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University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu

Spring 2024 Convocation

& Professional Development Day

Mele Honouliuli

An oli by Pu‘u Zablan

**Eō Pālehua ke kuahiwi la
Ke kuahiwi i noho i ka lani**

Pālehua is the mountain
the mountain that dwells in the heavens

**‘O Kapolei ka pu‘u la
Ka pu‘u i noho i ka ‘āina**

Kapolei is the hill
the hill that sits on the land

**O Kapapaapuhi ka loko ia
Ka loko i noho i kai**

Kapapaapuhi is the pond
the pond that resides at the sea

**‘O Honouliuli la
He ‘āina aloha o ‘Ewa**

Here is Honouliuli
a land of great affection in ‘Ewa

**Aloha mai e nā pua la
Nā pua ha‘aheo o ka ‘āina**

Greetings to our descendants
the proud children of this land



Hō'ōia 'Āina

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu, it is with profound reflection that we offer up this Hō'ōia 'Āina, this Land Acknowledgement, acknowledging Hawai'i as an indigenous space whose original people are today identified as Native Hawaiians.

The University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu aligns with the University of Hawai'i's commitment to foster the wellbeing of all our students within an indigenous lens through academic and social processes throughout a ten-campus, system-wide transformation we call Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao.

With much aloha, I, Camonia Graham-Tutt – offer up this Land Acknowledgement to welcome all gathered in this ahupua'a we call Honouliuli in the moku of 'Ewa, within the mokupuni of O'ahu.

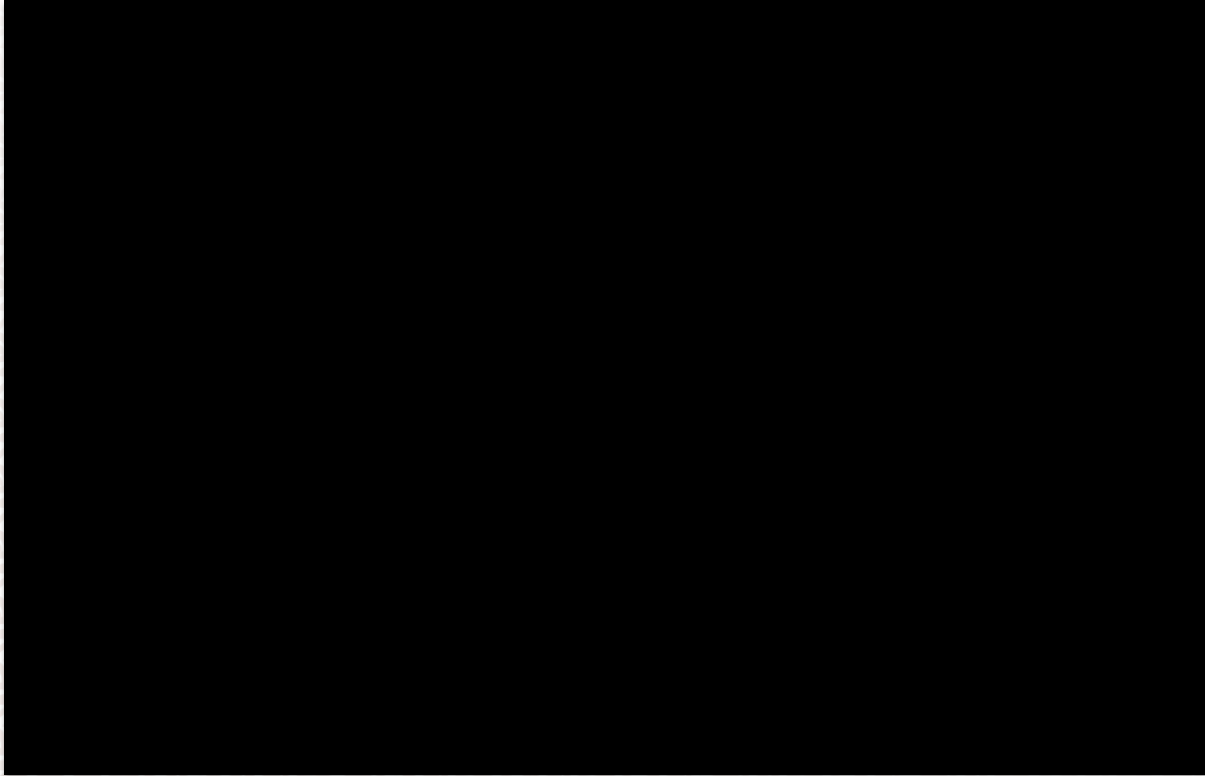
This is Hawai'i nei. Ano'ai ke aloha.



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Welina Mai!

West O'ahu College: A Perspective (1981)



Our Value Proposition

*UH West O'ahu prepares 21st Century leaders
- career creators - through integrated, transdisciplinary
programs where learners discover, innovate, and engage
diverse communities to create a vibrant and just world.*



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Chancellor

Welcome New UHWO 'Ohana

- Nicholas Mitchell - Student Services Specialist (12/29/23)
- Shaun Palafox - General Laborer (1/2/24)
- Melinda Lee - Secretary III, VCAA (9/11/23)
- Robert Bogacz - University Security Officer (10/16/23)
- Kate Marsi - Educational Specialist, Ulu Ulu (11/1/23)
- Wendy Takahashi - Student Services Specialist (9/5/23)
- Katherine Burke - Educational Specialist, VCAA (9/30/23)
- Royce Tanouye - Admin & Fiscal Support Specialist, VCAA (9/30/23)
- Leiana Marie Alejado - Student Services Specialist (12/11/23)
- Kimberly Ae (transfer) - Administrative Officer (10/16/23)
- Hoku Kwan (transfer) - Assistant Specialist (11/1/23)
- Lindsey Roberts (transfer) - Educational Specialist (11/6/23)

Chancellor Overview

- Financial Report
- UH – Strategic Imperatives
- Dates to keep in mind
- Stay updated
- UH West O‘ahu “By the Numbers”



By the Numbers

Institutional Research Office Update

Three-year highlights



Enrollment: Fall 2023: 2,863 (-1.7%)
Spring 2024: 2,450 (+0.2%) as of Jan. 2, 2024



Degree Awards: Over 3,000 bachelors degrees awarded over the last five years



Graduation Rate: 46.8% six-year graduation rate is the highest on record



Ranking: #15 Best Regional Colleges – West
and #3 Best Public Colleges – West

Three-year highlights (cont.)



Early College: Serving over 800 high-school students last three years

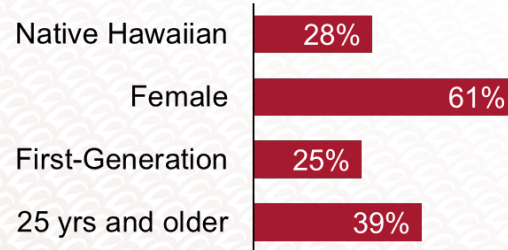


Neighbor Island Distance Education: 9% of student body are neighbor island residents



Academy for Creative Media: Increased enrollment by 13% to 328 in Fall 2023

Student Diversity



Divisions & Degree Programs



Business Administration Division

BA Business Administration

- ❖ Accounting
- ❖ Data Analytics
- ❖ Facilities Management
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ General Business Administration
- ❖ Hospitality & Tourism
- ❖ Management
- ❖ Marketing

BS Cybersecurity

- ❖ Cyber Operations

BAS Applied Science

- ❖ Culinary Management
- ❖ Facilities Management
- ❖ Information Security and Assurance
- ❖ Information Technology



Humanities Division

BA Humanities

- ❖ Film, Media & Popular Culture
- ❖ English
- ❖ Hawaiian-Pacific Studies
- ❖ History
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Philosophy



Public Administration Division

BA Public Administration

- ❖ Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management
- ❖ Health Care Administration
- ❖ General Public Administration
- ❖ Justice Administration
- ❖ Community Health
- ❖ Long-Term Care



Social Sciences Division

BA Social Sciences

- ❖ Anthropology
- ❖ Early Childhood Education
- ❖ Economics
- ❖ Political Science
- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Sociology



Education Division

B Ed Education

- ❖ Elementary Education
- ❖ Middle-Level Education
- ❖ Secondary Education



Mathematics, Natural & Health Sciences Division

BS Natural Sciences

- ❖ Applied Mathematics
- ❖ Life Science
- ❖ Health Sciences



Academy for Creative Media West O'ahu

BA Creative Media

- ❖ General Creative Media
- ❖ Design & Media Communications & New Media Technologies
- ❖ Video Game Design & Development

- ❖ Sustainable Community Food Systems

- ❖ Health Information Management
- ❖ Hawaiian & Indigenous Health & Healing
- ❖ Health Professions
- ❖ Respiratory Care

- Grey boxes represent degrees

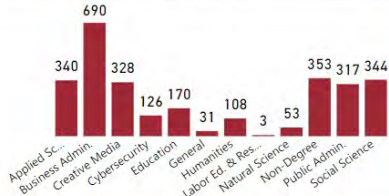
Quick Facts

Total Enrollment- Fall 2023

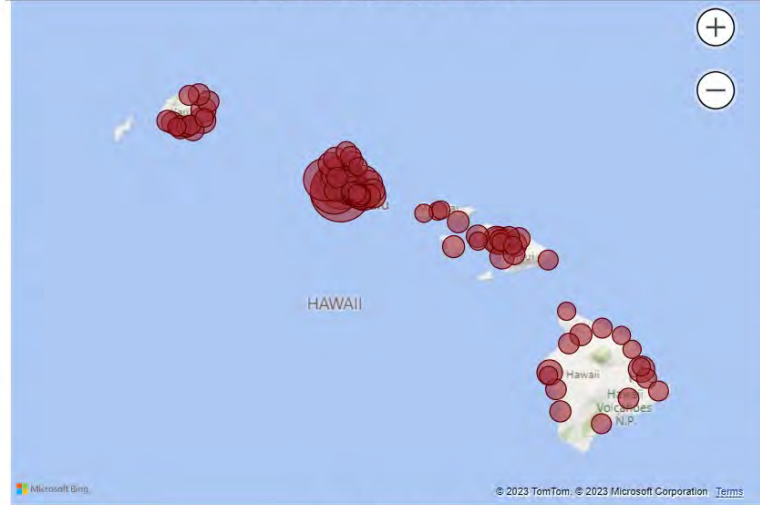
2,863



Programs



Enrollment by Geographic Origin



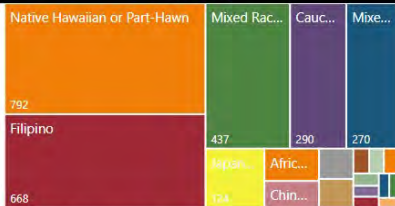
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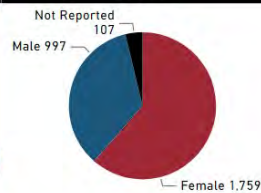
For examination of the demographic characteristics of the surrounding communities and the state of Hawaii, including data on population, family and living arrangements, and socioeconomic, [click here](#).



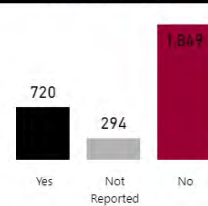
Ethnicity



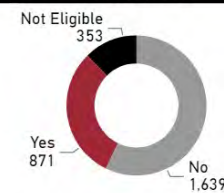
Gender



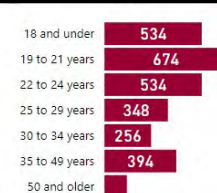
First-Generation



Pell Recipients



Age



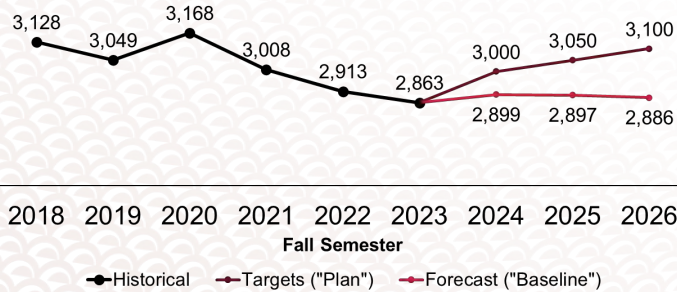
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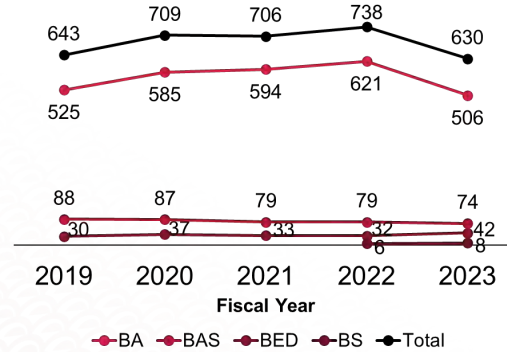
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Enrollment and Degree Awards

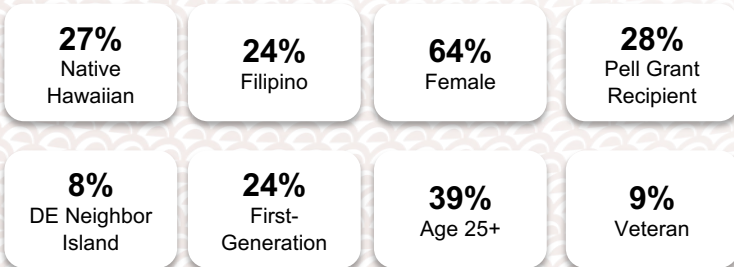
Enrollment



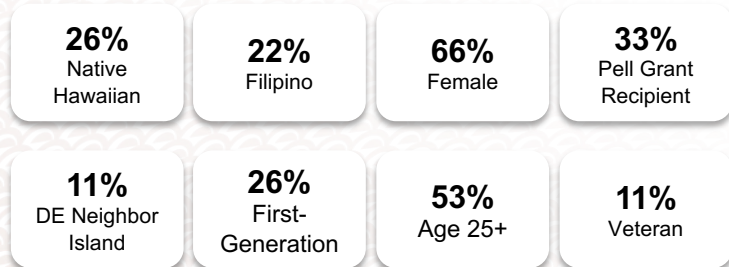
Bachelors Degrees



10,101* Students Enrolled Last Five Years



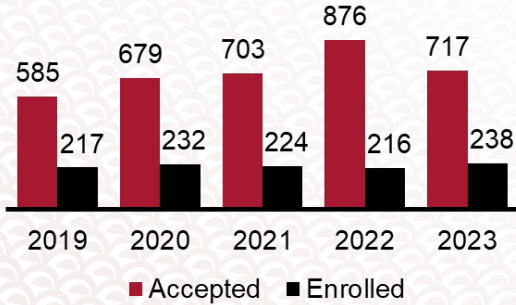
3,426 Degrees Awarded Last Five Years



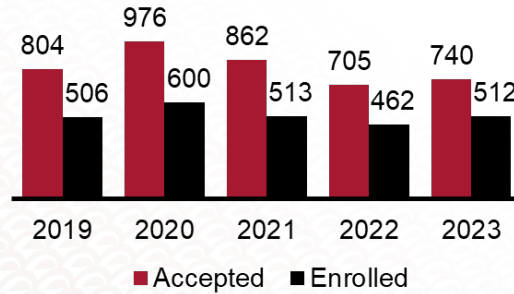
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New Student Enrollment

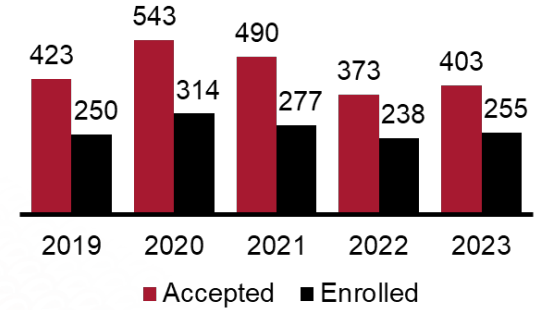
First Time



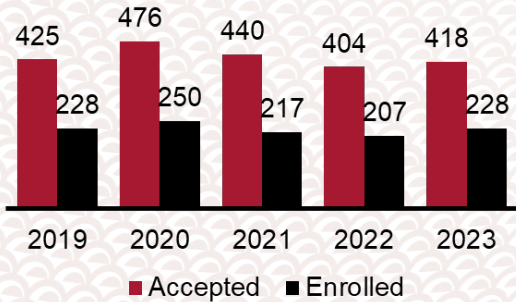
Transfers



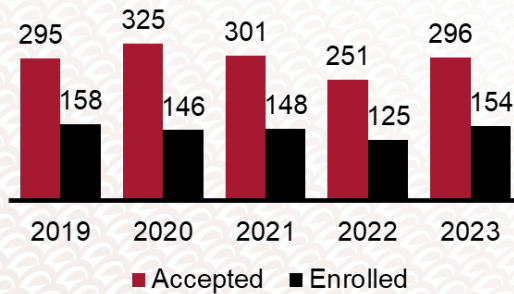
Returning Adult



Native Hawaiian



Filipino



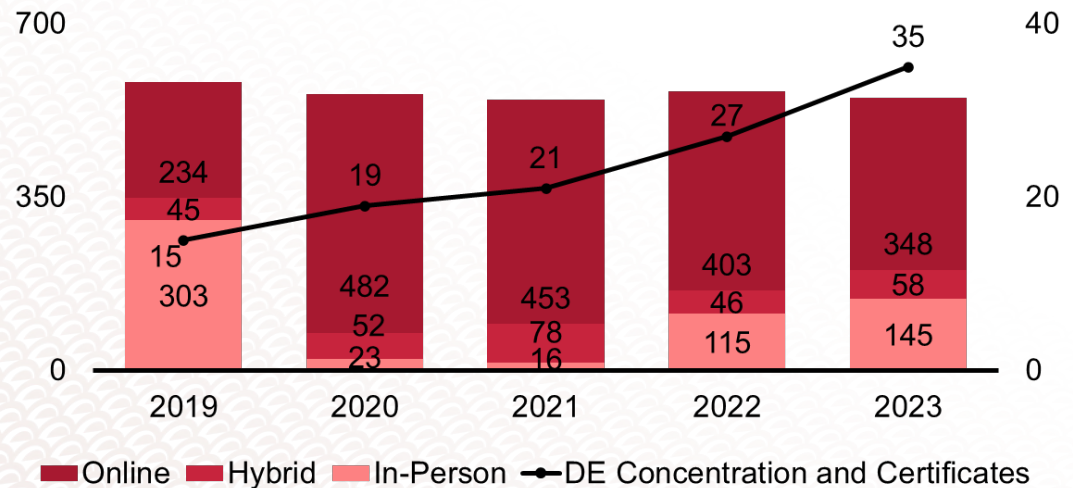
Enrollment Yield Summary

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| First Time | 37(%) | 34(%) | 32(%) | 25(%) | 33(%) |
| Transfers | 63 | 61 | 60 | 66 | 69 |
| Returning Adult | 59 | 58 | 57 | 64 | 63 |
| Native Hawaiian | 54 | 53 | 49 | 51 | 55 |
| Filipino | 54 | 45 | 49 | 50 | 52 |

Class and Program Modalities

- Established 20 new distance education concentrations and certificates since AY 2019-20.
- Fall 2020 was in the midst of the pandemic when 87% of classes were offered fully online.
- Since Fall 2020, on-site class offerings have increased by 122.
- Moving forward, Academic Affairs is working to address the challenges of increasing both new student enrollment and bodies on campus.

Fall Modality Trend with DE Concentration and Certificates Growth





Academics Update

Vice Chancellor Harald Barkhoff

Academic Affairs – What I learned

- Aloha
- Kuleana
- Pahuhopu
- Ho'okahi ka 'ilau like 'ana



Academic Affairs – What I learned

- Processes
- Policies/Guidelines
- Transparency
- Equity



Academic Affairs – What's next?

Short term (Spring & Summer 2024):

- Talk Story Sessions
- Streamlining of Processes
- Support for Divisions

Long term (next Academic Year and beyond):

- Communication
- Celebration of Accomplishments/Student Success
- Academic Programming



Student Success Update

Vice Chancellor Dee Uwono

First 6 Months – Lessons Learned

- **Lesson One:**
Relationships and partnerships are essential
- **Lesson Two:**
Recruitment is a key effort
- **Lesson Three:**
Like other units across campus, limited budget to fund what we need for our students

First 6 Months – Targeted Efforts

- Increased and targeted Student Success Efforts
- Shoring-up our recruitment efforts
- It takes a village - all UHWO 'Ohana to help build kaiāulu (community)

Launching Forward to 2024

- Financial Aid and FAFSA workshops
- Admitted Student Events on Campus
- Workforce Development
- Continue to Build Partnerships



Administrative Update

Vice Chancellor Dave McDonald

Observations since Feb 1, 2023

- UHWO is student-center and welcoming
- Much of Administration work is behind the scenes
- Admin staff is on campus 24/7 and many begin at 6 to minimize disruptions

Today

- Budget challenges
 - 2024 Legislative Session
- Examples from Admin team
 - Auxiliary Services scheduled 687 campus events in 2022-23
 - IT protected the campus from over 613,000,000 cyber attacks in 2023
- Enrollment is critical to our future
- More people on campus – more energy, more rewarding

Tomorrow

- Administration will increase focus on value-added services to the university
- Sustainability initiatives to be explored
- Support more on-campus activity



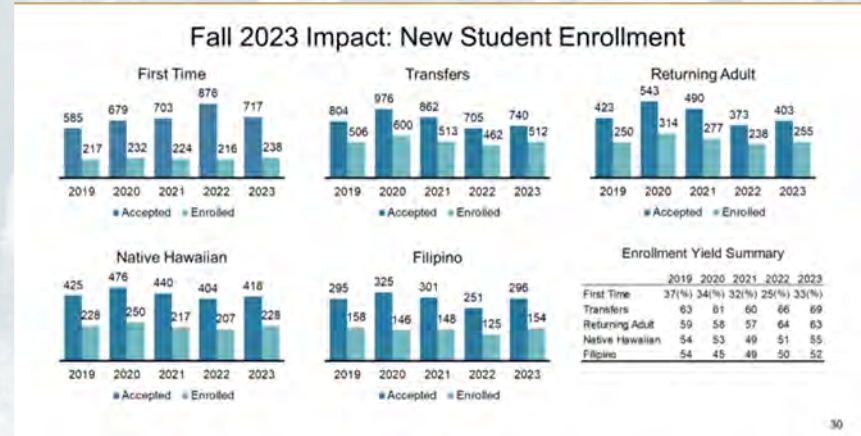


Strategic Directions, Assessment, and Accreditation Update

Exec. Director Jessica Miranda

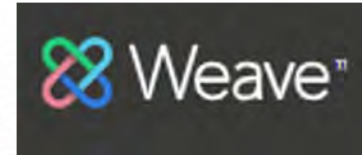
What I've Learned

- UHWO faculty and staff are knowledgeable and committed
- Enrollment management planning
- Assessment structures and processes



What We've Accomplished

- Assessment reporting across campus
- Implementation of Weave software system for assessment, accreditation, and strategic planning reporting
- Pueo Data Fellows program supported by APIA Scholars and UCLA Data Voyage Grant
- Offering assessment professional development opportunities for faculty and staff



Goals for the Year

1

All units submit Assessment Reports in Weave

2

Administer National Surveys in Spring 2024

- National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) - Freshmen and Seniors
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Implementation (DEII) Survey - Faculty & Staff

3

Address WSCUC Commission's recommendations for UHWO

- Interim Report due March 1, 2025



A scenic view of a thatched-roof hut in a field of green plants with white flower heads. The hut is made of wood and has a thick, layered thatch. The plants in the foreground are tall with long green leaves and round, white, spiky flower heads. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the field and the sky.

Looking Forward

Chancellor's closing thoughts...

Commitment to Core Values

Shared Equity Leadership



Social Responsibility



Commitment to Stewardship



Strive for Excellence





Mahalo Nūnui Kākou!

Pūpūkahi i holomua!

Let's keep moving forward together!



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