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## HPU Alumni Currents

### Starting the Fall 2024 Semester with Aloha



Aloha HPU 'ohana,

Over my 25 years in higher education, I've seen the incredible strength that emerges when we embrace the Aloha Spirit—rooted in compassion, community, and care. This semester, I encourage each of us to show up for one another with open hearts and a willingness to support our students in every way possible.

At HPU, we have a unique opportunity to connect in meaningful ways because of our diverse campus and island home. When students embrace these values, they not only succeed academically but also thrive as individuals who make lasting contributions to our internal and global community.

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## HPU Unveils New 'Downtown Science Laboratories' on Fort Street Mall

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HPU marked a milestone with the grand opening of its 20,000-square-foot science complex, the "Downtown Science Laboratories," located at 1042 Fort Street Mall.

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This important milestone underscores our commitment to advancing research and education in the sciences as we continue to enhance our centralized urban campus.

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## Engineering Programs Accreditation

The University's three Allen and Nobuko Zecha Engineering Bachelor of Science program majors, electrical engineering, biomedical engineering, and biotechnology engineering, have received ABET accreditation retroactive to 2021. This prestigious recognition follows a thorough review of HPU's curriculum, facilities, university support, and student work.

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## HPU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT) Partners with Duke University

The HPU DPT program, in collaboration with Duke University, launched a Faculty Development Residency Program. As the second university to partner with Duke and the first to offer a hybrid format combining online coursework with hands-on clinical experience, HPU is set to enhance the academic preparation of future physical therapy educators.

## Student Made Possible by Scholarships

Junior international studies major minoring in Japanese, Reycajen Magbulos is studying in South Korea in the fall of 2024 and Japan in the spring of 2025. Her HPU tuition and existing financial aid grants and scholarship awards fund her study abroad tuition at HPU partner universities, and she received four additional scholarships to fund her study-related travel and living expenses.

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## HPU Well Represented at Aquaculture Conference in Copenhagen

Oceanic Institute of HPU Executive Director Shaun Moss, Ph.D., chaired a technical session including presentations by 14 scientists, and Director of OI's Shrimp Department Dustin Moss (HPU BS Marine Biology '98), Ph.D., presented his research. Pictured are two HPU Marine Biology alumni, Ashley Lockhart and Jessica Hintzche, who participated in the conference attended by more

## Participate in Cultural Immersion Experience at Tokyo University

Four HPU nursing students, accompanied by faculty member Jo Wakayama, MN, APRN, FNP, took part in a week-long experience to observe healthcare practices in Japan at Tokyo Women's Medical University this past summer. The HPU students also had the opportunity to collaborate with students from Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea.

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## Professor Hanh Nguyen Presents and Serves on Panel Discussions in Europe

This summer, Hanh Nguyen (*pictured middle*), Ph.D., Professor of Applied Linguistics, traveled to Europe to give two presentations and two panel discussions. Nguyen shared her research at the international conference on Interactional Competences and Practices in a Second Language, held at the University of Southern Denmark and at an international research



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workshop at the University of Geneva.

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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## HPU ALUMNUS CHRISTOPHER GOOCH



HPU business alum **Christopher Gooch** has launched his second Hearthy burger restaurant in the quaint seaside town of Sea Bright, New Jersey. The grand opening on July 25, 2024, was a big hit, drawing a crowd eager for organic burgers, fries, and sandwiches. Gooch describes his restaurants as “really good food, served quickly,” aiming to open a third location in 2025 and ultimately expanding to 10 restaurants in the next five years. His vision includes the dream to open a Hearthy at HPU’s Aloha Tower Marketplace.

“If we open a Hearthy in Hawai‘i, at Aloha Tower Marketplace, I know we have officially made it,” Gooch said with a smile.

### 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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### Career Connections

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

### Upcoming Events:

Author Talk with Lily Zheng of DEI Deconstructed  
Tuesday, October 1  
9AM PDT  
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How to Sell More Art (Without being

Insta-Famous) with Miriam Schulman  
Wednesday, October 9  
9AM PDT  
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