COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. As a courtesy to other guests and family members, please silence all electronic devices and kindly remain seated throughout the ceremony.

Procesional .................................................... Richard Jones, Olivia George, Faculty Marshals
Mae Honouliuli ................................................. Written and led by Pu‘u Zablan
Greetings and Introductions........................... Leilia Wai Shimokawa and Paarelena Stone
Welcome .......................................................... Chancellor Maenette Benham
National Anthem & Hawai‘i Pono‘i........................... University Chorus
Recognition of Special Guests.......................... Leilia Wai Shimokawa
Regent’s Remarks ............................................ Regent Randolph G. Moore
Greetings on Behalf of UH System ....................... President David Lassner
Keynote Speaker ............................................. Waipahu High School Principal Keith Hayashi
Recognition of Distinguished Students...Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Moniz
Introduction of Student Speaker ....................... Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Judy Oliveira
Student Speaker ............................................... Shawna-Leigh Camara
Faculty Senate Salutation .................................. Faculty Senate Chair Thomas Hirsbrunner
Confering of Degrees ....................................... Chancellor Maenette Benham
Recessional*

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

In addition to the red cord which signifies graduation with distinction (minimum of 30 UH West O‘ahu credits with a GPA of 2.75), some disciplines and student honor organizations recognize members by having them don colored honor cords, sashes, and other regalia upon graduation.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honor society for criminal justice (blue and gold cord)
Alpha Delta Kappa, the national honor society for sociology (red cord)
Golden Key International Honour Society (gold medallion)
Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education (purple & green cord)
Lambda Chi Alpha, the national honor society for anthropology (gold cord)
Pe Chi, the national honor society for psychology (blue and grey cord)
Sigma Tau Delta, the national honor society for English (black and red cord)
US Armed Forces Veteran Recognition

The University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu is proud to recognize graduating students who have served, or who are currently serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces. These students will wear special red, white, and blue cords.

Academic Regalia

The history of the academic cap and gown dates back to the 12th century when scholars began to organize themselves into guilds, the predecessors of modern universities. Gowns were dark and billowing to hide the scholar’s book or work in progress. The flat cap was worn with a book on the head.

Sculpted in the traditional Colorado State University student cap material and featuring an intricate metal crest, the West O‘ahu commencement mace is hand-crafted by local artist Cliff Rawlins. Measuring almost 50 inches in length, the artist hand selected a piece of indigenous koa wood from the South Point of the Big Island of Hawai‘i and complements it with chocolate brown milo wood from Kāne‘ohe. This unique piece signifies the blending of nature’s elements to create a symbolic tradition for West O‘ahu.

The mace brings to the commencement ceremony a tradition that began in the Middle Ages. The mace was originally a weapon of war; however, as early as the 13th century, the warlike image of the mace began to diminish, and the mace became a symbol of peaceful leadership. Today, it has come to symbolize leadership, grace, and peaceful authority.

*Please remain seated until the platform party, faculty, and graduates have exited.

SONGS

Hawai‘i Pono‘i
By Kamehameha II, 1844

O‘e me ka ihe
Nā kaua e pale
Ke ali‘i
Hawai‘i pono‘i
Music by Henri Berger
Hawai‘i Pono‘i
National Anthem

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