

Hawaii Community College -Palamanui Update

We commenced instructional operations on time this past Monday August 24. We were blessed with a full day of rain. At the end of the day, our work in getting the Campus open on time was blessed with this rainbow over Hualalai and our Campus at dusk.



This culminated a busy and stressful summer for WH Staff, Faculty and Lecturers. We are still operating under irregular conditions, with finishing touches being put on the guttering, and the landscaping being about half way done. Culinary must wait another week or two for their kitchens to be ready and so they are ‘improvising’ to keep their curriculum on track in the meantime. We also realized in early July that the Science labs were not likely to be ready, so in August the decision was made by College Administration to revive the lab at Kealakekua for one more semester. Our Media Team and the ACU team from Hilo have done a herculean job, at times flanked by colleagues from UH System ITS, to get our technology infrastructure ready. We also had some heroic performances by UH office of Capital Improvement, State Department of Administrative and General Services. In the end, with a lot of machinations by F&H Construction, combined with a spirit of Aloha from Hawaii County, we managed to get our temporary Certificate of Occupancy at the last possible moment to be able to operate on time.

Many people shared in the stress of the process, but after Monday’s experience, even in the rain, seeing our students on Campus made it all worthwhile. For a sense of what our opening day of instruction, see this video release prepared by UH System External Relations.

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