

**UHWO Chancellor's Office
Alumni Survey, Summer 2000
(compiled 12/00)**

PROCEDURE

The total number of names on the alumni list is 2125. Using a sampling formula, it was determined that 326 responses were needed for a valid sample. 852 names were randomly selected for the first mailing on June 8 (anticipating an unrealistically high return rate of 40%). Due to a high number of undeliverable surveys (incorrect or outdated addresses), 93 new names were randomly selected for inclusion in late June and July, bringing the total sample to 945. Five more were added to make a round 950. In early August a reminder letter and new copy of the survey were sent to 300 names from the previous sample. The response rate was 13%, 125 surveys were returned. Thus although interesting, the results are not based on a statistically valid return and should be used cautiously.

SUMMARY

The largest number of respondents to the survey were relatively recent graduates (1995-1999, 54%). Of those who responded, 23% had studied in Humanities, 66% in Professional Studies, and 40% in Social Sciences. A number of respondents reported having more than one specialization, hence the total exceeds 100%. Many alumni are working in fields related to their degrees (41%), while others are engaged in other activities such as attending graduate school (17%), running their own businesses (10%), or doing volunteer work. Those who are employed work in federal, state, and city/county government agencies as well as in a variety of private entities. In terms of major life accomplishments, 25% report having completed a graduate or professional degree and 17% report having earned awards, commendations, or other formal recognition for their endeavors. Many of the personal comments reflect satisfaction with their lives and the preparation that UHWO provided them.

RESULTS

Year Graduated

1973-79	3 (3%)
1980-84	9 (7%)
1985-89	9 (7%)
1990-94	29 (24%)
1995-99	68 (54%)
missing	4 (3%)

Specializations

Humanities–Subtotal	23 (23%)
General/Unspecified	1 (1%)
English/Lit	*9 (7%)
History	*10 (8%)
Philosophy	1 (1%)
Other	2 (2%)
Professional Studies–Subtotal	66 (53%)
General/Unspecified	*15 (12%)
Business Administration	*24 (20%)
Public Administration	*13 (11%)
Accounting	*2 (2%)
Justice Administration	*5 (4%)
Health Administration	6 (5%)
Other	1 (1%)
Social Sciences–Subtotal	50 (40%)
General/Unspecified	7 (6%)
Anthropology	*1 (1%)
Economics	2 (2%)
Political Science	*4 (3%)
Psychology	*27 (22%)
Sociology	*9 (7%)
Other	0

* Totals include cases of multiple fields of specialization (17 respondents). Hence, total exceeds 100%.

Current Situation

Employed in field related to degree	51 (41%)
Employed in field not related to degree	40 (32%)
Self-employed	12 (10%)
Attending graduate/professional school	21 (17%)
Stay at home parent	5 (4%)
Unemployed	7 (6%)
Other (includes volunteer, retired)	16 (13%)

Note: Total adds up to more than 125 because a number of respondents answered two or more choices, e.g., working and going to grad school, self-employed and volunteer.

List of current employers

Federal

US Navy
US Army
US Marine Force Pacific Command
US Air Force Civil Service
Hickam Family Support Center
US Army Community Service
US Department of Defense
US Immigration and Naturalization Service
General Services Administration
Air National Guard
Pacific Missile Range Facility

State Government

Department of Education
Department of Health
Department of Public Safety
Hawai'i State Bar Association
University of Hawai'i Press
Child and Family Service
Waianae High School
Windward Community College
State Hospital

County Government/Agency

City and County of Honolulu
Hawaiian Electric Co.
Honolulu Fire Department
County of Kauai

Private

First Hawaiian Bank
Hawai'i National Bank
Bank of Hawaii
Kyotaru Corp.
Multi-Marketing/Rocky Group
Payless Shoe Source
Alstom Power, Inc.
Kuakini Health System
Paradise Beverages, Inc.
Spectrum Healthcare Services

American Hawai'i Cruises
LMS/SOS, Inc.
SOS Stuffing Services
ITT Industries
Mortenson Construction
Network, Inc.
HMSA
UTECH
Sacred Hearts Academy/Chaminade University
Liliha Bakery
Chevron Products, Inc.
NET Federal/NET.com
Dial Electric Supply Co.
AT&T-HITS project
Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center
Alu Like, Inc.
Media Mation, Inc.
Glen K. G. Wong, DDS
Hawai'i Pacific University
Robert W. Abrew, CPA, Inc.
Kona Brewing Co.
Hawai'i Behavioral Health
KHON Fox 2
PACT
Kaiser Permanente
Highlands Child Care Center

Out of State

US Customs Service (CA)
Hofstra University (NY)
Orange County Public Schools (FL)
Mt. Franklin Christian Academy (TX)
Clark County Library District (NV)
Iron Mountain Records and Information (AZ)
Ramtron (Enhanced Memory Systems) (CO)
Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept. (FL)
Revisions Behavioral Health Systems (MD)
Northwest Behavioral Health Services (FL)

Self-Employed

Writer
Actress

List of institutions where alumni are currently attending and majors

Chaminade University Honolulu, accounting (MBA); counseling psychology; public admin (MPA);
Regis University (CO), teaching (MLA)
Trinity College, Philosophy/Apologetics
University of Phoenix, special ed certificate and Masters degree; business administration
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, physician assistant program
Webster University, counseling
University of Redlands, business (MBA)
University of Hawai'i at Manoa, speech pathology
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, library and information science (Masters); History, PhD
University of West Florida, elementary education
American School of Professional Psychology, marriage and family therapy
University of North Texas, counselor education (PhD)
University of Southern California, educational leadership (EdD)
University of Oklahoma, adult education
National University, CLAD credential

Past Situation (Accomplishments, changes)

Completed graduate/professional degree	30 (25%)
Changed jobs one or more times	50 (41%)
Earned awards, commendations, recognition	21 (17%)

List of institutions where alumni have received advanced degrees

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Anthropology, MA; American Studies, MA; Social Work, MSW;
Education, MEd; Pacific Island Studies, MA; Public Admin, MA; History, MA.
Hawai'i Pacific University, Human Resource Mgmt, MA
Central Michigan University, Public Administration, MS
University of Idaho, Law, JD
University of Central Florida, Education, Masters
University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Public Administration, MPA
Chaminade University, business management, MBA, counseling psychology, criminal justice admin
University of Illinois, History, MA.
Towson State University, Experimental Psychology, MA
University of North Texas, counselor education, MA
Santa Clara University, finance, MBA.

Awards, commendations, recognition

Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, 2 awards; Outstanding Performance Award, 8 awards.

Running for county prosecutor.

Superior achievement award two times from [employer].

Runner up 6 times for School-wide teacher of the year.

Recognized by MidWeek, People Moving Up column.

Excellence in Teaching (4 times), President of Honor Society for Historians.

Legion of Merit for military service.

Two time winner in Lorin Tarr Gill writing competition for National League of American Pen Women.

Library of Congress Fellowship (2000).

Community Service Award from Mayor Fasi, City and County of Honolulu.

Hawai'i Counseling Association: Counselor of the Year Award, Francis E. Clark Award.

Board member of Registration of Professional Engineers.

Editor's Choice Award for poems written.

Criminal justice honor society 50% scholarship for graduate school.

Employee of the year, 1996.

Outstanding job performance.

Psy Chi award.

Secretary of the Army awards for outstanding achievement in material acquisition and competition in contracting.

Best MA thesis–1999, UH Manoa History Dept. Governor's Kilohana Award.

Military promotion, Navy League Award.

Various business awards, now running for re-election to county council

Comments from Respondents (60 alumni)

* Work at Armed Forces Entertainment–send entertainment to troops overseas. Spent the past 16 years in Germany working for the US Army as Music Specialist, Music and Theater Director, and also as Chief, Recreation Division.

* I moved back to Hawai'i after [grad] school. I couldn't find a job so I moved back to [another state].

* I am still looking for a job.

* I am active in the ...city schools' "Partnerships in Education Program." I am a volunteer as a "Rolling Reader" and have acted as a "Principal for a Day" twice.

* I am going into my third year of teaching. I am teaching second grade and I really enjoy it.

*...My experiences at UHWO were the best in my life and unforgettable.

* My education has prepared me well for my job and gave me confidence for a salary and benefits I felt I deserved.

* I'm able to put into practice what I learned as a history major.

* Owner of photography studio.

* I should have majored in Business so that I could have become knowledgeable in how to run a new and used Christian bookstore or Christian library. But I guess I could read books for that, too.

* First children's book to be published in 2001.

- * Although not currently employed in a related field, I feel my education was [a] worthwhile endeavor.
- * My first son was born 9/5/99.
- * Serve as Technology Coordinator for [Sacred Hearts] Academy, adjunct faculty at Chaminade Master of Education program.
- * Things are good.
- * Spent the last 10 years in community service work with senior citizens, church. Currently go four times a week to provide Catholic religious service for prison inmates at Halawa and OCCC.
- * Because of my Bachelor's degree, I was selected as a Management Intern with the Federal Supply Service and am currently Customer Service Director.
- * My experience at UHWO was absolutely wonderful. It changed my life and I do miss it.
- * I could have pursued jobs more related to my study/degree, but chose not to. I am applying more for secretarial positions—these jobs seem to be in high demand. I used to work for a mortgage company and got laid off. However, my BA degree does help me to get that higher salary!!
- * Traveling.
- * Married in 1998, two boys 12 and 1½ years old.
- * I'm happy and traveling as much as I can!
- * My UHWO memories are very positive. All the faculty, but especially the Psychology faculty were friendly and encouraging. I highly recommend UHWO. Also, thank you Mr. Pearman for the first fall graduation.
- * Happily married.
- * If you go to the National Library of Poetry website, www.poetry.com, and do a name search, you'll be able to read some of the poems I have written.
- * I'm doing fine. I've set a positive path/role modeling for my children and friends/co-workers.
- * Married. Two children ages 6 and 3.
- * I'm now a computer specialist. UHWO should offer computer and science degrees to evening students.
- * Just graduating from school does not guarantee you a job in the field you studied in. It is who you know that will get you the job you want.
- * Considering beginning law school Fall 2001.
- * I'm a community development coordinator on Molokai.
- * I'm attending UH Hilo in the BSCS program first semester Fall '00.
- * Seeking a PhD program in 5 years.
- * My husband and I have been traveling a lot including 14 cruises and many air trips to all around the world. Our favorite part of the world is still the South Pacific. We have been to New Zealand three times and plan to return and explore for three weeks again. All of this travel fits right in to my Pacific Studies field and someday I plan to return to school when we can no longer travel.
- * I just completed my first lead role in a film entitled "Dean Man's Run" by Giants Entertainment. Film scheduled to be released on video early next year.
- * Gave birth to a baby girl on May 14, 2000.
- * Treasurer, UHWO Alumni Association.
- * Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), Association of Clinical Social Workers (ACSW), Licensed Social Worker (LSW).

- * Returning to graduate school next fall (fall 2001).
- * Although at Channel 2 I am not in a related field to what I had studied, the skills I acquired has helped me to understand the business side of the news station and I am able to recognize the positive and negative aspects of management where I am able to make helpful suggestions and recommendations.
- * I completed courses through University of Phoenix for teaching but have not completed student teaching due to overseas orders.
- * UHWO should offer BS in computer science and other sciences. Manoa is too far especially for working parents.
- * The time I spent at West O'ahu was the best time of my life.
- * I'm involved with the largest health care information system ever developed.

APPENDIX

Coding

Year graduated = gradyr

Specialization = spec 1, spec 2

- 1- Humanities (general or unspecified)
- 2- English/Lit
- 3- History
- 4- Philosophy
- 5- Humanities-other
- 6- Professional Studies (general or unspecified)
- 7- Business Administration
- 8- Public Administration
- 9- Accounting
- 10- Justice Administration
- 11- Health Administration
- 12- Professional Studies-other
- 13- Social Sciences (general or unspecified)
- 14- Anthropology
- 15- Economics
- 16- Political Science
- 17- Psychology
- 18- Sociology
- 19- Social Sciences-other

Current situation = currsit

- 1- employed in field related to degree
- 2- employed in field not related to degree
- 3- self-employed
- 4- attending graduate or professional school
institution/major
- 5- stay at home parent
- 6- unemployed
- 7- other. Explain: Volunteer, retired

Since graduating = pastsit

- 1- completed a graduate or professional degree
degree/major/institution
- 2- changed jobs one or more times
- 3- earned awards, commendations, recognition. Explain

Comments = 0 (no), 1 (yes)