COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

Proclamation ............................................................. Faculty Marshals
Masa Honouliuli ......................................................... Campus representatives
Greetings ................................................................. Leila Wai Shimokawa
H올아 ‘아나 ......................................................... Executive Director of Strategic Directions, Assessment, and Accreditation Jessica Miranda

National Anthem and Hawai‘i Pono‘i.......................... UH West O‘ahu Band
Welcome .................................................................... Chancellor Maenette Benham
Recognition of Special Guests ................................. Vice Chancellor for Administration David McDonald
Board of Regents Introduction ................................. Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Camomia Graham-Tutu
Ragten’s Remarks ..................................................... Regent Diane Paloma
Recognition of Distinguished Students ................. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Harold Barkhoff
Introduction of Student Speakers .......................... Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dee Uwono
Student Speakers ...................................................... Kalawena Kalahuwahee and Bryceson Gregory Keali‘iwiwo‘eki’e Tugade
Faculty Senate Salutation ......................................... Faculty Senate Chair Ka‘uluani Akamine
Confering of Degrees and Certificates ................. Chancellor Maenette Benham

Racessional

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

SONGS

MELE HONOULIULI
By Francis Scott Key

‘O Kapapua‘pu‘u ka loko le (Kapapua‘pu‘u is the pond)
Ka loko nohi no ka loko (the pond that resides among the trees)
‘O Honouliuli la (Hono‘li‘ili is the pond)
He ‘ina aloha i le‘a (a land of great affection in ‘Ewa)

Aloha mai e na pua la (Greeting to our descendants)
Na pua ha‘aheo o ka ‘āina (Greetings to our descendants)

HAWAI‘I PONO‘I
By King David Kalakaua

Academy of Advanced Degrees: Phi Delta Kappa, the national honor society for psychology (blue and gray cord), the international honor society for psychology (blue and gray cord), Lambda Alpha, the national honor society for anthropology (blue and gray cord), Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology (blue and gray cord), and Sigma Tau Delta, the national honor society for English black and red cord).

HAWAI‘I PONO‘I
By Harry C. Bailey

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 ink stains and to retain warmth. Scholars wore hoods which could be used as carrying pouches or as head coverings in inclement weather. Today, the cut of the gown represents the scholar’s rank attained: gowns with open sleeves for bachelor’s degrees, gowns with closed sleeves for master’s degrees, and gowns with bell-shaped sleeves and black velvet panels and ban for doctoral degrees. Most gowns are black; however, other colors are sometimes worn to represent institutional colors. Modern hoods drop down the back of the gown and are worn by holders of advanced degrees; the colors represent the discipline and institution. The flat mortarboard cap was a modern representation of a stocking cap which was designed to hold a small book on the head.

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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Faculty and guests are seated. The academic procession begins and proceeds through the UH West O‘ahu Courtyard.

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

In addition to the gold honor stole, which signifies graduation with distinction (minimum of 30 UH West O‘ahu credits with a GPA of 3.75), 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 (gold cord), Golden Key International Honor Society (gold medallion), Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education (purple and green cord), National Society of Leadership and Success (black and grey cord), Lambda Alpha, the national honor society for anthropology (gold cord), Phi Chi, the national honor society for psychology (blue and grey cord), and 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 US Armed Forces. These students will wear special red, white, and blue cords.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

By Francis Scott Key

The Star-Spangled Banner

National Anthem

By King David Kalakaua

Hawai‘i Pono‘i

Pomp and Circumstance

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