointed Sandra Tang (B.S.B.A. Travel Industry Management) director of catering and conferences.
1996

Teddy Ko (B.S.B.A.) and his wife welcomed their son, Richard, into their family on September 12, 2005. The happy family lives in Chan Wan, Hong Kong. Teddy is the product marketing manager for ICT Commercial Group, PCCW Limited.

Grupo de Diarios America in Miami, Florida, elected Carolina [Moreno] Rivera (M.B.A. International Business) its new commercial vice president to manage marketing, sales, and business development operations.

1998

Brett Ellis (B.S. Pre-Medical Studies) has returned to Hawaii after completing a Master of Science in Public Health in 1999 and a Ph.D. in Tropical Medicine in 2005 from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is working with University of Hawai’i and the Department of Health through a fellowship from the Centers for Disease Control and Association Public Health Laboratories in Emerging Infectious Diseases, e.g. dengue fever, avian influenza. If anyone is interested in this or a related career path, Brett would be happy to discuss how a Bachelor of Science degree from HPU can help you in these pursuits.

1999

Kristina Lockwood (B.A. Communication) was appointed Honolulu’s KGMB9 general sales manager this past December.

Deborah Peabody (B.A. Communication) is working as a multimedia advertising account executive for Orlando Sentinel Communications in Florida.

2000

Rikard Coro (B.S.B.A. Economics) is area sales manager for Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. [BRP] in Lausanne, Switzerland. BRP manufactures Jetskis (SeaDoo) and Quads (Bombardier ATV).

Stefanie Schmidt (B.S. Marine Biology) recently moved to Las Vegas after accepting a job in the animal care department at The Mirage Dolphin Habitat. Her position allows her to educate visitors about marine life and take care of the resident bottlenose dolphins. Stefanie says that it is an amazing job and she loves it.

2002

Navy Ensign Ian E. Barr (A.S.L.) was recently commissioned upon graduation from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Ralf Mitteregger (M.B.A. Information Systems) has been accepted to the doctoral program [Doctor of Business Administration] at the School of Management at University of Surrey, Guildford, UK. His research focus will be in the area of operational management. The program, which takes four years to complete, started this May.
Melissa Ann Pampulov [M.A. Communication] is the director of marketing for the United States Tennis Association, Hawaii Pacific section.

2003
Takamitsu Ogawa [M.B.A. Management] and Young-Soon Yoon [M.B.A. Finance] are proud to announce the arrival of their healthy baby boy. Akimitsu Ogawa was born on February 20 in Tokyo, Japan.


2004
@ Nishihama & Kishida, CPAs, Inc. in Honolulu announced the promotion of Jessica [Catekista] Clarke [M.B.A.] from audit staff to audit senior.

2005
Vanessa Raase [B.A. Advertising and Public Relations] is putting her degree to good use as traffic coordinator for Young & Rubicam Inc. in New York City.

Melody Spence [B.A. Political Science] has joined Lee Technologies in Fairfax, Virginia, as a member of the team that supports the sales staff. The company supplies power backup for database centers. She says it’s a fantastic job. She handles the bids that come in, writes proposals, and books jobs. Melody is engaged to Stuart Ashby [B.S.B.A. Management]. They met while attending HPU in the fall of 2003. Stu works at Hot Lava Software. He is in charge of product management and sales.

Several HPU alumni were profiled in the spring 2006 issues of Hawaii Business magazine.

March 2006
Song Choi [B.S.B.A. ’01, M.B.A. ’04] was featured in “Anatomy of a Startup” by Jacy L. Youn and was on the cover with business partners of Chipin.

Hajime "Jim" Ueno [M.B.A. Marketing '98], president of Waikiki-based Wincubic, was featured in “ePower” by Scott Radway.

April 2006
There was more coverage of Song Choi and his startup in “The Evolution of Chipin” by Jacy L. Youn.
HPU Alumni Support Their Alma Mater

Alumni and HPU recruiters get together after a San Diego recruiting event: Derrick (B.S.B.A. Finance '95) and Joanna (B.S.B.A. Accounting '98) Hatami, Emmy Lam (B.S.B.A. '97 Travel Industry Management, M.B.A. '98 Marketing), Hachiro's guest, Martin Ayala (B.S.B.A. '03 Management), Ed Devine, director of mainland admissions, Hachiro Hiratsuka (M.A. Global Leadership '02), Holly Shim (M.A. Organizational Change '03), Terri Hart Devine, former associate director of admissions, and Kimberly Burton, associate director of admissions.

Alumni assist at a Minnesota recruiting event: Jan Voelker (M.A. Human Resource Management '95), Jeff Schwaegerl (B.S. '79), and Jane (Lewis) Damskey (B.S.B.A. '92 Marketing)

If you are interested in helping the HPU recruiters, go to www.hpu.edu/UGrecruit (U.S. undergraduate), www.hpu.edu/GRADrecruit (U.S. graduate), or www.hpu.edu/INTLrecruit (international).

President's Graduation Reception

The second annual President's Graduation Reception was held on May 15 at the Plaza Club in Honolulu. Held two days prior to the May commencement ceremony, it was an opportunity for Hawai'i Pacific University to recognize the achievements of the graduates and welcome family and friends of the graduates.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Philpott and President Chatt G. Wright addressed the guests. They wished the graduates well on their new journeys beyond HPU and encouraged them to stay connected with their alma mater and classmates.

Professional Mixer

Hawai'i Pacific University's first annual Professional Mixer, cosponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, Student Alumni Associates (SAA) organization, and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), HPU chapter, was held on March 24 at Carnaval Las Palmas at Restaurant Row in Honolulu.

Before dinner, alumni introduced themselves and gave students advice on how to get that first job. Students networked with alumni who work at Tesoro Corporation, John Hancock Financial Services, Communications Pacific, American Savings Bank, and many other organizations.

Presidents from PRSSA and SAA plan to have this event annually.
Paul C.T. Loo Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet
April 28, 2006 • Waialae Country Club • Photos by Steven Lum

1 Jared Grugett [B.S.B.A. Corporate Communication/Marketing ’02], Paul Loo, Ernie Fukeda [M.B.A. Management ’99], and Ray Vara [B.S.B.A. Finance ’93]


3 Karen Scharfenstein, Alison Hinazumi, Linda Haller, Pam Burns, Lisa George, Ernie Fukeda [M.B.A. Management ’99], Barbara Ideta [B.S.N. ’89], and Darcie Scharfenstein

4 Back: Wade Nakashima [B.S.B.A. ’80], Conrad Shidaki, and Corey Namba; Front: Iris Suehisa, Pam Shidaki, and Neetu Gill

5 Back: Nathan Yuen [M.B.A. ’02], Enrique Che [M.B.A. ’97], Clayton Komori, and Barry Nakamoto [M.B.A. ’93]; Front: Dale Hahn, Liza Jang-Che, and Queenie Komori [M.S.I.S. ’98]

6 Back: Ray Vara [B.S.B.A. Finance ’93], Vivien Sted, Margi Ulveling, Paul Loo, Chuck Sted, and Chatt Wright; Front: Tiffany Vara, John Fleckles, Roger Ulveling, and Janice Wright [M.B.A. International Business ’96]

7 Marcelo Castro [B.A. Advertising ’02], Joanne Gatmaitan [B.S.B.A. Finance ’04], Dragan Ijacic [B.S.B.A. International Business ’05], Chirag Dave [M.B.A. Marketing ’04], Nash Subotic [B.S.B.A. International Studies ’02, M.B.A. Finance ’03], Marija Subotic [M.B.A. ’04], Lauren New [B.S.B.A. Marketing ’05], and Christopher Wittig [B.S.B.A. Finance ’05]

8 Back: Hui Ying Chen, Shirley Zhuang [B.A. Social Science ’84], Thomas Zhuang, Robert Wang, Sylvia Zhuang [B.S.B.A. Corporate Communication ’03], Shirley Whitfield, Jim Whitfield, and Brian Cannon; Front: Song Choi [B.S.B.A. Marketing ’01, M.B.A. Marketing ’04], Helen Varner, Jared Grugett [B.S.B.A. Corporate Communication/Marketing ’02], and Judy Johnson
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