

CTAHR alumni & friends

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News & Events

BE A RISK MANAGER

Workshops on risk management and federal crop insurance and disaster assistance programs for O'ahu growers are being held at the Kaneohe Cooperative Extension Office (45-260 Waikalua Rd., Ste. 101, Kaneohe) on Oct. 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and at Pearl City Urban Garden Center (the entrance is on the Waikiki side of Home Depot in Pearl City) on Oct 13 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. These workshops will inform participants about risk management, AGR-Lite, crop-specific USDA-RMA crop insurance products, and USDA-FSA disaster assistance programs that concern all Hawai'i growers. Producers of all crops are encouraged to attend to learn about what applies to their crops, what it takes to qualify, and how to apply. Remember, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs will only be available to producers who have crop insurance or NAP coverage. Please pre-register with Lynn Bessara at 622-4185 or wahiawa@ctahr.hawaii.edu 3 days in advance of the workshop you'd like to attend. If you have any questions, contact Stuart T. Nakamoto (HNFAS) at 956-8125 or by email at snakamo@hawaii.edu.

SWEETS IN THE FIELD

A Sweet Corn Field Day will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 8 at CTAHR's Waimanalo Research Station. Three new sweet corn hybrids will be featured, 'Sweet Sarah,' 'Sweet Jenny,' and 'Sweet Cynthia.' The people for whom they have been named will be honored, as well. The Station is located at 41-698 Ahiki St. in Waimanalo, mauka of Waimanalo Park. On exhibit will be 10 different sweet corn varieties and free seed



samples. Descriptive plantings will include corn genetic seedstocks of **Hawaii Foundation Seeds** and of Hawai'i's No. 1 agricultural industry, **corn seed**. For more information, call James Brewbaker (TPSS) at 295-5688.

ISLAND-GROWN TEA

UH-Hilo will host a presentation of the report on the tea industry in Hawai'i developed by CTAHR in collaboration with the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business at the Shidler College of Business. "Hawai'i-Grown Tea: A Market Feasibility Study" will be discussed on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at UCB 115. Please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone who would be interested in attending.



Grants & Awards

THE GREENING OF THE INDUSTRY

Linda Cox (NREM) was commended by the Hawaii Ecotourism Association for her work in establishing a certification program for ecotour operators. The certification allows visitors to gauge the sustainability practices of particular operators and thus promotes tourism that is less damaging to the environment.

Chris Colvin, the president of the HEA, praised Linda's "outstanding contributions" stemming from her

"passion, commitment, expertise, and plain hard work." Linda was also quoted in an article

about the certification program in the *Star-Advertiser* on Sept. 22. There's a **publication about the subject** co-written by Linda, Melanie Saucier (NREM), and researchers from UH's Environmental Center, School of Travel Industry Management, and Geography Department that explains more about the concept of sustainable tourism and sets forth the idea of an evaluation system to promote it.



Spotlight on Our Community

EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE

We're pleased to report that total enrollment in CTAHR increased significantly this fall. At the end of the third week of the Fall 2011 semester, CTAHR's enrollment was 880 (636 undergraduates and 244 grad students). This represents a 7% increase over the number of students enrolled in the college at the end of the third week of Fall 2010, 822 (565 undergraduate students and 257 graduate students), and is considerably higher than the ~1% increase for all of UH-Manoa. Particularly exciting was the dramatic (13%) increase in undergraduate majors enrolled in CTAHR, though this increase was offset, somewhat, by a 5% drop in graduate students enrolled in our college. We anticipate that total enrollment will increase slightly in the coming weeks as additional students declare their majors in CTAHR's academic programs. Special recognition goes to the Animal Sciences (ANSC), Family Resources (FAMR), Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN), and Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) undergraduate programs, which saw 15% or greater increases in student counts.

LIGHTING LIVES

The HNFAS-sponsored **Rotaract Club** at UH-Manoa helped out the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in the "Light the Night Walk" at Ward Center on Sept. 22. Rotaract President Ednee Yoshioka, an Animal Sciences Senior, reports that the club exceeded its goal of \$1000 by raising nearly \$1400. The Rotaract Club is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women at UH. Its

purpose is to address the physical and social needs of the community while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service projects.

Ashley Stokes (HNFAS) is one of the club sponsors. Pictured, from front left, are Ednee Yoshioka, Whitney Preston, Tracy Sy, Chelsea Lee, Kathleen Harrington, Nanami Tomita, Cherie Patton, Samuel Pastore-Braden, and from back left, Iara Recchi, Hailey Granlund,



Dwane Tegman, and Bobby Bergonio. Photo courtesy of Carson Sakamoto.

LEARNING TO LEAD

On Sept. 9-11, 26 Food Science and Human Nutrition students participated in the Fall 2011 FSHN Leadership Retreat at Camp Kokokahi in Kaneohe. UHM Assistant Vice Chancellor for Students and Dean of Students Lori Ideta and Leslie Opulauoho of the National Coalition Building Institute Program nurtured the development of the students' leadership and



teambuilding skills by facilitating activities that had them step out of their comfort zones and learn the importance of trust and communication. Campers left with stronger life skills, new friendships, and lifetime memories. The camp was made possible by contributions from Wayne Iwaoka's (HNFAS) Ka Pouhana Mentor Award and monies from CTAHR. C-N Lee (HNFAS) assisted in the planning process and food preparation.

In Memoriam

BILL HUGH

Dr. Williams (Bill) Hugh, Professor Emeritus in Animal Sciences, passed away on September 21 at his home in Halfmoon Bay, British Columbia. Bill Hugh served as the Swine Extension Specialist for the College. Before settling in Hawai'i, Bill held positions in industry and at California State Polytechnic College in Pomona. He joined the Animal Sciences Department in 1963 and served Hawai'i's swine and other livestock



industries until his retirement in 1989. A true gentleman with a great sense of humor, who loved fishing and being a Canadian, Bill split his time between Hawai'i and British Columbia after he retired. He is survived by sons Brian and David, daughters Barbara and Nancy, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Donations in his memory can be made to the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1761, Sechell, BC VON 3A0.