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HPU Alumni Currents

Life in the Balance

At Hawai'i Pacific University, athletics go beyond sports, shaping student-athletes into ambassadors of education, community, and personal growth.

From campus to conference, Debra Snell highlights their pervasive presence and impact. HPU's Athletics Department champions diversity, leadership, and "Life in the Balance," fostering a sense of 'ohana and kuleana.

With a strong commitment to mental health and community engagement, HPU athletes are guided to excel academically, serve passionately, and embody pride in their university. Discover how HPU Athletics builds champions on and off the field.



Debra Snell Ed.D., Executive
Director of Athletics at
Hawai'i Pacific University

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IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER, HPU ALUMNUS ESTABLISHES LANDMARK BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Written by: Gregory Fischbach

Discover how HPU alumnus Keli'i Kiakona is transforming lives with the largest baseball scholarship in HPU history.

The "Jack Kiakona Scholarship,"

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created in memory of his father, has already supported four student-athletes and counting.



Learn about Keli'i's journey from walking on to the NCAA Division I baseball team to becoming a Senior Vice President of Investments, and his dedication to giving back to his community.

His inspiring story is a testament to perseverance, hard work, and the impact of a supportive educational environment. Rooted in strong family values, Keli'i's commitment underscores the profound influence of familial support throughout his remarkable journey.



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HPU Announces Alumnus Iven Sugai as New Board Trustee

The university selected HPU alumnus Iven T. Sugai ('01), a global portfolio manager and chief of staff at Meta, as its newest member of the board of trustees. HPU honors Joachim P. Cox, founding partner of the Honolulu law firm Cox Fricke LLP, appointing him trustee emeritus.

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HPU MBA Student Honored at City and County of Honolulu Awards Ceremony

Angela Arlene Choy was selected for and participated in the prestigious Po'okela Fellows Internship Program, working with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation Executive Services Division. She was honored as the primary lead of the 2024 cohort leads at a May 31 event.

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Oniana Volunteer with AccessSurf

Doctor of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Occupational Therapy students and faculty are committed to serving AccessSurf. The organization supports individuals with physical, visual, and intellectual disabilities with the opportunity to get in the ocean and surf or swim.

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City and County Ethics Commission Has Named a Commissioner

HPU Associate Professor of Public Administration Cynthia E. Lynch, Ph.D., was appointed by Honolulu Mayor Blangiardi to the ethics commission. Lynch, the chair of the university's Master of Public Administration program, will bring a wealth of experience in ethical governance to her new role.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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HPU ALUMNA REBECCA TERESIA

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HPU alumna Rebecca Teresia has made waves as an associate producer for the highly anticipated documentary *Shaka: A Story of Aloha*, set for release in winter 2024.

This captivating film, directed by Alexander Bocchieri and produced by Steve Sue, delves into the rich history and cultural significance of the iconic shaka gesture.

Learn how this symbol of aloha is transforming communities and making history, including its recent adoption as Hawai'i's official state gesture. Dive into Rebecca's inspiring journey from Finland to Hollywood and see how her HPU education fueled her passion for film and cultural storytelling.

Don't miss out—read the full article now and join the movement!

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Alumni Involvement

The HPU alumni 'ohana is worldwide, all opportunities are available in-person or virtually. We encourage you to consider how you can contribute your time and talents to support our students. Your involvement can have a lasting impact on student personal and professional growth.

HPU Connect

HPU Connect makes it easy to get in touch with fellow alumni and support current students. Every HPU member adds value and prestige to our community.

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Career Connections

Networking, mentorship opportunity, and continued involvement with the HPU campus.

Upcoming Events:

[Alumni Learning Consortium](#)

Emotion by Design: Creative Leadership Lessons From a Life at Nike

Greg Hoffman

Tuesday, July 23, at 9AM (PDT)

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8 Ways to Increase Self-Confidence in Your Career and Life.

Sheena Yap Chan

Wednesday, August 21st at 9:00Am (PDT)

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