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## HPU Alumni Currents

### Engineering Education at HPU

HPU is fostering innovation across the curriculum. Read the interview with Assistant Professor Arif Rahman, Ph.D., Engineering, to see how innovative practices are both in and out of the classroom.

HPU's engineering program is shaping future engineers and positively impacting the community, as featured in the 'Ohana Weekly articles ['HPU Advances as Western Regional Finalist at EnergyTech'](#) and ['HPU Wins Third Place at National EnergyTech University Prize 2024'](#).

Rahman emphasizes the importance of collaboration with community partners, exemplified by Brittany Zimmerman, CEO of Yummet, whose recent visit showcased HPU's strong community ties and dedication to providing students with real-world learning experiences.



Arif Rahman Ph.D.,  
Assistant Professor of  
Engineering at Hawai'i  
Pacific University

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## Yummet CEO Brittany Zimmerman Empowers Future Business Leaders at HPU

Written by: Gregory Fischbach



Experience the inspiring journey of Brittany Zimmerman, CEO of Yummet, as she shares her path from NASA engineer to billionaire entrepreneur.

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Discover how Yummet is revolutionizing waste management and creating sustainable solutions for our planet. Find out how Zimmerman's visit to HPU's business class left students motivated to make a positive impact on the world.



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## THE CURRENTS



### HPU Receives \$1.2M Grant to Establish Doctor of Occupational Therapy Scholars Program

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the HPU OTD program a \$1.2 million grant to train occupational therapy scholars to meet the specific needs of infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children with disabilities with high-intensity needs and addressing workforce shortages in Hawai'i.

*To learn more about Hawai'i's first Occupational Therapy Doctorate program delivered via an innovative hybrid learning format, watch this short video interview of HPU's faculty and a student.*



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### Professor of History Receives Recognition from 'Iolani Palace for 25 Years of His Service

'Iolani Palace recognized Professor of History Douglas Askman, Ph.D., for his 25 years of service as a volunteer – 23 years of which he has served as a certified docent – at an April 28 event. Over the years, Askman has brought over 1,000 HPU students on tours of the Palace.

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### 2023-2024 'Golden Apple Award' Winners Announced

Presented by the HPU Scholarship and Learning Resources Committee of the Faculty Assembly, eight individuals received a 2023-24 Golden Apple Award to honor their exceptional contributions to teaching, scholarship, and service.

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### HPU and Beacon Education Partnership Offers Online MBA in China

Through this innovative partnership with Beacon Education, HPU can make an impact through its experience in delivering professional graduate degrees with cutting-edge content and instruction from world-class faculty across China's massive working professional population. The online MBA program is offered in Chinese via Beacon's comprehensive services and technology suite.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### HPU ALUMNA YUKIKO OKI '13

### 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



Discover the inspiring journey of HPU alumna Yukiko Oki, who has navigated diverse cultural landscapes and academic pursuits to become a leading figure in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Currently an Assistant Professor of English at Temple University Japan, Oki's path is a testament to her incredible resilience and dedication. From her early years learning English after moving from Tokyo to California, to feeling isolated upon her return to Japan, Oki's experiences shaped her passion for education. Her journey took a transformative turn when she chose to study at HPU, where the supportive community and hands-on TESOL program provided the foundation for her successful career.

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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](#)

#### **Get to the Point: Communicate More By Saying Less**

Dianne DiResta, Author and Certified Speaking Professional

Tuesday, July 16th at 9AM (PDT)

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

Lead by bestselling author and former CMO at NIKE Greg Hoffman

Tuesday, July 23, at 9AM (PDT)

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