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HPU Alumni Currents

A Message from Jeffrey Rich: Alumni Are Our Strongest Ambassadors

Aloha HPU Alumni!

As Hawai'i Pacific University continues to grow and evolve in today's competitive higher education landscape, one thing remains constant: the power of our alumni community.

As the University's Chief Communications Officer, I have the unique privilege of helping tell the HPU story every day through campaigns, social media, media relations, digital content, and community outreach. But no story is more compelling than the one told by you, our graduates.

You are the living proof of the value of an HPU education. Whether you're making an impact in healthcare, technology, education, business, public service, or the arts, your achievements and your voice carry weight. When alumni proudly share their experiences and recommend HPU to prospective students, it amplifies our reach and strengthens our brand in ways no advertisement ever could.

That's why I want to personally invite you to get involved in helping HPU continue to thrive. Here are some easy and powerful ways you can support the university...



Jeffrey Rich, Vice President of Marketing and Communications & Chief Communications Officer at Hawai'i Pacific University

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Video By Ian Bressel

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John Gotanda

President of Hawai'i Pacific University

As we celebrate Hawai'i Pacific University's 60th anniversary in 2025, we reflect on where we've been, what we've built together, and where we're headed.

President Gotanda shares a message of pride and purpose, inviting the HPU alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends to help shape the next 60 years of this incredible journey for HPU and our 'ohana.

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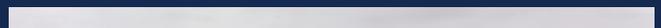


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Professor Teresa McCreary's Legacy in Music

After nearly four decades in music education, Teresa McCreary, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music and Director of Performing Arts, will retire this August. Her visionary leadership and passion for music have shaped HPU's cultural identity and inspired countless students and artists.

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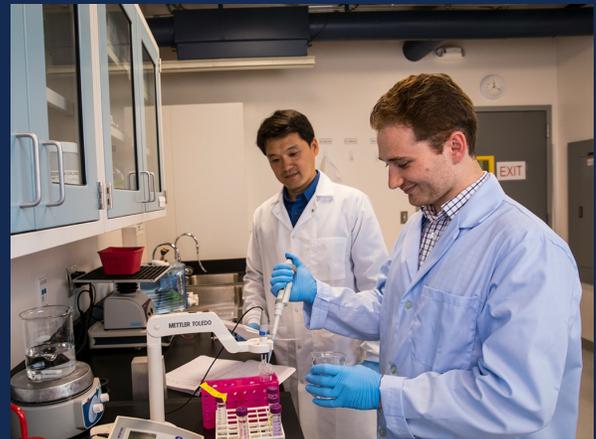
Kent Glover, an HPU alumnus and researcher at Oceanic Institute of HPU, co-authored a study published in the *Journal of the World of Aquaculture Society* on the successful rearing of the Potter's angelfish, a species found only in Hawaiian waters. His work began as an undergraduate capstone project at HPU.



CEO of Child and Family Service Shares Leadership Lessons

HPU's College of Liberal Arts, School of Nursing, and University Advancement co-hosted a spring semester "CEO Talks" event featuring Amanda Pump, President and CEO of Child and Family Service. She shared her leadership journey, rooted in connection, service, and a deep commitment to servant leadership.

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HPU Launches Hawai'i's First MSMEDS Program

In a recent podcast episode, Associate Professor and Acting Associate Dean of the College of Natural and Computational Sciences Regina Ostergaard-Klem, Ph.D., delves into Earth Day's lasting impact. She highlights Hawai'i's grassroots sustainability initiatives and introduces the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) as a more comprehensive alternative to GDP.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Broadcasting with Purpose: Kristina Lockwood '99 on Her Journey, Leadership, and the Future of Media



When Kristina Lockwood began taking night classes at Hawai'i Pacific University in the 1990s, she was already working in the broadcast industry.

Her decision to pursue a BA in Communications wasn't just a step toward

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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Networking, mentorship opportunity, and continued involvement with the HPU campus.

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Upcoming Events:

Mastering Your Job Move: Strategic Insights for Career Progress

Tuesday, July 15th

9:00 a.m. PDT

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The 7 Traits of Emotional Fitness

Tuesday, July 29th

9:00 a.m. PDT

personal growth, it was a move that would ultimately support her rise to the top of Hawai'i's local television landscape.

“It was a logical degree for me to continue and expand my knowledge of the industry,” Lockwood said. “It was super helpful, and I wouldn't be in the role I'm in if I didn't have my degree from HPU.”

Today, Lockwood is President and General Manager at KHON-TV in Honolulu, where she leads one of Hawai'i's largest media organizations. Her career spans decades and includes key leadership roles at KITV, KGMB9, and Cox Media. But before she was managing teams and transforming media strategy, she was balancing long workweeks with full days of Saturday classes and Thursday night lectures at HPU.

“There was no online school at the time, and it was hard to find programs that accommodated working adults,” she said. “I feel very fortunate that HPU was available. It was tough, but I'd do three or four classes at a time, take a break when I burned out, and then pick it back up again until I finished.”

Lockwood's educational experience was unique, defined more by tenacity than tradition. Still, she found the curriculum immediately applicable to her job and career growth.

“Speech, marketing, communications—it was all relevant,” she explained. “It grounded me in ways that were important because I was in the workforce young, working with people much older than me. HPU helped me develop both personally and professionally.”

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