

University of Hawai'i Center at West Hawai'i Update

Anticipation is still building toward Fall 2015 with the move to Palamanui. Approximately 40 students spent the afternoon at the Campus site and surrounding aina on March 20th, participating in trail experiences and a question and answer session about the new Campus.

We still have much to celebrate in Spring Semester. Planning is well advanced for the Spring Semester Ho 'ike which will be held on April 23. West Hawai'i Commencement for graduates of Hawaii CC and other UH institutions will be at the Keahou Sheraton Resort and Spa on May 16th. Incoming President/CEO of Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, Kirstin Kahaloa, will be the keynote speaker.

An endowed scholarship has been received by the UH Foundation from an anonymous West Hawai'i donor, to eventually support students to study at Palamanui in preparation for transferring to a Marine Science major after earning their associates. It is envisioned that this will help us to kick start the cohort of students studying the Associate of Science, Natural Science which is planned for rollout at Palamanui. Also, during April a team of executives from the UH Foundation will visit the new campus site to kick off their campaign to secure donors for naming opportunities for facilities within the new Campus.

During April, the UH Center West Hawai'i will host a meeting of University Center Directors and their Educational Specialists (Other UH Centers are at Maui and Kauai). Carrie Kuwada Phipps has filled the long vacant Ed Specialist position for the bachelor's and higher programs, starting this role in April 1.