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DR. KISHIMOTO'S VISION AND ACTION PLAN FOR HIDEOE

The COEAA Board members were honored to have Dr. Christina Kishimoto, Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE), at their January 29, 2019 Board meeting. Her presentation was informative and the Board members now have a better understanding and are cognizant of her vision and goals for her Department.



Dean Murata & Dr. Kishimoto

Dr. Kishimoto's action plan was based upon reflection, over the past 18 months, on three high-impact strategies: school design, student voice and teacher collaboration. She shared this plan with her staff and others through visits with various educational organizations and through her article, **"Equity, Excellence, and Innovation – Moving Toward a 10-year HIDEOE Action Plan."** Her plan focuses on three goals: student success, staff success and successful systems of support. According to her article, **"A new calendar year is a time of both new beginnings and of continued work to improve the Hawai'i DOE (HIDOE) – simultaneously reflecting and looking forward."** Dr. Kishimoto emphasizes the need to have teacher-lead planning and embracing teachers/educators as learners.

Dr. Kishimoto's closing remarks were very clear. She emphasized collaboration among all parties involved--students, educators, community, and legislators--to achieve the goals for improved schools across the State of Hawai'i.



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COE Dean's Message

GREETINGS from the College of Education "a sense of purpose, a sense of place". While the core mission of the College of Education (COE) is to produce teachers, our alumni include educational researchers, educational evaluators, assessment personnel, athletic trainers, exercise science majors and rehabilitation counselors. The college diverse degree options are reflected in its ability to deliver a range of educational and workforce opportunities.

Since last year, our faculty, staff and students have engaged in a phenomenal amount of work locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. We continue to hear the accolades of our

graduates ranging from educational research awards, Milken awards, teachers of the year, PhD dissertation award and many more. Faculty are breaking new grounds in Ethnomathematics; *Kaipuni* in which operational assessments continue to be developed for the Hawaiian Language, the first of its kind through federal requirements; *Symphony of the Hawaiian Birds*; and countless other programs that have global implications for our faculty and students.

Addressing our strategic vision for the future is currently being undertaken. A core team of 14 individuals representing all the departments and centers have worked tirelessly over the past year



Dean Nathan M. Murata

to re-envision what the COE will be like and the clientele it serves. Keeping our alumni abreast of COE progress is important for me as we move into the future with a vision for inclusiveness, innovation, diversity appreciation, flexibility and a Hawaiian place of learning.

Spring 2019 General Membership Meeting



Dr. Glenn Medeiros
Keynote Speaker

The annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Manoa Grand Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The keynote speaker for this year's event is Dr. Glenn Medeiros, best known for his rise to fame in the 1980s and 1990s for his hit song "Nothing's Gonna Change My Love For You." Since then, however, he elected to further his education to pursue a career in teaching and educational administration to make a difference in other's lives. He has taught at various public and private schools throughout Oahu, i.e., Mililani Middle School, St. Joseph School, and Island Pacific Academy. He also was the Vice Principal of Maryknoll

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Grade School and then its high school and was an assistant professor at Chaminade University. Then in 2017, he was appointed President of St. Louis Schools and to date continues to lead in that capacity in his efforts to educate students in the Marianist philosophy, while developing them to be outstanding young men in the community. Currently, Dr. Medeiros lists his occupation as musician, singer-songwriter, teacher and administrator.

Also, the COEAA is pleased to announce that Ms. Catherine Payne has been selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alumna Awardee. She will be honored and recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of education at this annual meeting.

The cost for COEAA members and students is \$37 per person and for guests the cost is \$40 per person. The registration form may be found on the insert of this newsletter. Please remit the form together with your payment no later than Friday, May 24, 2019.

The COEAA leadership team and planning committee look forward to seeing you on June 7, 2019. The event includes a silent auction to fundraise for two (2) scholarships that are awarded annually to COE students. The auction items may be purchased with cash or checks only.

COEAA Fundraising Campaign
An Investment in Future Educators

The College of Education Alumni Association (COEAA) has been conducting a direct mail fundraising campaign since the second week of February 2019 by reaching out to the community, fellow alumni, friends of the College of Education and businesses. Please make a tax-deductible donation in any amount to the COEAA if you can. Primarily, monies raised will be used toward scholarships for COE students pursuing a career in teaching.

Be a part of the growing number of alumni and community friends who support and care about COE students. Show your care about our future generation of teachers who will educate our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. You can make a difference to our future teachers.

The officers and directors would like to thank those donors who have made a contribution to date. Your support is appreciated. The COEAA is a 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is fully tax deductible as permitted by federal and state law since no goods or services were provided in consideration of your donation.

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Scholarships **2019 Scholarship Recipients**

Each year the COEAA awards two scholarships to COE students enrolled in teacher preparation programs. The recipients of the 2019 scholarships are Kayla Ueshiro and Daniel Pavao. Kayla is a teacher candidate in the B.Ed. in Elementary Education program and Daniel is a candidate in the B.Ed. in Secondary Education (General Science) program. Congratulations Kayla and Daniel!



Congratulations to the 2019 Milken Awardee
Sara King
Ala Wai Elementary School

Sara King, a Title I Coordinator at Ala Wai Elementary School, is the recipient of the 2019 Hawai'i Milken Educator Award. She earned her B.Ed. in Elementary Education and M.Ed. in Curriculum Studies from the College of Education (COE). Sara is the only Milken educator selected from Hawai'i this year and she is among 33 teachers nationwide selected for the premier teaching recognition, which comes with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize.

She taught first grade and served as grade level chair before taking over the role as Title I Coordinator in August 2017. Sara embraced project-based learning, believing that all students can be leaders and can facilitate their own learning.

Ala Wai School Principal Michelle DeBusca states that "Mrs. King is an inspirational educator who inspires her students to believe in themselves and to dream big and work hard to make it happen. As a school leader, she is collaborative and supportive in developing school systems that are focused on student needs." She further states that "Mrs. King is resourceful and innovative in her practices to challenge students to meet their fullest potential."

Honoring our 2019 Distinguished Alumna



Ms. Catherine Payne
2019 Distinguished Alumna

Catherine Payne's outstanding contributions to teaching, leading, and learning are far-reaching and span from the Wai'anae coast, to Olomana and to the Farrington Community. After spending her childhood moving from place to place with her Navy pilot father, Catherine spent her adult life working to create stability for Hawai'i's teenagers, including many who lacked guardians. During a career of more than 35 years, she worked as a teacher, vice principal and principal, never taking on the easy jobs. Instead, she led some of the toughest schools on Oahu, such as Olomana and Farrington High, and nurtured students with not only academic, but language, socio-economic and behavioral challenges.

In 1991 she was the recipient of the National Association of Secondary School Principal (NASSP) of the Year Award--a distinction that acknowledged her many years of service to the community, not only as outstanding administrator, but also as a valuable resource in understanding the at-risk youth population. Also, Catherine was a recipient of the prestigious Milken National Educator Award in 1995 and named a semifinalist for the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award in 2006.

Upon retirement as principal of Farrington High School, she served as Chair of the State Public Charter School Commission. Currently, she serves as Chairperson of the Board of Education and temporarily served as Interim Farrington -Kaiser-Kalani Complex Area Superintendent.

Catherine Payne has served on numerous education boards, including the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Education Institute of Hawai'i, Adult Friends for Youth, and the State Public Charter School Commission as mentioned above. She also served as treasurer of the College of Education Alumni Association Board and was a mentor for doctoral students in the Ed.D. Program at UH Mānoa - College of Education. She is an active member of two honorary sororities for women educators: Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Nu Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa Society International.

Catherine is known throughout Hawai'i and among her colleagues as a steady and unflagging leader who works creatively to meet the challenges of implementing school goals. Her hallmarks are the vital and powerful qualities of warmth, sincerity, compassion, and vision. They manifest themselves in her ability to motivate others to take risks and to develop new programs which address the objectives of education.

Congratulations, Kayla!

Kayla Ueshiro, COE Student Association President and Representative to the COEAA Board, was recently selected as the 1st Princess of the 67th Cherry Blossom Festival Court. The Board is very proud of her and her academic accomplishments. Congratulations, Kayla, and thank you for being an active participant on the COEAA Board.



COE Neighbor Island Alumni Tour

On April 25, 2019, the UH Mānoa (UHM) College of Education (COE), together with the College of Education Alumni Association (COEAA), will hold a *Neighbor Island Alumni Reception* on Maui. As part of an appreciation and recruitment effort, the COE plans to visit at least one island each year.

With technology, the 'where and how' students learn is constantly evolving. Yet, it has been well established over the years that neighbor island students come to O'ahu. They transfer from community colleges, come for weekend or summer classes, and ultimately graduate from Mānoa. Many of them remain on O'ahu while others return to the neighbor islands to seek employment.

"The COE is statewide, which means so much more than offering online or hybrid courses," said Dean Nathan M. Murata. "We want to show our appreciation to all of our amazing alumni, retired teachers, current teachers, and even those considering a career in education. Regardless of where you learn or live, we are one, and we are coming to you."



Wanted . . .Your Kokua

We are encouraging COEAA members to nominate candidates who are willing to serve on the COEAA Board. Please submit your nominations by May 10, 2019, for the Spring 2019 Board of Directors election to Kathleen Nishimura, Chair of the Nominations Committee. You may contact her at nishimurk001@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.