

CTAHR alumni & friends

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News & Events

KEEP MAGOON MAGOON

CTAHR's Magoon Research and Instruction facility, for those who are not familiar with the issue, is slated for possible replacement with faculty housing, and the CTAHR 'ohana is banding together to help save it. A resolution has already been passed by the House Committee on Agriculture, thanks in large part to the many **enthusiastic testimonies** offered by faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders. The hearing on SCR 136, the concurrent bill being heard by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, will be held Tuesday, Mar. 27, at the State Capitol at 2:45 in Rm 229. Please come to the hearing to testify and show your support! Attached to this email is a list of supplemental facts provided by the Office of Planning and Management Services that may be of use in formulating your testimony.



DINING WITH THE STARS

Make sure to save the date for this year's CTAHR Awards Banquet, which will be held on Friday, May 4, at the Ala Moana Hotel. Join old friends and meet new ones as the CTAHR 'ohana and friends gather to honor this year's outstanding awardees. Dr. Paul Singleton will be recognized as CTAHR's Outstanding Alumnus, and Ms. Marie Blanco, Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, will be honored with the *Ka Lei Hano* Heritage Award—just two of the distinguished honorees. The deadline to RSVP is Apr. 18—just email Iwalani Sato at events@ctahr.hawaii.edu. **Find out more here!**

GREEN TOURISTS!?

The **School of Travel Industry Management** will be presenting a lecture on sustainable tourism, sponsored by the Ambassador L.W. "Bill" Lane Jr. and Mrs. Jean Lane Endowment in Sustainable Tourism & the Environment. RSVP by Wednesday, Mar. 28, 956-3617, or email tikeno@hawaii.edu. There's limited reserved parking available, as well!

BLUEBERRIES FOR ALL

Interested in growing blueberries? Risk Management Hawaii and the Local & Immigrant Farmer Education Program (LIFE) are presenting a Blueberry Field Day at the UHM-CTAHR Volcano Research Station on Tuesday, Apr. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The field day will be hosted by Andrew Kawabata, Stuart T. Nakamoto, and Randy T. Hamasaki. Come by the station for an informal briefing and update of the research going on in greenhouse blueberry production; stay to simply talk story. Check out the different trials in progress, including the effect of pot size on yield and different blueberry



varieties and pruning methods. You will also get a chance to sample some of the different blueberry varieties. The Volcano Research Station is situated less than 8 miles from the Volcano National Park, so vog can be extremely concentrated depending on the wind conditions. Please take necessary precautions and bring water. Please come prepared for rain and chilly weather too. You can call Didi at 887-6183 or email mddiaz@hawaii.edu to reserve your spot and to receive last-minute updates.

Grants & Awards

FASHIONISTAS

Congratulations to APDM majors Calisa Yun and Gabrielle Herrera-Davenport, who won the 2nd annual Bloom into Spring Styling Competition at Kahala Mall on Mar. 17. This is the 2nd win for an APDM student competing against one from the fashion program at HCC! Students work in teams of 2 to style 4 people using clothing and accessories supplied by Kahala Mall merchants. They must develop a theme for their models and consult on hair and makeup. Their creations are shown during a fashion show and judged by a panel of Hawai'i's fashion professionals. As winners, Calisa and Gabrielle will work with *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* fashion journalist Nadine Kam on a professional shoot.



Spotlight on Our Community

TAPPING A VEIN OF SUPPORT

CTAHR recently hosted its 8th blood drive, continuing its support for this important cause. This year, volunteers collected 91 pints of blood, including Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Charles Kinoshita's 100th pint donation. Since each pint of blood can be separated into three components, as many as 273 lives can be saved solely from donations collected at this drive! The Blood Bank and CTAHR truly appreciate the time and generosity of everyone who contributed to this successful event and gave the precious gift of life. Much mahalo to those who came out to donate blood. Thanks also to the CTAHR Alumni Association for the support and generous donation to supply pizza and refreshments for the drive, as well as to Elsie Kawahara and ASAO for providing baked goods. Thanks are due as well to the scholarship recipients who helped throughout the day and provided a positive and comfortable environment for those who came to donate.



INTRODUCED SPECIES THAT ARE BETTER THAN THE COQUI

On March 8 and 9, the Maui Master Gardeners and Maui Coop Extension personnel Lorraine Brooks and Harold Keyser participated in the Ag in the Classroom field day at the Maui Tropical Plantation in Waikapu, giving a short course on the canoe plants of Hawai'i to over 1,000 2nd-graders from Maui's elementary schools. The 2nd-graders learned about the plants



that the first Hawaiians brought with them and their different uses, including for food, shelter, tools, building, medicine, and ceremonies. When the Master Gardeners weren't giving the presentation, they were busy dishing out samples of poi and taro chips for the kids to make a tasty connection with a canoe plant. A big mahalo to Master Gardener volunteers, including Tom Hunter, Joe Rozic, Charlotte Kennedy, Eliza Reid, Mary Jo Masters, Chris Wooding, Bev Rappley, Pam Miller, Lance Mohler, and Anne Keyser. The program is sponsored by the County of Maui and Maui County Farm Bureau; other presenters included Maui Electric Company, Alii Lavender Farms, Monsanto, and Slow Food Maui.

PINK SLIME IS FINE

Brent Buckley and Alan Tichenal (both HNFAS) were recently **interviewed by KITV** regarding the low-fat meat filler known as pink slime that's been getting national attention. They reassured consumers of the product's safety, explaining that the ammonia treatment that has everyone concerned is entirely harmless—but these facts may not stand a chance against the meat's notorious moniker.



A FRESH FACE

The Center on the Family faculty and staff are proud to announce the launch of the **redesigned COF Web site and Data Center**, with a fresh, modern design and improved map and chart functions that aid in an effort to offer a wider variety of visual data presentations. Updated project descriptions and improved search capabilities for the publications are other new enhancements to the site. More updates to the Data Center are planned for the future—stay tuned!



RUNNER'S NUTRITION

Joy Galloway, HNFAS graduate student (left), will be running the Boston Marathon **as a fundraiser** for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). She writes, "CCFA is the leading foundation promoting research and support for inflammatory bowel disease, and, because I have Crohn's disease, I'm especially grateful for CCFA!" She explains that it was having a gastrointestinal disease, in fact, that inspired her to study nutrition.

