



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII  
**KAPI'OLANI**  
 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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To: Kapi'olani CC Faculty, Staff and Students

From: Leon Richards  
 Chancellor

SUBJECT: Fall 2013 Welcome Back Convocation  
**"The KCC ADVANTAGE"**

Despite the challenging opportunities in our personal and business/financial operations and protocols, our College continues to strive for the highest. This is illustrated by KCC receiving state, national, and international accolades for outstanding achievements and outcomes in the areas of Service Learning and Sustainability, Community and Civic Engagement, STEM and Hospitality Education, International Education, and in the ecology of teaching and learning. These accomplishments and achievements are due in large part to the commitment, dedication, and hard and smart work of the KCC 'ohana.

These noticeable outcomes in Student Engagement, Student Learning, and Student Achievement for Student Success are substantiated by:

- (1) the achievement of all of the Perkins Benchmark Indicators in such categories as the number of certificates and degrees, retention, transfer, job placement;
- (2) the achievement of all Performance Funding measures/benchmarks in the categories of the number of degrees and certificates, STEM degrees and certificates, PELL recipients and transfers;
- (3) major increases in the number of financial aid recipients and dollars awarded e.g. from 24.8% to 29.6% (from 1,193 to 1,718 PELL recipients);
- (4) increases in the number of certificates of achievement and degrees awarded (from 758 to 987) plus the doubling of the number of short-term workforce stackable certificates (Certificates of Completion and Certificates of Competence) via our campus' auto award project from 500 awarded in 2011-12 to 1,000 awarded to students in 2012-13;
- (5) increases in extramural/foundation grants and contracts awarded e.g. from \$5,456,269 to \$7,557,797 (an increase of \$2,101,528) in extramural grants and

from \$1,145,278 to \$6,009,827 (an increase of \$4,864,549) in philanthropic partnerships/UH Foundation donations;

(6) achievement of top 40 ranking (35 out of 1,200 community colleges) in the number of international students enrolled. In fact, the Educational Information Service (EIS) of Fulbright Japan, U.S. State Department, reported that of all the U.S. higher education institutions, KCC ranked #1 in the number of undergraduate students from Japan. The Hawai'i State Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism estimated Kapi'olani CC international students' economic impact on the State of Hawai'i at \$38,730,000 for 2012; and

(7) finally, Kapi'olani Community College's IPED's data ranks the College among some of the elite community colleges in Graduation rate, Persistence rate, and Transfer out rate. KCC has a combined score of 67 compared to our Peer Group Mean of 56.

KCC's elite Community College status is further substantiated by its:

(1) placing first in the STEM CANSAT international team competition, which involved 24 to 34 top national and international colleges and universities from Iran, Canada, India and the USA. The House of Representatives of the State of Hawai'i recognized KCC with a Resolution for their national recognition and duly earned first place victory at the 2013 International CANSAT Space Competition. CANSAT is an international competition sponsored by NASA and other aeronautical and aeronautics organizations that offer opportunities to participating teams to design, build and launch a space-related mission;

(2) Team Hawai'i winning the American Culinary Federation Western Regional competition and winning a silver medal during the Final Four ACF competition in July in Las Vegas, NV;

(3) health programs continue to maintain 90% to 100% pass rate on state and national certifying licensure examinations. A special thanks to our Respiratory Care Program which was selected to receive the distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care;

(4) introduction of a new and improved AA in Liberal Arts with concentrations in some of the 35 most popular majors as seamless pathways for UH Mānoa-bound Kapi'olani students. Please note that in a California Community College publication, "Meeting Compliance, but Missing the Mark," only one of the 112 California community colleges offer more Associate degrees for transfer than Kapi'olani Community College;

(5) in the personal and professional interest sectors, Moriso Teraoka and Sam Camp, two of the College's unsung heroes, were honored by The Garden Club of Honolulu with the prestigious Hui Mala Award for our cactus and succulent garden;

(6) the 2013 Regents' Medal of Excellence in Teaching recipient is Wendy Kuntz, assistant professor of Biology and Ecology. This summer (2013), Professor Kuntz travelled to Costa Rica for six weeks to serve as a research mentor in a National Science Foundation-sponsored program introducing students to tropical biology;

(7) in the area of professional faculty and staff development, the 2012-2013 target was \$850,000. The College spent \$1,335,488 (a difference of +\$485,488).

These and other accomplishments and achievements are detailed in the *2012-13 Executive Administration Assessment* (KCC's "Abridged" Comprehensive Program Review) through the Strategic Outcomes' eight Campuswide Strategies found in the College's *Strategic Plan 2008-2015: Framework, Process, and Context*.