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HPU Alumni Currents

Sharks Legacy: Becoming an Engaged Alum

Sharks Legacy is an energetic, student-driven initiative at Hawai'i Pacific University designed to support graduating students' transition to becoming connected alumni. Through the advice and guidance of Olivia Ngokion of the University's Advancement staff, a talented group of students serve on the Sharks Legacy Committee.

The committee—currently comprised of Ella Berge, Nora Bjoerk, Iyania Story-Cruz, and Arya Sarma—engages graduating students through various in-person activities and a dynamic social media presence on [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Data analytics guide the committee's understanding of successful posts and motivates them to create even more effective content. One of their Instagram posts ranked among the top in the quarter of 2024 across all Hawai'i institutions!



Sharks Legacy of
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United in the Commencement Day Celebration: HPU Students, Faculty, and Staff



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On May 5, HPU celebrated the achievements of its spring 2024 class with two graduation ceremonies at the Hawai'i

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Convention Center. More than 550 students graduated, everyone united with HPU faculty and staff in a joyous celebration of commencement.

Nearly 70 Kamehameha Schools Kapālama (KSK) dual-credit students received their Associate in Arts degrees (AA) and eight Maryknoll dual-credit students graduated with their AA degrees in the morning ceremony.



The achievement of the HPU dual-credit program marks a second year in a row that HPU has graduated a significant number of high school students with their AA degrees, a week before receiving their high school diplomas.

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HPU has received a \$250,000 donation from the [General Contractors Association of Hawai'i](#) (GCA) Education Foundation to develop and launch the first and only [graduate degree in construction management](#) offered in Hawai'i.

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The 2024 virtual symposium featured 81 presentations covering a wide range of topics in 14 academic disciplines. Poised and articulate, the presenters shared their work, taking college learning to real-world problems and solutions

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School of Social Work Professor Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Associate Professor Lori Daniels, Ph.D., LCSW, MSW, received the prestigious Loretta “Deliana” Fuddy Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma Hawai'i Summit awards ceremony luncheon on April 10.

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Student-Athlete Reflects on His Dual Passions of Baseball and Engineering

A catcher and first baseman on the HPU Baseball team, Chase Taylor is working toward his dream career and following his athletic ambitions. He has found the key to perfect balance through busy schedules, while making long-lasting memories in Hawai'i with his HPU friends, teammates, and coaches.

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The HPU team, comprising four engineering students, received a \$10,000 cash prize for their entry, “Waterless Electrostatic PV Cleaning,” which was pitched at the Zpryme’s Energy Thought Summit in Austin, Texas, in April. The team, guided by their faculty advisor, Assistant Professor Arif Rahman, Ph.D., also won a prize at the regional finals in March.

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HPU Announces Hawai'i's First Physician Assistant Program

The University’s Master of Medical Science-Physician Assistant program – offered over 24 months in a hybrid format – aims to nurture future healthcare leaders and bridge the gap in medical services across the state. HPU anticipates matriculating its first cohort in January 2025, pending achieving accreditation– provisional status at the June 2024 ARC-PA meeting.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

HPU ALUMNA COLONEL COURTNEY SUGAI BUILDS BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE



Discover how Colonel Courtney Sugai '09, an HPU alumna, balanced a military career, active-duty service, and new motherhood while pursuing her Master of Arts in Diplomacy and Military Studies. After six Army deployments and professional development schools, Sugai returned to Hawai'i, driven by her passion for service and the strong support of her husband, HPU alumnus Iven Sugai '01. Learn how HPU's accommodating programs and supportive community played a decisive role in her success.

Follow Sugai's journey from her ROTC days to her recent honor of leading the Alumni Pledge at the 2024 spring commencement ceremony. Discover her commitment to serving her community in Honolulu and honoring her ancestors' legacy.

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:

Night Market 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Night
Saturday, May 25
4 - 8 p.m.
Aloha Tower Marketplace
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Alumni Learning Consortium
As an alum, you have exclusive access to a range of online learning tools, including webinars and events.
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