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This issue of Currents is a review of the College of Education’s (COE) award-winning programs, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends. While the contents span 2019 activity, I am compelled to acknowledge that you are receiving this during the COVID-19 pandemic. The events of 2020 have been unprecedented as we have gone from a robust economic forecast to discussions of furloughs and massive unemployment. COVID-19 has undeniably altered the landscape of not only JH Mānoa, but the world. However, this should not diminish the accomplishments of the COE during 2019 and moving forward. As we navigate the global health crisis and its wake of economic uncertainties together, the COE remains steadfast in its commitment to producing quality future teachers, athletic trainers, exercise science majors, educational leaders and administrators, and rehabilitation counselors.

Our fully accredited college continues to evolve in every aspect of teaching, research, and service, not only for the state of Hawai‘i, but for an ever-growing global market. The impact of the COE is also witnessed by its expansion of majors in all academic areas. We recently graduated the first cohort of students in the Ethnomathematics Graduate Certificate program, the first certificate program in the world for this highly interdisciplinary subject. We also began offering a new graduate online program, the first certificate program in the world for this highly interdisciplinary subject.

Looking forward, the COE has submitted an Authorization to Plan for both the Doctor of Physical Therapy and School Counseling programs. The fiscal outlook may appear bleak at the moment, but we are determined to press on in areas of growth and innovation. We will emerge from this crisis stronger and more efficient in the way teaching, learning, and research occurs. I expect the COE to be a major player in the post-pandemic rebuilding, and I thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support and contributions.

With aloha,

Nathan M. Murata - Dean
Did you know?

IN A YEAR, THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION...

- Produces the majority of the state’s teachers, educational leaders, and educational researchers
- Enrolls nearly 2,000 students
- Awards approximately 600 degrees
- Employs 350+ faculty, staff, and support personnel
- Attracts approximately $19 million in contracts and grants
- Receives more than $1 million from alumni and friends
- Awards approximately $400,000 in scholarships to students with the average award at $1,650

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALSO...

- Consistently ranks among the top graduate schools in education in U.S. News & World Report
- Maintains nationally accredited teacher education, athletic training, and rehabilitation counseling programs
- Offers 3 bachelor, 10 master, and 4 doctoral degrees as well as post-baccalaureate and graduate certificate programs in a variety of fields
- Provides programs through distance (online and/or hybrid) education, especially for neighbor island students, through targeted statewide cohort programs
- Serves the needs of Hawai’i through teacher preparation, exercise science, athletic training, and research programs
- Houses 8 academic and 2 major research units, the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) and the Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG)

COE Curriculum Studies STEMS² Cohort 4
Being the Best

The COE has one of the best graduate schools in the nation. Ranking 66 out of 258 schools in U.S. News and World Report’s Best Graduate Schools 2020 edition, the college has been among the top 100 education programs surveyed since 2005. Having been awarded approximately $17 million in contracts and grants in 2019, the college also remains at the top for funded research. Nationally accredited since 2000, the college receives international recognition and awards for all of its programs throughout the year. The Master of Education in Teaching (MEdT) program was rated best master’s degree in secondary education and best full-time program by Online Masters. The Learning Design and Technology (LTEC) department was listed as one of the best online master’s in educational technology programs in the same publication.

Kicking Off Neighbor Island Alumni Tour

The COE, together with the College of Education Alumni Association (COEAA), held a Neighbor Island Alumni Reception on Maui in April 2019. The event included a short program, refreshments, and giveaways. “The COE is Statewide, which means so much more than offering online or hybrid courses,” said Dean 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!” As part of an appreciation and recruitment effort, the COE plans to visit at least one island each semester.

Improving Head Safety in High School Football

The COE launched a three-year program to reduce head impact exposure in Hawai‘i high school football players and to enhance community awareness and environment for head safety. The Hui T‘808 program, in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Lowell and funded by the GOG Foundation, is a collaboration with the COE Hawai‘i Concussion Awareness Program (HCAMP). Beginning with Pac-Five and St. Louis School football teams, each football player is outfitted with a specially designed helmet, which houses an impact-monitoring system that transmits data to UH graduate assistants who then notify team athletic trainers to assess for possible concussion. Dean Nathan M. Murata said, “Once the outcomes of our program have shown a reduction in head impact exposure and concussions as well as improved head safety behaviors with our inaugural groups, the program will continue to work towards sustained implementation and wider acceptance in grade levels and schools across Hawai‘i.” Set up by its founder, Attorney Gary O. Galiher, the GOG Foundation supports projects designed to improve Hawai‘i’s social, economic, and cultural well-being.

Preserving and Promoting Olelo Kanaka

College of Education (COE) alumni, COE Assistant Specialist Kahea Faria and Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language Director Ipwo Wong, are working on several program initiatives designed to preserve and promote ‘ōlelo Kanaka, the Hawaiian language of native speakers. Programs, including those centered around ohana and malama ‘āina, will immerse UH students in language intensive lessons. “In ‘ōlelo Kanaka, letters, sounds, intonations, expressions and world views are noticeably different than language taught today,” Faria said in a UH News story. “There is nowhere else in the world where the Hawaiian language is so richly preserved, and we want to be sure it’s never lost.” As part of the initiative, they are recruiting potential teacher candidates from within the native speaking population in order to produce teachers who are not only certified but who are also able to communicate with students and families in the language of the community.
Teaching Swim Safety to Children with Autism

COE students in the Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Program (KRS), enrolled in Professor Kelle Murphy’s KRS 443 Diversity and Disability course, teach swimming skills and safety to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Part of a 10-week laboratory section, the program has expanded from 12 to nearly 50 participants since 2017 and is now a required section of the adapted physical education class. Featured in UH News and on all local news stations, the inspirational program has gained the attention of the media and community. “It has been rewarding to see the improvement in both swimming skills, comfort level, and social skills of children with ASD along with the excitement of the UH students when their child progresses, and they realize that they are a part of the process,” Murphy said.

Introducing Students to College

Institute for Teacher Education (ITE) Elementary faculty members and OSAS partnered with Ala Wai Elementary School to bring 60 fourth graders to UH Mānoa for a day of college awareness and readiness. The event, called Ho’ohana, (to work with intent and purpose, the practice of new knowledge), was also designed to help COE elementary education candidates practice various STEM challenges. Science, Math, and STEM Methods Instructor Stacy George said, “This provided our college students with an opportunity to demonstrate practical applications of math and science and to showcase leadership skills.” The Ala Wai students were encouraged to think about college and future careers by engaging in activities, which included a read aloud of Emma’s Adventure, written by OSAS Advisor Alyssa Kapaona. After discussing their passions in life, the children were given a college campus tour to help them imagine a pathway to their career goals. “The Ho’ohana program aims to support STEM, first generation college-goers, and college readiness for elementary students,” added ITE Assistant Specialist Rayna Fujii.

Contributing to the Advising Community

The COE Office of Student Academic Services (OSAS) was awarded the ‘Oikela Outstanding Academic Advising Unit Award during a UH Mānoa Awards Ceremony in April 2019. OSAS was selected for its excellence, innovation, and significant contributions to the advising community by the Council of Academic Advisors. “I am extremely proud of our faculty, staff, and students,” said OSAS Director Denise Nakaoka. “They are most deserving of this award since they have consistently demonstrated a high level of excellence in their delivery of services to students, program development, and work ethic. They inspire me every day.” OSAS received more than $11K in grants to support underrepresented student activities and events in 2019.
Making History in the Marshall Islands

The first cohort of the college's PACMED program graduated in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) on July 26, 2019. PACMED is a Master of Education (MEd) degree program in the Department of Curriculum Studies (EDCS) with a focus on culturally-responsive, Pacific, place-based STEAM subjects (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics). EDCS Professors Paul Deering and Deborah Zuercher and colleagues digitally deliver PACMED’s curriculum to students across the Hawaiian Islands, American Sāmoa, and now RMI. The recently graduated cohort of 17 Marshallese students included classroom teachers as well as high-ranking administrators. “Pacific leaders are needed to solve Pacific problems,” Zuercher said. “The PACMED program builds on indigenous knowledge of place and culture while addressing emerging problems such as sea-level rising, health, illegal fishing, food security, and sovereignty.” PACMED is a two-year program focused on the nine RMI Public School Standards for Teachers, plus a tenth standard focused on place-based STEAM teaching.

Growing Teachers Initiative Program

The COE Grow Our Own Teachers Initiative received 53 applicants in 2019, nearly doubling the number of interested students since the first cohort began in January 2018. Scholarship stipends for qualified applicants are provided through support from the State Legislature and the Hawai‘i Department of Education (HIDOE). Grow Our Own was designed for HIDOE employees who are already teaching and who serve as emergency hires, substitute teachers, or educational assistants. The main focus is to address teacher shortage areas in Hawaiian Language, world languages, English, mathematics, and science. The application process is rigorous in order to ensure candidates match these goals. “The near doubling of applicants for this program is a testament to the outstanding things we can accomplish when we work together,” said HIDOE Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Covell. “We look forward to continuing our innovative approach to teacher retention and recruitment as we continue to fill our classrooms with homegrown talent.”
Rehabilitating Cancer Patients

The COE Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science (KRS) has expanded its Practicum in Health and Science (KRS 488) clinical experiences. Under the direction of Assistant Professor Paulette M. Yamada, students enrolled in the 4-credit class work with cancer patients at the REHAB Hospital of the Pacific in their ICARE cancer exercise rehabilitation program. Featured in multiple local news segments, ICARE student trainers work with cancer patients as part of a recovery treatment program. Every semester, 20 students enrolled in KRS 488 are assigned two patients each. The program is free for the cancer patients who meet with the student trainers three times a week over three months. “The CARE program gives our students an opportunity to apply classroom-based knowledge into a clinical setting,” Yamada explained. “We are building collaborations and have several oncologists working with us. Together, we are learning how to help the patients to continue exercise beyond the three-month program.”

Preparing Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program (RCEP) in KRS was awarded a $1M long-term training grant from the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration. Funding for the project, Pursuing Excellence in Rehabilitation Counseling, will provide tuition assistance for 30 eligible RCEP students. “Because of severe shortages of professionals in the State-Federal Vocational Rehabilitation system, the need for highly qualified rehabilitation professionals who can serve adults and youths with disabilities and challenges is high,” said Dr. Kathryn K. Yamamoto, Associate Professor and RCEP Director. The RCEP program prepares graduate students to become successful practitioners in the field of vocational rehabilitation and leads to a Master of Science (MS) degree in KRS with a specialization in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Training Doctoral Students in Special Education

The college’s Department of Special Education (SPED) received a $300K grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs. As part of the grant program, SPED is participating in a Doctoral Training Consortia along with nine other institutions of higher education (IHE) across the U.S. Under the direction of SPED Chair Mary Jo Noonan, PhD scholars will engage in advanced research, education, and community opportunities through the consortia, benefitting from the expertise and experience of interdisciplinary faculty and projects from all 10 IHEs. “This funding will enable us to train doctoral students in early childhood intervention for infants and young children with high-intensity needs because of significant intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those with severe autism, medically complex needs, sensory loss, and genetic conditions,” Noonan said.
The COE Senate Fellowship Committee issues a call for faculty and staff award nominations each spring. Four individuals were recognized in May 2019.

**INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION AWARD**

Recognizes creative contributions that lead to transformations in college infrastructure, faculty/staff/students, or programs and that promote education, diversity, justice, or democracy.

**Faye Furutomo**  
Program Manager, Technology and Distance Programs

Faye has been instrumental in meeting the COE’s needs in the effective design and development of online modules, courses, and programs. She has successfully guided TDP and faculty teams to create program and resource sites that especially benefit our students. Her forward-thinking approaches, management, coordination, and design expertise are common denominators in these successful COE assets.
Marsha wears many hats in the college, including EDEF secretary, college-wide PhD program assistant, and EdD program assistant. She is one of the most knowledgeable, positive, and caring administrative staff members whose consistently cheerful and clear guidance encourages community between students and the college. Always positive and willing to help, Marsha ensures that students are informed of activities, positions, and scholarships.

When I think about Dr. Vail Matsumoto, I think of Theodore Roosevelt’s words, ‘Speak softly and carry a big stick.’ Although she is a quiet leader who speaks few words, her actions to build and empower educators have and continue to leave a positive impact upon education. She spends countless hours working with schools to ensure candidates are part of a rich learning environment and are afforded opportunities to continue their growth as an educator.

Denise stepped up to lead our office after the unexpected passing of our former director, Niki Libarios, in 2017. Despite having to deal with the grief and shock the office was dealing with, she admirably maintained her composure and strength to ensure the rest of the faculty and staff in OSAS were okay and able to provide our normal services while continuing the great work and leadership Niki instilled.
National Postdoctoral Fellow

Assistant Professor Derek Taira, in the Department of Educational Foundations (EDEF), was selected as a 2019 National Academy of Education Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow. Taira’s work is an extension of his research project, *Forward Without Fear: Native Hawaiians Contesting Americanization in Territorial Hawaii’s Public Schools, 1900-1941*, for which he was awarded a Spencer foundation grant in 2018. “My project attempts to bridge the relatively small scholarship on schooling in the late 19th century with the rapidly developing, more robust scholarship on late 20th century Native Hawaiian schooling,” Taira explained. “This fellowship is an exciting opportunity that will not only help me produce a manuscript, but also highlight the depth and complexity of Hawai’i’s history during the territorial period.”

Hubert Everly Endowed Scholar

Associate Specialist Ariana Eichelberger in the Learning Design and Technology department, is the 2019–2020 Hubert V. Everly Endowed Scholar in Education*. She will receive $10,000 over two semesters to support the development of a “plug-and-play” tool to help educators make online open educational resources (OER) more engaging for their students. Eichelberger was selected based on the quality, uniqueness, and potential impact of her proposed program. The “plug and play” tool will allow educators to customize OER textbooks by adding interactive assessments to enhance student retention, engagement, and accountability. “Receiving this award is so exciting for me,” Eichelberger said. “My hope is that, together with the college’s Distance Course Design & Consulting (DCDC), we can build and research something that will be truly useful.”

“Dean Hubert V. Everly was Dean of Teacher’s College in 1956 until it became the College of Education where he was the longest serving dean (1959–1979). Among his numerous honors, Everly received the endowed scholar position, which was established in his name, and a COE Lifetime Achievement Award. The endowment supports the career of faculty members whose work will result in a positive impact on the college and on education throughout Hawai’i.”
In Memoriam

Frederick Bail
passed away on January 17, 2019 at the age of 74. He joined the College of Education (COE) as an educational researcher in 1969, having received his PhD in Educational Psychology from Cornell University. A beloved faculty member in the COE Department of Educational Psychology (EDEP), his students nominated him as the best teacher for which he won the university’s Excellence in Teaching award. He is credited with making measurement and statistics more student-friendly and for introducing more humanistic and experiential courses to the curriculum. Outside of the classroom, he cherished his relationships with friends and family, sharing his love of music, photography, and the ocean with all. After serving as the EDEP department and graduate chair on and off during his tenure, he retired as professor emeritus in 2012.

Mitsuo Adachi
passed away on January 30, 2019 at the age of 93. Born in Papa’aloa, Hawai’i, he was a teacher and principal on Hawai’i Island and O’ahu for years before becoming a District Curriculum Specialist for the Hawai’i Department of Education. He joined the COE in 1970, serving as chair of the COE Department of Educational Administration for several years before retiring as professor emeritus in 1992. A Military Intelligence Service (MIS) veteran, he was also an Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) board member and Head Sensei 7th Dan at the Mānoa Aikido Club. The Mitsuo Adachi Scholarship Fund was established to assist students in the educational administration program.

Charles Araki
passed away on May 24, 2019 at the age of 85. He was not only an alumnus of the COE, but he served as a professor, interim dean (1995–1998), and professor emeritus. Under Araki’s leadership, the college strengthened its commitment to training teachers and began its pursuit of national accreditation. He submitted the original proposal to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), paving the way for his successors and the college’s future. A strong supporter of JH Athletics, Araki was a founding member and the second president of the Letterwinners Club. He was himself a letterman from 1952–1956 in football and track. He remained active in the COE Alumni Association as well as the Dean’s Advisory Council until his death.

Peter Dunn-Rankin
passed away on November 16, 2019 at the age of 90. With the COE for 30 years, he served as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Instructional Research, acting dean, and chair of the Department of Educational Psychology (EDEP) until his retirement in 1995. He remained active in research beyond his university career. Much of his research focused on the elements of successful reading practices and the benefits of reading to children at an early age, which led to the establishment of the Eye Tracker Laboratory at UH Mānoa. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Hawai’i Educational Research Association. A world record setting fisherman, his handmade lures greatly influenced the design of surface lures used today. He and his wife, Patricia Ann, established the The Peter & Patricia Dunn-Rankin Scholarship Fund to support scholars in educational psychology and research.
Dunhuang Grottoes & Global Education: Philosophical, Spiritual, Scientific, and Aesthetic Insights,

written by Department of Educational Foundations Professor and Graduate Chair  Xu Di (许笛), is a unique and multidisciplinary book that integrates the Dunhuang Study with global education. It studies the emergence and development of Dunhuang’s education in the context of the fusion of four civilizations (Indian, Chinese, Islamic, and Christian) and the interactions of multiple cultures and nations over a thousand years. Based on the artifacts, the book makes a strong and clear case that fundamentally Dunhuang, its roots and significance, first and foremost, are education. The book examines Dunhuang through historical, philosophical, scientific, and aesthetic lenses. More importantly, it discusses the insights Dunhuang provides for contemporary education in terms of ethics, moral education, self-cultivation, multicultural education, STEM education, art and music education, basic education, naturalistic education, and life-long learning. The book emphasizes the human shared essence, connection, and purposes as the core and driving force of education and life.

Living Teacher Education in Hawai‘i: Critical Perspectives,

coa-edited by Department of Curriculum Studies Professor Richard T. Johnson and St. Mary’s University Professor and Dean of Education Sarah Jane Twomey, works across diverse research boundaries, critically analyzing current teacher education practices in Hawai‘i from local and global perspectives. The creative personalized stories shared here engage the teacher in a multitude of educational interactions as they offer a fresh perspective on how teachers and teacher educators make sense of their personal and practical experiences through critical lenses. The authors present vivid cases of their own daily classroom and school-wide experiences as they offer real-life examples that explore and critique current issues in teacher education, including culture-based education; auto-ethnographic methods for studying the self; culturally and linguistically diverse students; performative inquiry of becoming a teacher; women as leaders in education; and drama-driven storytelling as lived curriculum. These authors challenge the historical and current conventions of teacher education and reveal that critically engaging these practices can be personally rewarding and that critical engagement and lively writing do not have to be mutually exclusive.

NSights Math Games for Conceptual Understanding,

coa-authored by the Curriculum Research & Development Group’s Director Barbara J. Dougherty, Associate Director Linda Venenciano, as well as University Laboratory School Mathematics Teacher Cynthia Twibell, the book is a great resource for educators to use with any mathematics curriculum. There are 11 math games that support students in upper elementary grades and higher as they acquire a deeper understanding of number relationships and problem-solving strategies. Each game is classroom tested by students and teachers and user-friendly for educators who can match the game’s mathematical ideas and complexity to the levels of their students. The learning outcomes for each game are closely aligned to target concepts and skills for late elementary through high school.
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Ethnomathematics: Challenging, engaging, and empowering students with culture-based lessons at National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference. Monkoski-Takamure, Furuto, Galincio, Marr, & Tam | EDCS

A Multiple case study of family, school and community partnerships in eight schools at 2019 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association. Robinson, Stahl, Chappell, & Timmerman | EDEP

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Teaching with aloha: A focus on cultural and linguistic diversity at Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Hawaiian Educational Research Association. Ratliffe, Yamauchi, Greene, & Purcell | EDEP

Cracking the STEM code at 5th Annual East-West Center GalisworthKeynote Panel. Furuto, Godwin, & Liu | EDCS


Testing – presentation entry at Annual International Conference of Educational Media (ICEM) Conference. Eichelberger | EDCS

Break a rule: Moving from tricks and tips to conceptual understanding at Hawai‘i Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference. Dougherty | CRDG
EVALUATION at Utah at Meeting of the Annual Hawai'i International And Andersen Tran, Yap, Nichols & Philippon CRDG

Learning and Engagement in a Political and Economic Simulation at Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) conference, EdMedia + Innovate Learning. Hoffman LTEC

Using an Online Simulated World to Promote Global Competence at Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Paek, Hoffman, & Au | LTEC

Student Literacy in an Age of Digital Learning and Video Games at Hawai'i Information Literacy Summit. Hoffmann | LTEC

Cognitive and Technology: Designing Interactions for Learning at ADEP 663: Models of Cognitive Learning. Hoffmann | LTEC

Facilitating “HOT” program delivery via STEMS/TwoSups at Annual International Conference on Education. Chun & Buelow | EDEF

Help shape education research to include marine education and ocean literacy: You’re invited! at National Marine Educator’s Association Conference. Beck, East, Payne, Philippon, & Wells | CRDG


Who makes up NMEA? Results of a survey to learn about current membership at National Marine Educator’s Association Conference. East & Philippon | CRDG

Losing large brown algae: Dramatic shifts in macroalgal assemblages over 50 years in Waikiki, South O’ahu at Phycological Society of America Conference. Spalding et al. | CRDG

Captivate your classroom: Create your own virtual training modules at International Society for Technology in Education Conference. Tran, Yap, Philippon, & Schaefer | CRDG

Stable isotopes reveal food web dynamics for native and invasive mullet species in He’eia fishpond at Hawai’i Conservation Conference. Nichols et al. | CRDG

Our Project in Hawai’i’s Intertidal Ophoh at Examining Change at 24th Annual Hawai’i Sea Grant College Program Research Symposium. Philippon & Nichols | CRDG

Conserving a sustainable food source: Differences in freshwater availability may affect dietary habits of native and invasive mullet at Albert L. Tester Memorial Symposium. Luitgaarden et al. | CRDG

Effects of subsurface groundwater discharge in Wailupe Bay on algal species diversity at Albert L. Tester Memorial Symposium. Dunnahai, Nichols, & Philippon CRDG

Place as a context to inform early childhood teacher preparation in Hawai’i at 40th Annual International Association of Early Childhood Education Conference. Chum | EDCS

| RE | moving the needle from parent involvement to family and community engagement at 40th Annual International Association of Early Childhood Education Conference. Chum & Mattox-Primaco | ED

The Disavowal of Death and Children Dying: Autoethnographic Stories from the Endlands of Childhood at 27th Annual International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference. Au | ITE

Children in Focus: Photography and the Early Childhood Classroom at Hawai’i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAYEC) Annual Conference. Au | ITE

Using learning map models to design accessible science assessments at Annual Meeting of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching. Andersen, Bechard, Swinburne Romine, Rutherford, & Shipman CRDG

Cognitive models for accessible science assessments at Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Andersen, Swinburne Romine, & Bechard | CRDG

A Flipped Orientation: A New Approach to Starting a Distance Program at Association for Educational Communications & Technology (AECT) International Convention. Yu | ITE

Teaching Empathy: Teacher Candidates’ Perspectives of the Japanese interim Namp in Honolulu at The 9th International Conference on Education and Social Justice. Padua, Smith, Espiritu, & Elliott | ITE

Marketing and Recruitment Strategies in Special Education Rural Alternative TeacherPreparationProgram at 36th Annual Learns National Conference. Kim & Wells | SPED

Open NGSS Resources for Middle School at Hawai’i Science Teachers Association Conference. Andersen CRDG

Promote problem solving and skill building through games at Hawai’i Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall 2019 Conference. Lenigami & Dougherty | CRDG


Supporting Language Learners in the Inclusive Classroom: Using UDL and Digital Tools to Ed Media and Innovate Learning Conference. Rao & Torres | ITE

Beyond access: Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and digital tools for meaningful inclusion at UNESCO Transforming Education Conference for Humanity (TECH) 2018. Rao | SPED

Culturally Responsive Assessment through Ha Nohona A o at The 9th International Conference on Education and Social Justice. Taira | ED

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion within the Hawai’i Council of Teachers of English at Leadership Affiliate Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English. Buelow & Taniguchi | ITE

Ontological Insecurities at University of Amsterdam, Center for Globalization Studies. Tavares | EDEF

STEM Literacies—Seizing Teachable Moments: Promoting Inquiry through A Disciplinary Literacy Instructional Approach in Kindergarten at National Council of Teachers of English Annual Meeting. Buelow & Frambaugh-Kritzer | ITE

The Perils of Belonging: Blood, Ritual, and Subjectivation in Amanda Kernel’s Sami Blood at Faculty Speaker Series. Tavares | EDEF

Inquiring Out, Developing Within: A Disciplinary Literacy Instructional Framework in Elementary Education at National Council of Teachers of English Annual Meeting. Buelow & Ramberg | ITE

Are instruction expenditures cost-effective in improving high school completion in Hawai’i’s Maui district? at 17th Annual Hawai’i International Conference on Education. Ng | EDCS

in a state of war or peace: Understanding the legal status between Hawai’i and the US at 17th Annual Hawai’i International Conference on Education. Ng | EDCS

An analysis of instruction expenditures and public high school completion on Hawai’i’s Big Island at 2019 International Economics, Finance, Global Management, Accounting, T. Marketing, MISA, and Healthcare Management Research Conference. Ng | EDCS

The truth of Hawai’i’s past, present, and future at 2019 Economics, Finance, Global Management, Accounting, IT, Marketing, MISA, and Healthcare Management Research Conference. Ng | EDCS

Featured Speaker: Contemporary Online Instruction Simplified at Course Hero 2019 Education Summit. Menchaca | LTEC


Copyright. Creative Commons and OER: Locating Creative Commons and OER resources at 2019 Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) annual conference. Menchaca & Irvine | LTEC

A mixed-methods study of principals’ experience using data analytic tools in hawaii at 2019 Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) annual conference. Menchaca & Irvine | LTEC

Distinguished voices: ATE distinguished awardes share insights on clinical preparation and development of educators at Meeting of the Association for Teacher Educators (ATE). Fulton et al. | ITE

One thread at a time: Weaving together a community of learners at Meeting of the Association for Teacher Educators (ATE). Yoshiko et al. | ITE

Developing the three dimensions of science in an online learning space at 2019 of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Yoshiko & Fulton | ITE

What can I do?: Creating a better future through advocacy and change at Meeting of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Yoshiko & Fulton | ITE

Science notebooks: Deepening learning through the integration of science and literacy at Meeting of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Fulton | ITE

Experience is the best teacher: How educators at the forefront incorporate a sense of place into STEM curriculum via STEMS2 at Meeting of the Association for Teacher Educators (ATE). Fulton, O’Neill, Yu, Kukashiki, & Kent | ITE

Early learning investments will require investments in the early childhood workforce at 2019 Hawaii Data Exchange Partnership Data Summit. Chun, Soile, & Akiu | EDCS

University of Hawai’i System Preschool Development Grant Tuition Stipend Program [Evaluation] at 2019 Hawaii Data Exchange Partnership Data Summit. Chun & Metzler-Nagata EDCS

Faculty & Staff
Cynthia Tong received the 2019 Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence from the NEA Foundation at their Excellence in Education Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. It is one of NEA’s most prestigious awards. Tong, who earned a Professional Diploma in Secondary Education from the COE, is an eighth grade social studies teacher at ‘Ewa Makai Middle School. Nominated by the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association, she is one of only five educators who were selected nationwide and the second Hawai‘i educator to win the award and accompanying $10,000 prize.

She said, “The teacher preparation courses I took at UHM COE have been fundamental to my success as an award-winning teacher. Every award I have won, can be directly traced to coursework I did at the COE.”

Candice Frontiera was selected by the American Educational Research Association (AERA) for a 2019 Division H Outstanding Publication Award in the Category for Outstanding Dissertation. Her dissertation, A Mixed Methods Study of Principals’ Experience Using Data Analytic Tools in Hawai‘i, explores the potential benefits of the growing amount of educational data available for principals. A Department of Learning Design and Technology (LITEC) alumna, she earned a Master of Education in Teaching (MEdT) degree as well as a PhD in LITEC. “Winning this award was truly an honor because it gave me the opportunity to travel to AERA and meet my role models in the field of educational research,” Frontiera said. “The COE has stretched me to learn new skills, connected me with a wonderful network of academic peers, and inspired me to present at conferences that I never would have thought to attend.”

Candace Tabuchi, an associate professor at Kaua‘i Community College (CC), was awarded a 2019 Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching. A current PhD student in LITEC, Tabuchi was nominated by her students who read their nomination letter during Kaua‘i CC’s commencement ceremony in May 2019. In the letter, students cited her commitment to making a difference in their lives as well as the feeling of ‘ohana in her class. “The Regent’s award is extremely special to me because it came from the students,” Tabuchi said. “As an educator, we are not always cognizant of the impact we have on our students’ lives. In Career Technical Education, we work to equip our students with skills for success in the workplace. For me, this award validated my work to engage students in the learning process and prepare them for meaningful careers in the visitor industry.”

Students & Alumni

Alumna is Recognized as One of Nation’s Top Educators

Alumna Receives National Dissertation Award

PhD Student Wins Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching
Doctoral Student Brings Back Hawaiian Educational Diplomacy Program

The Hawaiian Youths Abroad (HYA) program, under the direction of Hawai‘inui‘kea Faculty Specialist Nalani Balutski, has been reestablished after more than 130 years. A doctoral student in the Department of Educational Administration, Balutski began researching an early Hawaiian travel and diplomacy program as part of her dissertation research before restarting HYA through the Native Hawaiian Student Services (NHSS) in 2018. “With a similar intent to the original program, the NHSS Hawaiian Youths Abroad program provides similar and appropriate points of examination by exploring both the Hawaiian Kingdom educational and international diplomacy prowess in the 19th century while critically examining the illegal attempts that have attempted to exterminate such progress,” Balutski said.

Alumni Win Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics

On October 15, 2019, Nel Venzon and Daniel Taira were among four teachers from Hawai‘i announced as winners of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), the highest award given to K–12 teachers of mathematics and science.

Venzon, who earned his MEdT degree at the COE, teaches pre-advanced and advanced placement biology at Mililani High School and is an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University. He said, “The COE has provided a solid foundation in my pursuit of a science teaching career. I am also indebted to two professors who unconditionally supported me during my pre-service years in the MEdT program: Dr. Tara O’Neill and Dr. Scott Robinson. They inspired and encouraged me to enjoy working with students as a fundamental part of the teaching profession.”

A mathematics and science educator at Lehua Elementary School, Taira holds a BEd in elementary education. As a co-leader of Lehua’s Math Olympiad team, he and his students have earned multiple trophies and recognitions. “I am deeply humbled to receive the Presidential Award and represent Lehua Elementary School,” he stated in a PAEMST release. “This award serves as added motivation to continue finding new ways to make mathematics engaging and enjoyable for my students, so they can find the confidence to excel in whatever path they choose in life.”
Home is where the COE is

Whether our students are from the Hawaiian Islands, West Virginia, or the Philippines, they are all a part of the College of Education ‘ohana (family). Our award-winning programs create a sense of purpose and place while our students contribute to a sense of community and family.

Rachel Sabourin
“... even though I am far from home, I felt a sense of family on campus.”

HOMETOWN
Centennial, Colorado

DEGREES
BS in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science, Health and Exercise Science Student

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE UH MĀNOA?
JH Mānoa has been my dream school ever since I was nine, and I immediately fell in love with the campus. The year after I visited this school the first time, the softball team went to the Women's College World Series in 2010. I was so excited to learn more about the Hawaiian culture and explore the island of O’ahu.

Jelton Anjain
“... before the influence of the outside world, Islanders learned through observation and actually doing. It was all place-based learning.”

HOMETOWN
Ebeys Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

DEGREES
MEd in Curriculum Studies, PACMED* Program

WHAT WAS THE THEME OF YOUR COMMENCEMENT SPEECH FOR THE FIRST COHORT OF PACMED GRADUATES (JULY 26, 2019)?
The degree we received during the commencement ceremony was just a piece of paper, a symbol of the journey that got us to that point. The how we got to this point in our lives is more important – how we collaborated as a cohort and how we were able to implement what we learn in the classroom with our colleagues outside of the program and our students in the classroom.

Philip Sarmiento
“I'm able to apply the theoretical knowledge that I'm learning to my current role as a student academic advisor.”

HOMETOWN
Philippines, Hong Kong, and Honolulu

DEGREES
MEd in Educational Psychology Student

WHY DID YOU SELECT THE UHM COE?
UHM in general is home to me. I had an amazing and memorable experience as an undergraduate, so it was a natural decision for me to pursue my graduate studies here. I wanted to earn my education at a Carnegie-classified doctoral institution, and I chose the COE because of the positive interactions I had with the faculty and staff of EDEP.

Ashlee Fouvale
“TTTAP provides great opportunities for teachers to gain knowledge and experience, but it is also very family-oriented and passionate about serving the children of American Sāmoa.”

HOMETOWN
Aunu’u Island, Tutuila, American Sāmoa

DEGREES
BEd in Elementary Education, Territorial Teacher Training Assistance Program (TTTAP)

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN THE FIELD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION?
I have been serving special education children for more than ten years, but it has not been an easy task without special education training or background knowledge in teaching children with various disabilities. I needed the knowledge and skills, and our children needed the support. When they started the first SPED Cohort in American Sāmoa in the summer of 2015, I took on the opportunity.

* PACMED is a degree program in the Department of Curriculum Studies with a focus on culturally responsive, Pacific, place-based STEAM subjects (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics).
“The GPEPP program is great for anyone interested in an educational field, and the online format provides flexibility for those with busy schedules or who may have already started their career.”

**HOMETOWN**
Martinsburg, West Virginia

**DEGREES**
MEd in Educational Foundations, Global Perspectives on Educational Policy and Practice (GPEPP) Student

**WHY DID YOU SELECT THE UHM COE?**
They developed a new online program that aligns with my career goals and allows me to engage in class no matter where I am in the world. Whether I am on O’ahu, traveling with the UH Wahine Basketball Team as Graduate Manager, or on break on the east coast, I am able to log in to class and be an active participant.

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“...I felt that my platform to reach students and affect their success would be magnified if I got into administration.”

**HOMETOWN**
Kaliihi, O’ahu, Hawai’i

**DEGREES**
MEd in Educational Administration

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT?**
It means a lot. I look up to many people who have gone through the program and department who are school leaders. Being a part of the educational administration department is like being part of a family of administrators who have taken the time and effort to invest in their careers so they can have a bigger impact on the lives of the students we support.

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“The learning is approachable, the support is genuine, and the overall user-focus of the program supports student success.”

**HOMETOWN**
Hilo, Hawai’i

**DEGREES**
MEd in Learning Design and Technology

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE LTEC PROGRAM TO OTHERS?**
The LTEC program is versatile and flexible and will allow you to customize the learning to your needs and area of interest. The coursework is relevant, modern, and inclusive. The faculty and staff are caring and REAL. This is truly an inclusive learning experience.

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“I have received excellent support throughout the program. My professors have been readily available and happy to provide additional ideas, strategies, and research.”

**HOMETOWN**
Bellingham, Washington

**DEGREES**
Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Special Education (Mild/Moderate) Student

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE SO FAR?**
I love the coursework. Although being an emergency hire and a student is challenging, I have been able to immediately apply strategies learned in class in my own fully self-contained classroom. The learning curve has been steep, but the field is fantastic, and the faculty and staff have been incredibly supportive of me.

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“It’s a blessing to receive the financial support to attend a rewarding program. I’m forever grateful to Senator Kidani for working on securing the funds for so many of us teachers to attend this program.”

**HOMETOWN**
Lincoln, California

**DEGREES**
Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education Student

**IS THERE ANYONE IN PARTICULAR WHO INSPIRED YOU TO PURSUE TEACHING AS A CAREER?**
Cass Cline and Christel Blumer-Buell, both longtime teachers at Hāna High School & Elementary, are two reason with big shoes to fill. The woman who has inspired me to continue on this rigorous and challenging path of earning my PBSCE is Dr. Charlotte Frambaugh-Kritzer in the COE. I don’t know where I would be without these three mana wahine in my life.

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*TTTAP is an Institute for Teacher Education program, offering Bachelor of Education (BEd) degrees for in-service elementary teachers in two areas – the Dual Preparation in Elementary and Special Education (ESEE) program and the Dual Preparation in Elementary and Early Childhood Education (EECE) program.*
Teachers of the Year

Each of the Hawai‘i Complex Area Teachers of the year was awarded $500 from the Polynesian Cultural Center, $100 from the Hawai‘i Schools Federal Credit Union, and an honorarium from the Hawaiian Electric Company.

Ululani Russo, the Nanakuli-Wa‘ianae Complex Area winner, teaches at Wa‘ianae Intermediate School. She is a PhD student in the Department of Curriculum Studies.

“All of the graduate classes I have taken have helped my teaching career tremendously, as they focus on Hawaiian culture and place-based science. As a new PhD student, I am taking classes out of my comfort, and it’s been opening my eyes to multiple perspectives.”

Celeste Endo, the Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt Complex Area winner, teaches at Queen Ka‘ahumanu Elementary School. She earned a BEd in elementary education and an MEd in educational technology.

“My most vivid memory of the COE is working into the wee hours of the morning to complete a team video project. My classmates and I made discoveries, laughed hysterically, and developed an ‘ohana. This sense of belonging has helped me throughout teaching as no one teacher can do this work alone. We are stronger through our combined efforts to care, share, and grow together.”

Kathy Sewake, the Hilo-Waiākea Complex Area winner, is a classroom teacher and Technology Coordinator at Waiākea Elementary School. She holds an MEd in educational technology.

“The support that I received from my professors and peers throughout the elementary education and educational technology programs was amazing. In fact, I continue to learn from these incredible educators and friends today.”

Nikki Morishige, the Castle-Kahuku Complex Area winner, teaches at Waiahole Elementary School. She earned her MEdT from the college.

“At the time, I didn’t realize just how valuable what I was learning throughout my courses in the Master of Education in Teaching (MEdT) program was. Now, twelve years after graduation, I’m finding that the solid foundation the COE has helped me build is what guides me in my profession.”

Dustin Chang, the ‘Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex Area winner, teaches at Pearl Harbor Elementary. He received a BEd in Secondary Education.

“The professors were very encouraging and helpful, preparing us for what we needed to know and what to expect as future teachers. The classes allowed me to learn and make connections with professionals in the field of music, many of whom I turn to today for help and advice.”
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Fred Murphy, Mililani High School Principal, was named the National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Administrators. He earned his BEd in Secondary Education.

“The College of Education was truly impactful in my development as an educator, and later, educational officer. I have vivid memories of the caring and knowledgeable professors who truly knew what was going on in our public schools, and I felt well-prepped to enter the DOE.”

TERRITORIAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Edney Gasmig Apulu was named the 2020 Territorial Teacher of the Year. A social studies teacher at Tafuna High School in American Samoa, Apulu earned his MEd in the Curriculum Studies PACMED program.

“It is truly an honor and a blessing to be recognized for doing what I am passionate about. It’s an amazing feeling to educate young minds for a better future. To become an ambassador of all the passionate educators, I am humbled.”

MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS

Sarah King, the 2019 Hawai‘i Milken Educator Award winner, is the Title I coordinator at Ala Wai Elementary School. She earned a BEd in elementary education and an MEd in curriculum studies. The only Milken Educator selected from Hawai‘i in 2019, she was among 33 teachers nationwide selected for the premier teaching recognition, which comes with an unrestricted $25,000 cash prize.

Bella Finau-Faumuina, the Hawai‘i State Milken Teacher of Promise winner, teaches at Kāne‘ohe Elementary School. She holds a BEd in Exceptional Students and Elementary Education (ESEE) and an MEd in Curriculum Studies (STEMS®). She leads the Innovation Academy at her school, which provides inclusive learning experiences for students with disabilities.

Terrence Tenjoma, a Honolulu District Milken Teacher of Promise winner, teaches at Noe‘ilani Elementary School. He received his BEd in Elementary Education and is an MEd in Educational Foundations student.

Kari Odo, also a Honolulu District Milken Teacher of Promise winner, teaches at Haha‘ione Elementary School. She earned her Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Special Education.

Ashley Ono, a Leeward District Milken Teacher of Promise winner, teaches at Makaha Elementary School. She earned her BEd in Elementary & Special Education and is an MEd in Special Education student.
The annual COEAA General Membership Meeting was held on June 7, 2019, at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i Grand Ballroom with keynote speaker Dr. Glenn Medeiros (pictured with COEAA President Helen Hasegawa). After his rise to fame for the hit song “Nothing’s Gonna Change My Love for You,” he chose to pursue a career in teaching and educational administration to make a difference in the lives of others. He has taught at various public and private schools throughout O‘ahu and is currently the President of St. Louis Schools.

Catherine Payne is the 2019 COEAA Distinguished Alumna. A current Board of Education Chairperson, she has worked as a teacher, vice principal, and principal over the course of her amazing 35-year career. Nurturing her students with academic, language, and socio-economic challenges, she has led some of the toughest schools on O‘ahu. In 1991, she was the recipient of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) of the Year Award, followed by the prestigious Milken National Educator Award in 1995. Upon her retirement as principal of Farrington High School, she served as Chair of the State Public Charter School Commission. She has served on numerous other education boards, including the Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board, Education Institute of Hawai‘i, and Adult Friends for Youth. She also served as treasurer of the COEAA and was a mentor for doctoral students in the EdD Program at the 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.
New COEAA Board of Directors

Michael Harano, who earned a BEd in elementary education from the COE, is the Principal of Washington Middle School where he has served for the past 15 years. He was selected as the 2006 National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). In 2016, he was named Hawai‘i State Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Holly Kiyonaga holds an MEd in curriculum and instruction as well as a professional diploma in secondary language arts education from the COE. An educator for 36 years, she has worked in the HIDOE, community colleges, and abroad in Japan. In addition to teaching, she has been the principal of several Hawai‘i schools, including Royal School, Queen Ka‘ahumanu Elementary, Hōkūlani Elementary, and Pālolo Elementary.

Karen Moriyama earned a BEd, MEd, and PhD in educational administration. Over the course of her 35-year career, she has been an elementary teacher, school counselor, district resource teacher, vice principal, and principal. She later became the Leeward District Deputy Superintendent and then, at the time of her retirement, was the Complex Area Superintendent for the Nanakuli-Pearl City-Waipahu complexes.

Dean Nakamoto, who holds an MEd in special education, began his teaching career at UH Mānoa where he taught beginning Japanese language courses in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and the College of Continuing Education. With the DOE, he has held positions as a preschool teacher, vice principal, and principal. He is currently a District Educational Specialist in the DOE’s Honolulu District Office, Special Education Section.

Ellen Schroeder recently retired after serving Olomana School for 38 years. Midway through her tenure, she became the Special Education Department Chair and subsequently worked as the Student Services Coordinator. She was named the Hawai‘i State Teacher of the Year and Milken Educator Award winner in the same year (1997). Currently, she participates in church activities that benefit the homeless, and she serves on the Boards of Youth Service Hawai‘i and the National Milken Educators of Hawai‘i.

The COEAA Board of Directors would also like to welcome the following new COE student representatives: Shelby Schwartz and Kyle Maemori-Yoshida, Co-Presidents of CESA; Yuko Ida of COEMSA; and Mark McCormick of COEDSA. We look forward to working with these new directors and student leaders to meet the goals of the organization and to provide support to the COE.
The College of Education (COE) launched a three-year program to reduce head impact exposure in Hawai’i high school football players and to enhance community awareness and environment for head safety. The HuTT® 808 program is a collaboration with the COE Hawai’i Concussion Awareness Program (HCAMP) in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) and funded by the GOG Foundation.

Based upon research findings, high school football participants are reported to sustain an average of 600, and as many as 2,000, head impacts in a single season. Impacts to the top and front of the helmet generate the greatest forces and pose the highest risk for acute brain and spinal cord injury. There are also potential links between head impact exposure and cognitive impairment, early-onset Alzheimer’s, and chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

“Tackling and blocking behaviors using the head can be attributed, in part, to the fact that traditional helmets give players a false sense of safety,” explained Dr. Erik Swartz, UMass Lowell Professor and co-director of HuTT® 808. Swartz developed the concept of helmetless tackling and blocking training intervention to decrease the risk of acute head and neck injury while minimizing potential adverse effects on cognitive development and health in children.

In the fall of 2019, the program began working with Pac-Five and St. Louis School football teams. Each athlete was fitted with a new Riddell helmet, which includes head impact sensors, worn during practices and games to record the location and magnitude of all impacts sustained on the field. Data are collected in real-time by COE Department of Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Science graduate assistants who may signal athletic trainers to start the concussion protocol.

During the second year of the program, players will be divided into groups with a test group receiving HuTT® 808 (or helmetless tackling training) intervention. This is when they will learn techniques on how to tackle and make contact without using their heads while getting used to the feeling of playing without a helmet on. The goal is that they will be less inclined to use their heads when they put their helmets on during practices and games.

HuTT® 808 co-director and COE Dean Nathan M. Murata said, “Once the outcomes of our program have shown a reduction in head impact exposure and concussions as well as improved head safety behaviors with our inaugural groups, the program will continue to work towards sustained implementation and wider acceptance in grade levels and schools across Hawai’i.”

The GOG Foundation supports projects designed to improve Hawai’i’s social, economic, and cultural well-being. One of the Foundation’s specific purposes is to bring awareness about the devastating effects of head injuries sustained in contact sports and how these could be prevented. Before Galiher’s untimely death in 2016, he had an outstanding legal career in Hawai’i as a committed and passionate advocate of vulnerable clients. His Foundation sponsored an annual Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) conference in Honolulu where leaders from across the country in the fields of neurology and sports medicine presented the latest information on TBI and discussed strategies for making sports safer. The HuTT® 808 project is the result of conversations began during Galiher’s last conference.
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During the second year of the program, players will be divided into groups with a test group receiving HuTT®808 (or helmetless tackling training) intervention. This is when they will learn techniques on how to tackle and make contact without using their heads while getting used to the feeling of playing without a helmet on. The goal is that they will be less inclined to use their heads when they put their helmets on during practices and games.

HuTT®808 co-director and COE Dean Nathan M. Murata said, “Once the outcomes of our program have shown a reduction in head impact exposure and concussions as well as improved head safety behaviors with our inaugural groups, the program will continue to work towards sustained implementation and wider acceptance in grade levels and schools across Hawai‘i.”

About the GOG Foundation

Set up by its founder, Attorney Gary O. Galiher, the GOG Foundation supports projects designed to improve Hawai‘i’s social, economic, and cultural well-being. One of the Foundation’s specific purposes is to bring awareness about the devastating effects of head injuries sustained in contact sports and how these could be prevented. Before Galiher’s untimely death in 2016, he had an outstanding legal career in Hawai‘i as a committed and passionate advocate of vulnerable clients. His Foundation sponsored an annual Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) conference in Honolulu where leaders from across the country in the fields of neurology and sports medicine presented the latest information on TBI and discussed strategies for making sports safer. The HuTT®808 project is the result of conversations began during Galiher’s last conference.

HuTT®808 has received broad support and media coverage since its inception

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Our donor feature in this issue of Currents showcases the very generous support of Koy Sakamoto and his late wife Cornelia Sakamoto. They endowed a scholarship in 2013, which now has a market value exceeding $400,000! A nice thing about the criteria for Roy and Connie’s scholarship is that it does not specify a subject area or grade level. This is immensely helpful to our scholarship committee in selecting students studying in any area of the college.

To fund the scholarship, they used Qualified Charitable Distributions from their IRA. Because they were older than 70½, they could direct their investment company to send their distribution directly to their scholarship fund at the UH Foundation. By doing this, they avoided increasing their taxable income from their IRA Required Minimum Distributions. Thank you Roy and Cornelia!

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If you have any questions about how you can support our students, faculty, and programs, please call or email me. Or if you just want to explore some ideas and discuss how you might leave your legacy, I would be happy to talk with you!

Mahalo nui loa,

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CORNELIA F. AND ROY SAKAMOTO SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

About Cornelia F. Sakamoto
Born and raised in Hawai‘i, Cornelia (Connie) F. Sakamoto graduated from the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa College of Education in 1964 with a Bachelor of Education degree. Attending college when women had fewer options in education and career fields, she was grateful to have received a scholarship from Hui Makaala, an Okinawan scholarship organization. Because of this instrumental support, she would go on to establish the Cornelia F. and Roy Sakamoto Scholarship Endowment fund to support students with financial need at the College of Education.

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About the Fund
Connie and her husband, Roy Sakamoto, established their endowment fund in June 2013 with a gift of $37,000. Roy’s giving continues to this day and has exceeded $380,000. Criteria for the scholarship does not designate a subject or research area, which leaves it open for any area of study, graduate or undergraduate, in the College of Education.

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