Kapi’olani Faculty Exemplary Sharing of Expertise in Community

Drs. Veronica Ogata, Family Resources, Human Development, Teacher Preparation, and Ulla Hasager, Anthropology at KCC, Ethnic Studies and Director of Civic Engagement for the UH Manoa College of Social Science, and their service-learning students, meet twice a month with low income, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Micronesian, and Southeast Asian parents at Palolo public housing in the College’s Palolo Ohana Program (POP) (Ohana is the Hawaiian word for extended family). Hasager, Ogata, students, Palolo parents and housing management representatives collaboratively develop a semester-long meeting agenda, while also taking advantage of local expertise as available, and discuss needs and issues in a context of equity, diversity, and seeking solutions to practical everyday issues.

Professor Judith Kirkpatrick, Language Arts, offers computer literacy workshops for Palolo parents.

Dr. Tanya Renner shares her expertise in program assessment with the Palolo Homes Management Staff.

Dr. Robert Franco assists in raising funds for early literacy, sustainability, science, technology, engineering, and math enrichment for Palolo K-12 youth.

Ogata, Hasager, Kirkpatrick, Tanya Renner, and Robert Franco serve on the Palolo Advisory Board.

Professor Nelda K. Quensell is the science coordinator for MINA (Malama I Na Ahupua`a) service learning initiative. She contributes her expertise to non-profit organizations that promote conservation and stewardship of the natural ecosystems and their native species, such as Kumuola, Ho`oulu aina, Halawa Valley, the Peace Garden and Manoa Heritage Center. Several of her students served as service learners to Lyon Arboretum (where 4 of them have become paid staff), Foster Botanical ‘Gardens, Hawaii Nature Center (students become mentors for lower grades). She initiated planting native species on campus and continues to support the Lehia Sensory Gardens and the Malama Garden at KCC. She continues to share her expertise with Kaimuki Middle School teachers who are developing sustainable gardens and support their students when they come to KCC for observation of native species. Currently, she is advising and collaborating on research on Native Hawaiian medicinal plants (la`au lapa`au) species with the Kamehameha Schools and 5 Native Hawaiian STEM students at the College.

Shawn Ford, Second Language Teaching, has developed a Second Language Teaching (SLT) Program at Jefferson Elementary, a low income, multi-ethnic school serving recent immigrants in Waikiki. Once per week, beginning-level SLT students tutor approximately 20 Jefferson English Language Learning (ELL) students in the Jefferson library immediately after their school days ends, and afterwards, the SLT class instructor, Caroline Torres, holds her regularly scheduled class session. This is a totally unique model of community service and student learning. Jefferson's principal, ELL coordinator, students and parents, and the SLT teacher and college students all report increased engagement and success with the program, so much so that the principal has asked us to return each semester to offer this program to their ELLs. Professor
Ford is finalizing the plan to offer another SLT program course with a similar design at Kaimuki High School beginning in fall 2014.

Charles Sasaki, Dean of Arts and Sciences serves on the Board of Aloha United Way, and on their Community Care Team. He also serves on the Board of the Pacific Historic Parks Education Institute. He has develop collaborations with the Hawaii State Department of Education to establish KCC partnerships at Kaimuki High School and Jefferson Elementary School. He is a member of the Olapa Hula Halau I Ka Wekiu. He serves as Principal Investigator, Project Olona, with Kamehameha Schools Extension Education Division on a project researching the Hawaiian medicinal plants. He serves as a judge for Hawaii History Day for the Hawaii Council for the Humanities, and as a speaker for the Hawaii International Conference on Education, and the Honolulu Sunset Rotary Club.

Steven Singer and his colleagues in the Information Technology program have assisted in developing websites for service-learning community partners. They have also collaborated with the Waikiki Aquarium to develop Rich Mobile Apps for young children visiting the aquarium. Currently, they are sharing expertise in cyber-security with students and local businesses. The vast majority of IT students complete internships with local companies such as Servco Pacific, Bank of Hawaii, and Hawaiian Airlines. New cybersecurity initiatives engage the Hawaii National Guard and the Pacific Command.

Professor Kevin Dooley, Accounting, serves on the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee, and as Assistant Treasurer of The ARC in Hawaii. The ARC provides services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities on Oahu. Together with its affiliates, The Arc in Hawaii promotes and protects the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their right to be included and fully participate in the community throughout their lifetime. The ARC provides independent living opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities through their 3 apartment buildings and 17 small group homes. They also provide adult day health services for people with intellectual disabilities at their three center locations.

Professor Calvin Tan, Accounting, engages his students in his Excel classes to conduct inventory count for the seven preschools of the Kindergarten and Children’s Aid (KCAA) program, which was established in 1895, and has served over 100,000 children and trained hundreds of teachers of children. He also also assists the assistant controller at ServCo Hawaii with the Special Olympics each year. [http://www.kcaapreschools.org/about/history.html](http://www.kcaapreschools.org/about/history.html)

Instructor Susan Lee, Accounting, serves as a committee member on the Supervisory Committee for the Hawaii State Federal Credit Union (HSFCU) as appointed by its Board of Directors. The Supervisory Committee is the equivalent of an audit committee of any large corporation. A Supervisory Committee is required by Federal Regulations to ensure that the CU's records are properly maintained, policies established by law and by the BOD are followed, and that members' assets are safeguarded. The Vice-President of Internal Audits reports directly to the Supervisory Committee (See HSFCU Annual Report at OFIE/Planning/Community Engagement).
Ron Takahashi and his Culinary Arts faculty and staff provide both their expertise and coordinate student volunteers for numerous events for the community and local businesses. In 2012-13, KCC Culinary faculty and staff have actively participated in numerous events including:

- Hawaii Lodging, Hospitality & Foodservice Expo
- Food & Wine Festival
- Dream Bigger Dreams
- Sea-To-Me Festival
- Kahala Nui Senior Citizen Facility
- University of Hawaii Football Team Pre-game Dinners
- Na Koa VIP Dinner
- Consular Corp Dinner
- Hawaii Fire Fighters 4th Annual Signature Chefs Food Festival
- HFM Food Service Seminars- leading Pacific region and statewide wholesale
- FILCOM Fundraiser
- Hookipa Fundraiser
- Shangri La Dinner
- Halekulani Hotel Fundraiser
- Young Commis Competition
- Pamela Young Mixed Plate Contest
- Board of Regents Meeting
- Women Supporting Women Fundraiser
- Rotary Crabfest
- Nagomi Restaurant Fundraiser
- Department of Education Student Performance Evaluations
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education
- Ilima Awards
- Hale Aina Awards
- Mangos at Moana
- Filipino Community Center Fund Raising

In addition to assisting in these Culinary-focused events, the faculty and staff of the program also actively provide their expertise and serve as resources in the areas of restaurant business, food safety and sanitation, food innovation and healthy cooking. These activities support our Department's mission and vision to be the best state-supported, ACF-certified, two-year culinary institution in the world focusing on the blending of Western and Asian/Pacific cuisines with an emphasis on cooking for health, wellness and sustainability. Faculty and staff members serve on Sustainability and Food Innovation advisory boards, lead state-wide initiatives on Childhood Obesity Prevention and will be working with 2,500 restaurants over the next 2.5 years in basic food safety and sanitation.

Dave Evans, Chair, Hospitality and Tourism Education, serves on a number of industry association boards, most recently as an executive director of the Hospitality Sales and Marketing
Association International and as the president of Travel Industry Management International. He is asked to provide insight into curriculum being developed by the various schools in the department of education such as: Pearl City High School, Moanalua High School, Kaimukī Middle School, Kaimukī High School, and Waipahu High School. Additionally, he has assisted the high schools by serving on panels to adjudicate student marketing plan competitions. He has also served on the review and selection committees to determine outstanding hospitality and lodging employees for the Hawai‘i Lodging and Tourism Association’s annual Nā Po‘e Pa‘ahana awards.

Palakiki Yagodich, Hospitality and Tourism Education, directs the College’s Interpret Hawaii program that works with local tour operators, guides, and drivers, to ensure that Native Hawaiian culture is being accurately and respectfully conveyed to visitors to Honolulu and Hawaii. He is very engaged in Native Hawaiian community organization island-wide.

He is on the board of Aha Hui Na'auao, a community based organization on Oahu’s north shore that continues to promote and share Hawaiian knowledge. The organization provides the community with Hawaiian Language and culture classes, wood-carving classes, and lessons in Hawaiian chant, song, and protocol. Their newest venture has been a puppet show at Waimea Bay Park and Mililani shopping center sharing Hawaiian culture and language thru storytelling.

He is a Cultural Advisor to Malama Pupukea Waimea which is one of the only two marine conservation districts on the island. He serves as a teacher for their youth program, Ka Papa Kai, and introduces local children to marine biology by taking them into the ocean to see, touch and feel the ocean and its inhabitants. He also provides appropriate Hawaiian protocol when welcoming various organizations to the district. At Waimea Valley, he introduces groups to the valley and its cultural history, and in particular to Hale o Lono which is one of the heiau (temples) that he helped to restore. He continues to practice and demonstrate the appropriate protocols pertaining to that heiau. He also provides training in Hawaiian protocol and cultural history for industry and community partners in Waikiki, and is Kumu (teacher) of Hawaiian language and culture at the Waikiki Community Center.

Laure Burke, Hospitality and Tourism Education, serves as a guest speaker for the Hawaii Tourism Wholesalers Association where she shares insights about how businesses can forge partnerships with the college including internships, job placement, and continuing education and training. She serves on the Executive Board of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA). She is member of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Women Educators Scholarship Committee Member where she has developed various scholarship programs for students interested in being professional educators. She has supported fund raising efforts at Hawaii Pacific Health, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, and Straub Clinic and Hospital. She also serves as a speech competition judge at multiple high school speech competitions and as a Communication instructor so Boy Scouts can complete their Eagle badge requirements. She also serves as a University of Southern California Doctorate Program Mentor supporting several Doctorate of Educational Leadership candidates via a formal mentorship program.
Professor Kawehi Sellers, Hospitality and Tourism Education, serves on the board of directors for the Aloha Festivals, Hawai‘i’s premier cultural showcase, a celebration of Hawai‘i’s music, dance and history intended to preserve unique island traditions. She was the former secretary of the board and currently a member of PATA Hawaii (Pacific Asia Travel Association). Each year she serves as a judge for the Hawaii Speech League State Tournament. She also volunteers and supports the Manoa Heritage Center, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the thoughtful stewardship of the natural and cultural heritage of Hawaii.

Aaron Koseki, Ed Borza, and Jung Kim from the Respiratory Care Program contribute their expertise to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Oahu Region, the COPD Coalition which focuses on those living with the effects of cigarette smoking, the Long-Term Care Conference Planning Committee with the Geriatrics Department at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (UH), and as board members for the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care.

Faculty often share their expertise through service-learning, internship, and clinical education community-based partnerships. Each year Kapiolani Service-Learning (700), combined with internship and clinical opportunities in Nursing (218) and Health Science, Emergency Medical Services (18), Mobile Intensive Care Technician (18), Respiratory Care (32), Information Technology (30), Hospitality and Tourism (135), and the Culinary Arts (104) supports more than 1200 students per year at dozens of community partner sites. Forty students per year complete biological and ecological research and conservation projects with Maunalua Bay Foundation. Another 30 students per year, under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Overton, Political Science and Director, Office for International Affairs and his staff, participate in the Freeman Scholars Study Abroad program and complete service-learning projects in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.