

KAI ULU

HPU Alumni Currents

Introducing: Kai Ulu, Alumni Currents

E komo mai! It is my great pleasure to introduce the first issue of Hawai'i Pacific University's new monthly e-communication, Kai Ulu: Alumni Currents.

As Kumu Ramsay Taum articulates below, this publication's name was thoughtfully chosen. Kai Ulu represents a cohesive characteristic within the HPU 'Ohana—our extended family of students, alumni, faculty and staff, past, present and future. I encourage you to reminisce about your time at Hawai'i Pacific University as you read Kumu Taum's message.

Each month in Kai Ulu, we will share our latest news. We will celebrate the achievements of members of our community. We will work to reconnect you with HPU and each other. We hope that these Alumni Currents will become indispensable as you discover new things about your alma mater.



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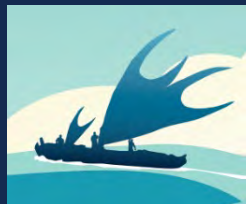
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A Rising Tide that Floats All Boats



Ramsay Taum, Director, Pacific Islands
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When one chooses to live in Hawai'i, one chooses to live in the ocean and not on it! Rarely does one accidentally find oneself in Hawai'i, but at some point, a conscious decision is made to live, work, play, and learn in the ocean in one of the most remote inhabited destinations on Island Earth.



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Over the decades, thousands of Hawai'i Pacific University graduates representing a rare breed of intrepid voyagers chose to launch their life canoes on a rising tide of opportunity, renewal, and growth from these shores on what we fondly refer to as the "Kai Ulu," the rising sea or tide.

The term kai refers to the sea, while the term ulu refers to growth, rising, or change. Thus, Kai Ulu honors and recognizes the sea change in the lives of HPU alumni and the communities they eventually choose to live and serve in.

The rising tide of the University's graduates is being felt around the global village of Island Earth at a time when an island worldview may be key to solving many of the challenges our global village faces in the near and far future.



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New Mural at HPU's Aloha Tower Marketplace is a Masterpiece of Vibrant Marine Life

Renowned Hawai'i-based artist Kai'ili Kaulukukui. Known for his vibrant, large-scale murals that incorporate elements of marine life like sharks, tropical fish, dolphins, and turtles, Kaulukukui was the perfect choice for HPU's first mural at ATM called, "The Reef at Sharky's Cove".



HPU's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Secures \$1.1 Million Grant

Led by HPU Dean of Graduate Health Sciences and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program Director, Tricia Catalino, PT, DSc, PCS, and HPU Professor Mary Jane Rapport, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, the DPT Program secured a substantial grant to advance their mission this past semester.



Artificial Intelligence Symposium Hosted by HPU's College of Liberal Arts Sparks Conversation

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Symposium held at HPU's Aloha Tower Marketplace last October examined the uses and abuses of artificial intelligence. CLA Dean Allison Gough, Ph.D., opened the session, pointing out the nervousness surrounding tensions between humanity and technology.

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HPU President John Gotanda Named Most Admired Leader

Pacific Business News named President John Gotanda a 2023 "Most Admired Leader" honoree, recognizing his remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to advancing accessible and affordable higher education opportunities for the people of Hawai'i and throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

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The University Celebrates Its Newest Alumni at the Fall 2023 Graduation Ceremony

On December 14, HPU 'ohana recognized and celebrated the achievements of nearly 300 graduating students at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Olena Heu (BA '07, MA '13) represented the HPU alumni 'ohana, numbering more than 45,000 individuals worldwide, leading the recitation of the HPU alumni pledge as a symbol of welcome to the newest alumni.

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HPU Announces Las Vegas Campus

HPU is expanding beyond the Hawaiian Islands for the first time in University history by launching a Las Vegas campus. HPU will welcome students in August 2024. The University received the Nevada state licensure for its innovative [Doctor of Occupational Therapy](#) and [Doctor of Physical Therapy](#) programs in August 2023.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

HPU Double Alum Returns to Campus, Speaking with Business Students

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.



Last fall, Matt Smyth (BSBA '02, MBA '03), president of consulting firm WinWin, Inc. based in Las Vegas, conducted guest lectures in three HPU marketing classes and spoke with members of HPU's Delta Mu Delta business honor society. Smyth's discussion with Delta Mu Delta members and HPU business faculty shined a light on the significance of LinkedIn and the power of networking for college students.

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