Kapiʻolani CC: Celebrating 50 Years of Student Success Through Community Partnerships

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"In the coming years, jobs requiring at least an associate degree are projected to grow twice as fast as jobs requiring no college experience. We will not fill those jobs – or keep those jobs on our shores – without the training offered by community colleges."

President Barack Obama, July 31, 2013
I. Introduction: The Role of the Community College

- The first point of access to the higher education system in the United States
  - Open Admissions
  - Underserved Regions and Populations

- Comprehensive educational program that creates educational capital

- Community based institution of higher education – i.e., responsive to the workforce and educational needs of the community

- Teaching is primary mission; learner success the primary goal
The Role of the Community College

- Provide Career and Technical Education
  - Workforce Development and Rapid Response
- Provide a Baccalaureate Bridge (Pathway)
  - Transfer Mission
- Provide Lifelong Learning Opportunities
  - Continuous personal, social, and workforce improvement
Benefits of the Community College

- Improved earning potential of workers
  - Average lifetime earnings 33% higher for CC graduates than high school graduates

- Greater educational achievement
  - the less likely to need social services

- All have an opportunity reach higher career educational goals
## UH Community Colleges / Baccalaureate Colleges

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50th years ago, on April 23 1964, then Governor John Burns signed the Hawaii Legislature’s Act 39 authorizing the UH regents to create community colleges (CCs).

“The purposes of community colleges shall be to provide two-year college transfer and general education programs, semi-professional, technical, vocational, and continuing education programs, and such other educational programs services as are appropriate to such institutions.”
Queen Julia Kapiʻolani’s Legacy

- Kapiʻolani Community College was founded in 1946 as Kapiʻolani Technical School and joined the University of Hawaiʻi system in 1965.

- With pride & responsibility, Kapiʻolani Community College has assumed the Queen‘s name and motto, i.e., “Kulia i ka Nuʻu,” Strive for the Highest.

- The challenge of the College is to perpetuate that heritage of excellence.
Fall 2013 enrollment was approximately 8,376 students - including students from 45 countries and territories.

KCC has 45 programs offering 22 associate degrees (two-year degree) and 23 certificates.

Student: Faculty Ratio - 18:1

58% of KCC’s students are women; mean age 25 years.

48% of students report their ethnicity as Asian, 19% Hawaiian Pacific Islander, 13% Caucasian, 17% mixed, and 3% other.
The College began its sustained emphasis on community engagement in the late 1980s when it was selected to participate in a Kellogg Foundation/American Association of Community College (AACC) initiative entitled, “Building Communities.”
Within the AACC project, KCC provided national leadership on the integration of intercultural and international education in curriculum, co-curricular campus activities, local business development, and partnerships.

The conclusion of the “Building Communities” initiative was:

“Community is a region to be served and a climate to be created.”

As an outcome for Kapi‘olani CC, we developed our vision of “Island Roots, Global Reach.”
At Kapiʻolani CC, community engagement is emphasized in all our institutional planning efforts. For example:

- Working with the Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Board and the three surrounding Neighborhood Boards;

- Renovating the historic Chapel, partnering with the Hawaiʻi State Farm Bureau to provide the community with the KCC Farmer’s Market, developing a four-year program at the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head, and creating a Long Range Development Plan, “Kapiolani in 2020.”
We have also integrated high quality community engagement into our Career and Technical Education programs, i.e., Nursing and Health Science, and Culinary, Hospitality, Business, Legal, and Information Technology Education.

Examples of community engagement in these academic programs include:

- active industry advisory boards
- forward-looking special partnerships which validate program learning outcomes,
- internship opportunities, and
- participation in planning for program improvement and innovation.
Kapiʻolani CC: Partnerships for Student Success

- The value of our advisory board partners is demonstrated readily by the success of our students in national examinations after they have been graduated.

- **EMT and MICT** - 100% pass rate over the last 7 yrs.

- 100% pass rate in exams for Medical Lab registry or certification; Occupational Therapy Assistance certification; Physical Therapist Assistant licensure; Radiologic Technician registry; and Respiratory Therapy exam.

- 94.4% pass rate in the Medical Assisting AAMA certification exam

- 96% pass rate for both the Nursing ADN and PRCN graduates for the NCLEX licensure exam.
In 2009 six Kapiʻolani students won the American Culinary Federation National Championship having competed with culinary schools throughout the USA.

In 2011 our team won a gold medal at the Western Regional ACF competition; and our 2013 team also won a gold medal at the Western Regional ACF competition and a silver medal in the National Championship in July, 2013.
As part of our community engagement, KCC pioneered a Service-Learning Emphasis, which provides students an opportunity to connect campus and community.

- Our Service-Learning Emphasis has engaged nearly 11,000 students, 80 faculty, and more than 100 public schools and non-profit organizations in applied problem-based learning.

- The “Kapiolani Service and Sustainability Learning” program is now leading a national Teagle Foundation project to strengthen the learning of civic and moral responsibility for diverse, equitable, healthy, and sustainable communities.
Community engagement has also been central to the core of the College as we have an institutional identity that honors the life and legacy of Queen Julia Kapiʻolani, the College’s namesake.

- The College is becoming a leading-indigenous serving institution.

- Partnerships with Native Hawaiian organizations such as Alu Like and Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estates have resulted in funding support for the success of our Native Hawaiian students as these students prepare for future leadership in the Hawaiian community.

- Partnering with Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners and non-profit organizations provides opportunities for service-learning and undergraduate research projects in Oahu watershed and other ecosystems.
Kapi‘olani CC provides programs for high school students to transition to College, through programs such as:

- **Running Start**
- **Jump Start**
- **Kuilei**
Pathway Partnerships within University of Hawaiʻi System

- Kaʻieʻie, Mānanawai, and Hoʻomiʻi are Degree Pathway Partnership Programs of the University of Hawaiʻi four-year colleges at Mānoa, West Oʻahu, and Hilo, respectively, and Kapiʻolani CC.

- They are **dual admission, dual-enrollment** programs focused on students’ successfully completing their degrees.

- These programs allow students to be **admitted** to one of the three mentioned four-year University of Hawaiʻi colleges and to **take all their first two years of courses at Kapiʻolani CC** until they are ready to transfer smoothly and successfully to the four-year institution.
The State of Hawaii Department of Health is providing stipends for students to complete EMS programs.

The National Science Foundation funds scholarships through the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Program for talented students of underserved populations, including those of Native Hawaiian ancestry.

LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Partnerships) through the National Science Foundation provides stipends for talented minority students.

Ike – Pre Engineering Education Collaboratives (National Science Foundation) – provides scholarships for academically talented students of underserved populations to participate in an engineering education collaborative with other UH campuses. Students participate in a cohort and transfer into the UH Manoa College of Engineering.
In June, 2013, Kapiʻolani Community College STEM Program Team, consisting of Native Hawaiian and Summer Bridge program students placed \textit{FIRST} at the International CANSAT competition.

Out of 37 teams, 24 surviving teams competed and KCC won this American Astronautical Society (AAS) and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) sponsored competition that included four-year US and International university teams (some of them composed of graduate students).
Over the past eight years faculty and administrators have been very successful at attracting Federal Grants to explore new project ideas and increase Kapi‘olani CC’s program offerings over the years.

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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>$48,622,304 (Awarded)</td>
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The Top 15 Kapiʻolani CC Privately Funded Scholarships for 2013-2014:

1. King W C Lunalilo Scholarship
2. Hemenway Scholarship
3. Kelley Scholarship
4. Culinary Arts Education Scholarship
5. Health Careers Student Award
6. QHS Native Haw Scholarship 2YR
7. QHS Native Haw Scholarship
8. Grant Sato Scholarship
9. Hi Veterans Memorial Schl
10. HI Farm Bureau Fed Scholarship
11. Feng Yi Fong Scholarship for Nursing
12. John Young Scholarship for Kapiʻolani CC
13. Rotary Club Scholarship
14. Fun Factory Scholarship
15. Hospitality Scholarship & Award Fund
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