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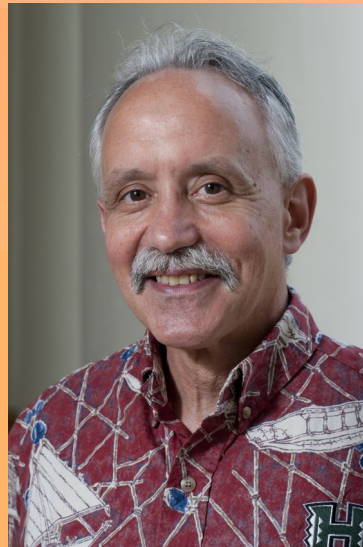
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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCELLOR

Welcome to this Fall 2012 issue of *The Prism*, created by the Office of International and Exchange Programs (OIEP) with the assistance of other UH Mānoa departments. Issued three times a year, this e-newsletter highlights news about international activities from our diverse international programs.

Because UH Mānoa is the most unique university campus in the nation – situated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean where East meets West – it's important that our students and



graduates have a sense of global citizenship. Our job is to prepare them to compete and thrive in an international marketplace, so they can communicate with and be comfortable with people from different cultures.

OIEP and other departments at UH Mānoa are leading the way to ensure that our students possess the necessary skill sets, such as languages, cultural knowledge and practical experience, to excel in their chosen fields. Enjoy reading *The Prism* to keep up-to-date on the precious diversity that this campus has to offer. I am inspired by our accomplishments and excited about our future collaborative endeavors.

Aloha and mahalo,

Tom Apple
Chancellor

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GAGAKU MOONVIEWING CONCERT

Friday, September 28, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Barbara Smith Amphitheatre,
FREE

Gagaku, the oldest existing orchestral music in the world, has roots reaching back to the 7th century Japanese Imperial Court. The concert will be performed by the Hawai'i Gagaku Society.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE by Sandy Davis (www2.hawaii.edu/~nse/)

Since the 2011 relocation of the **National Student Exchange (NSE)** office to the second floor of the Physical Science Building, the program has received increased attention from both local and mainland students. Among outgoing UHM students for academic year 2012-2013, Corynne Umeda, a Regents Scholar and junior electrical engineering major, is studying at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Dara Nakagawa, a Presidential Scholar and junior business major, is studying at the University of Massachusetts at Boston; and Ryan Ringuette, one of only two biological engineering recipients of the CTAHR Agricultural Scholarship, is studying at SUNY's Binghamton University. Two students – Allison Irving and Devon d'Angelo – are having a French immersion experience in Quebec at Université de Montréal and Université du Québec à Montréal. Elise Levin from Hawai'i Island, who starred in the Mānoa Valley Theatre production of “Spring Awakening,” is continuing her musical theatre experience in New York City while enrolled at Queens College. Sandrine Meltewomu, an undergraduate East-West Center (EWC) grantee from Timor-Leste, is attending Ferris State University in Michigan. (Since 2006, NSE has provided mainland academic and cultural experiences for EWC participants in the U.S.-South Pacific and U.S.-Timor-Leste scholarship programs.)

Although very diverse groups of students from the U.S. mainland attend UHM through NSE each year, an especially diverse group is here for Fall 2012. One student was born in Russia, one in northern India (of Tibetan parents), one in Columbia, and one of two Hmong students was born in Thailand. Seven incoming students are bilingual in Spanish. Among those attending UHM last year, more than half enrolled in Hawaiian language or culture courses. An additional 28% enrolled in Asian, Filipino, Samoan, and European language courses. Seven of last year's visiting students transferred into UHM this fall to finish their degrees, and Haley Zydebel, from the College of Charleston (South Carolina), returned as a graduate assistant in French.

CITIUS - ALTIUS - FORTIUS by Lois Kajiwara (www.uhm.hawaii.edu/international/)

As the premier stage for athletes to showcase their abilities to a global audience, the 2012 Olympic Games in London brought together more than 10,000 athletes from 204 National Olympic Committees. Whether it is Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, or Oscar Pistorius (known as the Blade Runner), the first double amputee who competed in the 400m race and 4x400m relay, Olympic athletes inspire and motivate us with their passion and dedication to their sport.

A three-time Olympian (2000 Sydney Olympics, 2004 Athens Olympics, and 2008 Beijing Olympics) and 2008 Olympic silver medalist in our UHM 'ohana is **Robyn Ah Mow-Santos**, the Assistant Coach for the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team. Among the numerous awards that she has received, Robyn was inducted into the UH Sports Circle of Honor in 2006 and the Hawai'i Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Quiet and unassuming? So true. When asked if *The Prism* can feature her in an article, she said, "All right, but no videos please!" Regarding the women's volleyball gold medal match between Team USA and Brazil, she replied that she was, of course, disappointed that Team USA did not get the gold. Her competitive spirit probably wished that she could have been in two places – Hawai'i and London – at the same time.

In volleyball, the 5'8" setter had faced challenges of being too small, but driven by a desire to be the best, Robyn's hard work and determination turned out to be a winning formula throughout her career.

And her impact on volleyball is not finished, to the delight of her fans.

Having competed professionally overseas, she has traveled to many international destinations, but has come full circle back to UHM to assist in coaching student athletes. Robyn smiled contentedly as she said, "There's no place like Hawai'i." So very true.



EQUIPPING TEFL TEACHERS TO BE "CHANGE AGENTS" by Joel Weaver (www.hawaii.edu/eslhelp/)

For over 40 years, the **Hawai'i English Language Program (HELP)** has been "helping" international students reach the academic English level they need to successfully matriculate into UHM. HELP works in partnership with the English Language Institute (ELI), the other ESL program within the Department of Second Language Studies (DSLS). Students who complete HELP go on to ELI to address any remaining academic English needs before they pursue academic careers at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

As part of the world-renowned DSLS, HELP also offers short-term seminars and workshops in the theory and methods of teaching English for in-service and pre-service teachers from around the globe. This summer, HELP hosted a two-week intensive seminar in partnership with the Society for Testing English Proficiency (STEP), a nonprofit educational foundation, which is Japan's largest testing organization. STEP is best known for the EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency, one of the world's most widely administered language tests. Since 1963, 80 million examinees have taken the EIKEN test. Because STEP was aware of the expertise of DSLS at UHM, they sent a group of 24 junior and senior high teachers to UHM for a seminar on best practices in the field of Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language (TEFL).



During the seminar, the teachers wrote their own language materials or adapted existing material to their own needs. This emphasis on creativity was one of the major goals of the workshops, with a secondary objective to further develop English language fluency of the participants. Participants also heard lectures by three noted experts in the field: DSLS Professors Richard Day, Thom Hudson, and Graham Crookes.

The feedback from participants testified that the following goals were largely accomplished: (1) enhanced sureness in English use, (2) a firmer foundation in current TEFL theory and practice, and (3) confidence to be a change agent in their teaching situations in Japan.

HELP will continue to track these TEFL practitioners through web-based interaction, and work with STEP and other organizations to assist TEFL teachers in schools throughout Asia to achieve similar goals that make a positive impact on the teaching of English.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR by UHM Study Abroad Center (www.studyabroad.org)

The **UHM Study Abroad Center** is hosting its 18th Annual Study Abroad Fair on the lawn in front of Hawai'i Hall facing Varney Circle on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by for information on:

- *The Center's academic programs in 27 locations around the world.
- *How students may design their own independent, self-designed study abroad programs to locations of their choice or study abroad in one of the Center's existing programs.
- *How faculty may participate in one of the study abroad programs as a faculty resident director.



There will be flamenco, tribal belly dance, and Bollywood performances by our own study abroad students. See you at the fair!

FINAL FOUR IN FINANCE



Competing against 325 business schools from across North and South America, **UHM's Shidler College of Business CFA** undergraduate finance team – Wilson Wang, **Billy (Ying Bong) Wu** (international student from Hong Kong, Fish Scholar, and past president of International Student Association), Miku Konsolas, James Jones, and Luke Kudray – made the final four at the Chartered Financial Analyst Equity Research Challenge,

Americas Region bracket, in New York on April 10, 2012.

The Shidler team reached the final four with William & Mary, Illinois Tech, and University of Waterloo. In an extremely close competition that included a presentation and Q&A session by top Wall Street analysts, Illinois Tech was selected as the winner of the Americas region. Congratulations students!

FACULTY CORNER



Three things you may not know about Vice Chancellor Reed Dasenbrock:

1. Plays in the Javanese Gamelan.
2. Ran (s-l-o-w-l-y) in the 2011 Honolulu Marathon.
3. Has traveled to over 20 different countries in Asia!

GLOBAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Beauty of Green Tea

Although green tea has a long history dating back about 5,000 years in China¹, its health and beauty benefits are *still* being discovered. Here are two uses (other than for drinking):



Humidity reducer – A thin cloth bag filled with dry green tea leaves will absorb excess moisture in an area, such as a closet.²

Facial scrub – Brew 1 green tea bag in 1/3 c. water. When lukewarm (so that the sugar does not dissolve), add 1 T. tea to 2 T. sugar in a bowl and stir. Add in another T. sugar and it is ready to use!³

Sources:

¹http://naturalmedicine.about.com/od/herbs/green_tea.htm

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FALL 2012 INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

Improve your target language and make new friends...and it's **FREE!**

Wednesdays (rooms TBA)

1:30-2:30
Oct. 17 & 31
Nov. 14 & 28

4:30-5:30
Oct. 24, Nov. 7
Nov. 21, Dec. 5

1st half hour: Conversation in English
2nd half hour: Conversation in Japanese, Korean, Chinese, or other languages*

*For other languages, see Ash Ruggiero.
All international and UH-affiliated students are welcome.

Sponsored by the NICE Program.
For more information, e-mail Ash at ruggiero@hawaii.edu or call 956-7753.

THE CLUBHOUSE

Judo Club

The **Judo Club at the University of Hawai'i (JCT@UH)** promotes the sport and spirit of judo for UHM students, faculty, and staff. JCT@UH provides members with opportunities to learn and develop their judo abilities through practices, in addition to representing JCT@UH at judo competitions. The sport of judo, as practiced by members of JCT@UH, fosters initiative, leadership, good sportsmanship, and camaraderie.

JCT@UH practices every weekday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Hemenway 208. If you enjoyed watching judo during the 2012 London Olympics or if you are just curious about the sport, please feel free to stop by! For more information, please go to <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~judo/> or send an e-mail to judo@hawaii.edu.



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