



SPRING GRADUATION

Thursday, May 7, 2026



PROGRAM

President John Y. Gotanda

Acting Senior Vice President and Provost Brenda Jensen, Ph.D.
Master of Ceremonies

Processional

Oli Aloha

Kumu Sky Kanoelani Gora
Instructor of Hula

Star-Spangled Banner *and* Hawai'i Pono'i

Morning Ceremony

Angelina Carapezza, Star Duran ('26), Izavelle Martos ('26), Yusuf Najjar ('26), Archangel Opena Jr., Christian Portillo, Naomi Travis, Leasuone Vaeoso ('26), and Associate Professor and Department Chair Lisa Chuang, Ph.D.

Afternoon Ceremony

Trinity Rakowski ('26)

Welcome *and* Remarks

Acting Senior Vice President and Provost Brenda Jensen, Ph.D.

Valedictory Speakers

Morning Ceremony

Samuel Floyd Irsfeld
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ma GennyLou Lagunda Cassel
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Afternoon Ceremony

Leila Seniate Tewahade
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Aaron Michael Yeip
Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Presentation of Candidates

Conferring of Degrees

Degrees in Course

Alumni Pledge

Morning Ceremony

Kristina Lockwood, Bachelor of Arts in Communication '99
President and General Manager, KHON2 News

Afternoon Ceremony

Steven Sasaki, Bachelor of Arts in Justice Administration '14
Partner, New York Life Insurance Company

President's Remarks

Recessional

HAWAI‘I PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

A Message from President Gotanda

Aloha Spring 2026 Graduates,

Congratulations, and welcome to our graduation festivities, celebrating and honoring you and your significant achievements!

On your academic and life-enriching journey at Hawai‘i Pacific University, you seized the opportunity to broaden your knowledge and your viewpoints. Through every experience in which you have engaged, interacting and collaborating with world-class faculty, supportive staff, leaders in our community, and your fellow classmates, you graduate equipped to make impactful contributions in your communities and serve your fellow citizens. Your problem-solving, communication, and team-building skills will empower you now and well into the future as you continue to learn and grow.

While each of you, as a member of the Class of 2026, traveled a unique path to Hawai‘i Pacific University, you and your classmates are now joined with a lifelong connection to your alma mater as members of our HPU ‘ohana.

On behalf of HPU and your university’s ‘ohana, we are so proud of you and applaud your accomplishments. Mahalo, for taking part in the graduation ceremony, as a way to commemorate the tremendous efforts you made to pursue your passions, advance your education, and most importantly, prepare yourself for the next exciting chapter in your life’s journey.

John Y. Gotanda

President

VALEDICTORY SPEAKERS - MORNING CEREMONY

Valedictory speakers at Hawai'i Pacific University are selected on the basis of grade point average and service to the community.

UNDERGRADUATE VALEDICTORY SPEAKER

Samuel Floyd Irsfeld

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Samuel Irsfeld, from Bielefeld, Germany, transferred to Hawai'i Pacific University after beginning his collegiate studies in Minnesota. At HPU, he became a member of the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer team, where he built lasting relationships with individuals from diverse cultures and backgrounds who became his 'ohana away from home. He credits his coaches with reinforcing values such as discipline, accountability, leadership, and 'ohana, principles that influenced his development on and off the field.

Academically, Irsfeld found strong support within HPU's business program, where faculty members shared real-world business experience and connected coursework to practical application. He is a member of the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business and the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. Beyond academics and athletics, Irsfeld was actively engaged in the HPU campus community. He participated in the John F. Scarpa Entrepreneurial Pathway Startup Challenge at HPU, applying classroom theory through hands-on work in project management, strategy development, marketing, teamwork, and the presentation of an original product concept. He also volunteered with HPU's Center for Marine Debris Research, assisting with initiatives to reduce plastic waste entering marine ecosystems.

In addition, Irsfeld served as a tutor at the Center for Academic Success, assisting students in business and economics, and worked as a weight room monitor and athletic event staff member at the Shark Tank. Following graduation, Irsfeld plans to complete an internship this summer with a national financial services company through the Optional Practical Training program. He is also considering pursuing an MBA at Hawai'i Pacific University.

GRADUATE VALEDICTORY SPEAKER

Ma GennyLou Lagunda Cassel

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Genny Cassel, DNP, MSN, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, originally from O'ahu and now living in Colorado, is a nursing professional who leads with empathy, resilience, and a strong sense of purpose. She believes in caring for the whole person rather than treating illness alone. Inspired to pursue nursing after witnessing her grandfather in a vulnerable state during his hospitalization, she was drawn to the meaningful role nurses play during life's most challenging moments. She has more than eight years of experience across hospice and palliative care, adult and geriatric care, and family practice settings.

Cassel has earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Hawai'i Pacific University, where the program's flexible structure, small class sizes, and supportive faculty mentors allowed her to balance academic responsibilities with professional and personal commitments. She is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

For her DNP manuscript, Cassel addressed the challenge of managing pain in nonverbal adult hospice patients, focusing on improving assessment practices to enhance patient comfort while reducing nurse stress. Completing a practice-focused doctorate strengthened her confidence in clinical decision-making and transformed how she approaches patient care, encouraging her to think more broadly about evidence-based practice, long-term outcomes, and improving care not only for individual patients, but for many. She views her role as a nurse practitioner as one that combines compassion with leadership, advocacy, and a commitment to ensuring patients and families feel heard, supported, and cared for.

VALEDICTORY SPEAKERS - AFTERNOON CEREMONY

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UNDERGRADUATE VALEDICTORY SPEAKER

Leila Seniate Tewahade

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Leila Tewahade, originally from Chadron, Nebraska, chose to attend Hawai'i Pacific University in search of an experience distinctly different from the one she grew up with. At HPU, she immersed herself in research, leadership, and service opportunities while earning Dean's List honors every semester. She majored in Biology with a focus on conservation, ecology, and evolution, and minored in Oceanography.

As an undergraduate researcher, Tewahade worked across multiple laboratories, contributing to projects in neuroscience, marine ecology, molecular biology, and conservation science. She values the diversity of mentors she encountered, noting that each introduced her to new perspectives, skills, and ways of thinking that shaped her academic growth. Her senior capstone research focuses on understanding and controlling the spread of invasive coqui frogs on O'ahu. Supported by a faculty mentor and a Hawai'i Invasive Species Council grant, her work involved swabbing coqui frogs to test for chytrid fungus and developing experimental protocols using radio telemetry to monitor and track coqui movement.

Beyond the lab, Tewahade has volunteered extensively with local organizations, including Limu Hui in Waimānalo, where she contributes to limu outplanting and restoration efforts that support community-led ecosystem recovery. She also served as a Community Advisor and a Biology Teaching Assistant, roles that allowed her to build meaningful relationships with fellow students and contribute to the university community. Upon graduation, Tewahade plans to remain in Hawai'i to complete her coqui frog research before traveling internationally, with long-term goals of pursuing a Ph.D.

GRADUATE VALEDICTORY SPEAKER

Aaron Michael Yeip

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Aaron Yeip is originally from Fall River, Massachusetts. While in high school, he balanced part-time work with college coursework, establishing the discipline that would shape his career. After a brief period at Rhode Island College and time working in emergency medical services, he made a decisive shift and enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served at the Office of Naval Intelligence and completed two deployments. As an Information Systems Technician, Yeip supported mission-critical shipboard communication and network systems in high-tempo operational environments, where reliability directly impacted mission readiness. While on active duty, he completed his Bachelor of Science in Technology Entrepreneurship and Management from Arizona State University, a joint program in business and engineering, often completing coursework while deployed at sea.

Following his military service, Yeip transitioned into the defense sector as a Principal Network Engineer with Science Applications International Corporation, where he supports U.S. Navy C5ISR modernization initiatives aligned with NAVWAR and NIWC Pacific. He holds multiple industry certifications, including CompTIA CySA+, Security+, Linux+, and CSAP.

Yeip completed Hawai'i Pacific University's accelerated Master of Science in Cybersecurity program with distinction while working full-time. His capstone research examines the role of artificial intelligence in cybersecurity, with a focus on strengthening threat detection while addressing emerging risks.

He plans to continue advancing into senior leadership roles within cybersecurity and defense technology.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Annually, HPU recognizes one full-time faculty member for excellence in teaching. The University invites graduating students to nominate their professors for the Teacher of the Year award.

Cynthia Sears, OTD, MA, OTR/L, BCP, FNAP, FAOTA

Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

Cynthia Sears, OTD, MA, OTR/L, BCP, FNAP, FAOTA, is an Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and Director of Curriculum in Hawai'i Pacific University's Graduate College of Health Sciences, joining the university 'ohana in 2022.

She is a distinguished occupational therapist with extensive experience in education and clinical leadership. Her academic background includes a Doctor of Occupational Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina, a Master of Arts in Business from Webster University, and national board certification in pediatrics from the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Sears has over 38 years of clinical practice in a variety of settings, including acute care, inpatient psychiatry, private practice, primary care, and school systems therapy. Her primary clinical interests have focused on pediatric mental health and sensory-motor skill development. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on data translation, caregiver experiences, the scholarship of teaching and learning, and mental health promotion in schools. Most recently, she presented innovative hybrid and online occupational therapy education models developed in Hawai'i, Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago, and promoted the students' role as global citizens at the 19th World Federation of Occupational Therapists Congress in Bangkok, Thailand. Sears embodies her role of advocate for occupational justice through her past volunteer service locally with Special Olympics and globally with Rwandan HUGS, Inc. in Rwanda, Africa.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CONFERRAL

Academic honors and degrees for this ceremony are calculated based upon grades earned prior to graduation. Final honors and degrees are conferred when the University Registrar posts the degree to the student's official transcript. Students graduating with HPU honors are wearing honors regalia as follows: Associate Dual Degree students graduating ♣ (3.5 – 4.0 HPA) receive a light blue sash; Bachelor degree students graduating ♦ (3.9 – 4.0 HPA) receive a medallion with a blue ribbon; ☆ (3.7 – 3.89 HPA) receive a medallion with a blue and white ribbon.

Honors Regalia

Graduating students wearing honors regalia are members of local, national, or international honor societies. Honor cords, pins, or medallions identify students as members of one of the societies or programs listed below:

ALPHA CHI: Blue and green cords.

Membership is limited to the top 10% of juniors and seniors based on their HPU GPA and completion of 30 credits at HPU.

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA: Red and violet cords. Membership is limited to students with at least a 3.2 GPA in science courses and a major interest in medicine.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA: Red, gold, and white cords. Membership is limited to students in their first year at HPU who have achieved a GPA of 3.5.

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA: Maroon and gold cords. Membership is limited to undergraduate students at least 27 years of age who have a GPA of 3.2.

BETA BETA BETA: Green and red cords. Membership is limited to students enrolled in biological sciences with a GPA of at least 3.0.

CHI ALPHA SIGMA: Gold medallions. Membership is limited to students in HPU athletics who have earned the equivalent of an intercollegiate varsity letter and have maintained a GPA of at least 3.4.

DELTA MU DELTA: Purple and gold cords. Membership is limited to undergraduate and graduate students in the business degree program having a minimum GPA of 3.4 and 3.6 respectively.

DELTA PHI TAU: Teal and gold cords in a single cord. Membership is limited to Doctor of Physical Therapist students who demonstrate excellence, integrity, and professionalism in the areas of academic achievement (top 25%), leadership, service or research, and demonstrate strong moral character, ethics and the core values of the PT profession.

KAPPA MU EPSILON: Lapel pins.

Membership is limited to undergraduate students majoring in mathematics and other closely related fields who have earned a GPA of 3.0 or better and rank in the upper 35% of their class.

LAMBDA PI ETA: Red and white cords and lapel pin. Membership is limited to students majoring in communication who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 for all communication courses.

MU KAPPA TAU: Royal blue cord and lapel pin. Membership is limited to undergraduate or graduate marketing students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and undergraduate students who are either in the top 10% of their junior class or top 20% of their senior class.

PHI ALPHA: Single gold cord. Membership is limited to students enrolled in the social work degree program who have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.25 in social work courses.

PHI ALPHA THETA: Lapel pins and sashes. Membership is limited to students majoring in history ranking in the top 35% of their class with a GPA of at least 3.1 in history classes.

PI ALPHA ALPHA: Lapel pin and blue and gold cords. Membership is limited to students in disciplines related to public service, such as public administration and criminal justice, with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for undergraduates and 3.7 for graduate students.

PI SIGMA ALPHA: Medallion. Membership is limited to students majoring in or having taken at least six upper-division credits in political science, with a cumulative GPA of 3.2.

PSI CHI: Blue and silver cords.

Membership is limited to students in psychology who have a cumulative GPA of 3.45 and rank in the top 35% of their class.

SIGMA DELTA PI: Lapel pins. Membership is limited to students studying Spanish language and culture who have a GPA of 3.0 in their Spanish courses and rank in the top 35% of their class.

SIGMA TAU DELTA: Red and black cords. Membership is limited to students majoring in English or minoring in writing, film studies, or literature who have a cumulative GPA of 3.44.

SIGMA THETA TAU: Orchid and white cords. Membership is limited to nursing students who have a GPA of 3.0 (3.5 for graduate students) and are of junior or senior status with a ranking in the highest 35% of the nursing class.

UPSILON PI EPSILON: Maroon and white cords and lapel pin. Membership is limited to students in the study of information systems, computer science, and computer information systems who have a GPA of 3.0 for undergraduate students or a 3.5 for graduate students.

RESIDENTIAL HONORS PROGRAM:

Black and gold-lettering sashes signify a Residential Honors Program student who has maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4, completed six honors-designated courses, participated in extracurricular activities, and completed an interdisciplinary Senior Honors Project.

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND DEGREE CONFERRAL

Academic Regalia

Graduates and faculty participating in HPU's graduation ceremonies wear traditional academic attire. Associate and bachelor's degree candidates wear royal blue gowns with straight sleeves. Master's degree candidates wear royal blue gowns with oblong sleeves and hoods with colors that represent their degree programs, accented with silver and grey. Doctoral candidates wear royal blue gowns with bell-shaped sleeves, featuring three velvet bars and blue velvet panels down the front with the university logo, a blue velvet tam, and hoods in the colors that represent their degree program, accented with silver and grey. Faculty may wear the regalia representing the university from which they received their terminal degree. At HPU, graduates may also wear lei in addition to honors regalia. Tassel colors represent the various degree programs.

All Associate Degrees	Tassel
Associate	Gold

All Bachelor's Degrees	Tassel
Bachelor's	Gold

Master's Degrees	Tassel	Hood
MA	White	White
MATESOL	White	White
MBA	Drab	Drab
MEd	Light Blue	Light Blue
MPA	Gold	Peacock Blue
MPH	Salmon	Salmon
MSAI	Gold	Gold
MSBA	Gold	Gold
MSBAIS	Gold	Gold
MSCJ	Gold	Peacock Blue
MSCMGT	Orange	Orange
MSCYBR	Gold	Gold
MSDSCI	Gold	Gold
MSIS	Gold	Gold
MSMEDS	Gold	Gold
MSMS	Blue	Gold
MSN	Apricot	Apricot
MSW	Citron	Citron

Doctoral Degrees	Tassel	Hood/Tam
DNP	Apricot	Apricot
DPT	Teal	Teal
OTD	Gold	Rhodes Blue
PSYD	Gold	Gold

Veteran Affairs	Cord
Veteran Affairs	Braided Red, White, and Blue

Philanthropy	Cord
Philanthropy	Double Corded, Teal and White

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

– DEAN: Amy Nguyen-Chyung, Ph.D., MBA–MPA

Associate of Science

Michaela Abaya Bibb ♦
Israel Alexander Blaauw

Robert Michael Inman Jr. ♦
Eric Ornelas

Juan Torres-Nieves

Bachelor of Science

Luigi Vincenzo Albano-Dito
Daniel Felipe Alfred
Yulissa Daniela Angel
Chase Warren Ashton
Miles Steele Atkinson
Malyk Aviles
Joshua Bishop *
Angelina Diana Bonet *
Lauren Victoria Bonomo
Vance Morgan Brown ***
Tyler Burcham *
Carlie Cabana **
Zachary Carr
Alana Kealohi Chang
Bre Rose Corral-Vargas *
Alyssa Guadalupe Luna Cuevas
Bob Angelo O. De Guia **
Crismelys De La Cruz Arias
Daniel Richard de Rose ***
Selena Destro *
Santino Bacani Diokno

Sammie Dodge *
Lucy Evelyn Leinaala Dorado
Austin-Tanner La'akea Escobido
Derrick Todd Fladseth **
Riley Nicole Gannon ***
Francisco Miguel Garza-Peralez
Nevaeh Guillen ***
Karlie Georgevena Gutierrez
Annika la Sofia Hakovirta ***
Sandra Hamre ***
Mya Noelle Hatchett
Shuiyun He **
Sofia Isabela Horvath
Samuel Floyd Irsfeld ***
Elijah Joseph **
Jon William Karlstad
Landon Koonce
Janeth Kumar
Mile Matic *
Mia Kai McCutcheon
Maya Linda Munger *

Thomas James Nader
Michael Nix-Rampulla **
Maile Renee Presto **
Wayne Holden Kuhio Puaoi Jr.
Anthony Reynoso *
Sofia Delyz Rivera Figueroa ***
Alana Alexandria Yolanda Roberts
Scott Wesley Roberts **
Anna-Kay Robinson
Ryan Rocco
Jasmine Semblante *
Keanu Paul Kai'kuahiwi Spenser
Gary Robert Swisher II ***
Brandy Lynn Talamoni ***
Emily Vanessa Tasi-Tuulaupua
Kemp Martinez Van Es **
Owen Patrick Wessel
Joshua Misaan West *
Samantha Annette Wilson ***

Graduate Certificate

Christopher Lohman

Kelsey Shantel Taylor

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS *continued*

– DEAN: Amy Nguyen-Chyung, Ph.D., MBA–MPA

Master of Business Administration

Jing An ✧	Wei Ge ✧	Mei Li
Rebecca Archambo	Min Gong ✧	Shaoling Li ✧
Gracie Avery	Xingwang Gong	Xinyong Li ✧
Xue Bai ✧	Fan Gu	Xiu Li ✧
Jenna Alyssa Bond ✧	Xiaolei Gu ✧	Xiuxing Li
Ckyree Van Campbell	Wenzhuo Guan	Yulin Li
Shanshan Che ✧	Chutao Guo ✧	Han Liang ✧
Chunni Chen ✧	Dawei Guo ✧	Qilin Liang
Getai Chen	Fanshuo Guo ✧	Jasmin Lorena Limon-Marotte
Haibo Chen	Yang Guo ✧	Chongfeng Lin
Jintao Chen ✧	Junhong Han ✧	Guanlan Lin ✧
Min Chen ✧	Xiao Han ✧	Rongli Lin ✧
Rong Chen ✧	Ruiyan He ✧	Shaonan Liu ✧
Sin Yu Chen	Yan Hong ✧	Shu Liu ✧
Xinghan Chen ✧	Liwu Hu ✧	Siyu Liu
Zhiye Chen ✧	Qijia Hu	Tzuhsuan Liu ✧
Cheng Cheng ✧	Haobin Huang ✧	Wenbin Liu ✧
Jeen Hoon Chu ✧	Jing-Rong Huang ✧	Zhaoping Liu ✧
Katy Crehan Crenshaw	Yanfen Ji	Zihan Liu
Zhipeng Cui ✧	Yibo Jia ✧	Chingching Lu
Binqian Dai	Qihua Jiang ✧	Eduardo Luna Jr. ✧
Jieyu Dai	Wenyong Jiang ✧	Qian Lyu ✧
Peng Deng ✧	Xinyu Jiang ✧	Zonghua Lyu ✧
Zhuo Diao ✧	Shunji Jin ✧	Chao Ma
Tianyou Ding ✧	Xingzhu Jin	Qinchuan Ma
Elliot J. Dixon	Alia Khoja ✧	Xuxin Ma ✧
Maj Dusanic ✧	Rica-Jane B. Laforteza	Mengyuan Mao ✧
Odaine Edwards	Thomas Mathew Le ✧	Chuang Meng ✧
Terrence Arashi Elliott	Dan Li	Elizabeth Lea Morales-Alarcon ✧
Chunlei Fan	Hua Li ✧	Yuting Nie
Hongzhen Fan ✧	Hui Li	Yujin Pan ✧
Xiaotian Fei	Jiayong Li ✧	Jonathan Parrott
Chao Feng ✧	Jingsi Li ✧	Antoniorey Coronado Pineda Jr.
Anna Katrina Falogme Frerk ✧	Junying Li ✧	Hongyang Ping

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Anthony Luis Posada

Chaojie Qin ✧

Yan Qin ✧

Meili Ren ✧

Tao Sha

Xuejiao Shen

Xinyu Shi

Garrett Dalton Shifflett ✧

Chong Song ✧

Feifei Song ✧

Lihua Song ✧

Zhengmin Song ✧

Fu Su ✧

Yu Su ✧

Bingrong Sun ✧

Luanxin Sun ✧

Sainan Sun ✧

Wen Tai ✧

Rachel Misako Tamashiro ✧

Di Tang

Fang Tang ✧

Shengxian Tang

Crystal Jones Tellez

Jianhua Tian ✧

Wei Tian ✧

Daniel Traylor

Verona Kupu Tu'ifua ✧

Jessica Lynn Uber

Chun Wang ✧

Dinggong Wang

Huitongyue Wang

Jiexiang Wang ✧

Jingyao Wang ✧

Liwen Wang

Qianping Wang ✧

Qiong Wang ✧

Ruiting Wang ✧

Xiaoli Wang ✧

Xihuan Wang ✧

Yiding Wang ✧

Yuchen Wang

Zhen Wang ✧

Lanae Michelle Willis ✧

Bernard Wong

Troy Richard Wong ✧

Duanyang Wu ✧

Linlin Wu ✧

Wenqing Wu

Zhaoyuan Wu ✧

Hanchong Xiang ✧

Jingwu Xiao

Jiahui Xie ✧

Weiwei Xing ✧

Chao Xu

Chenglu Xu ✧

Mengdie Xu

Yin Xu

Yu Xu ✧

Liwei Xuan ✧

Xue Yan

Liangfeng Yang ✧

Xing Yang ✧

Yi Jing Yang ✧

Zhouqin Yang ✧

Hongying Yao ✧

Jialiang Yao ✧

Jinbiao Yin ✧

Jingchuan Yong ✧

Jieyuan Yu ✧

Peiying Yu ✧

Yong Yu ✧

Ngun Zar ✧

Xiaoyang Zeng ✧

Tianqiao Zhan ✧

Fenglin Zhang ✧

Lirong Zhang ✧

Lu Zhang ✧

Min Zhang

Peng Zhang ✧

Qiang Zhang ✧

Qingyi Zhang ✧

Ronghuan Zhang ✧

Rui Zhang

Ruichen Zhang

Xiaofeng Zhang ✧

Zhonglin Zhang ✧

Huimin Zhao ✧

Huanping Zheng ✧

Jian Zhou

Xiaopei Zhu ✧

Yanfeng Zhu ✧

Yingyue Zhu ✧

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Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Business Analytics

Sherry D. Briscoe ✧

Master of Science

Tatsuru Akeyama ✧

Penny Kabua ✧

Chelsea Anastasia Tagaloa

Brynne Lokelani Hopeau-Lampitoc

Claudia Andrea Sawdy ✧

David EagleWolf Templarios

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

— DEAN: *Allison Gough, Ph.D.*

Bachelor of Arts

Kalea Naniloa Leica Ajel **	Mariacatherine Daniela Hampton **	Taimane Panganoran *
Bronwyn Jae Almy	Troy David Harding	Hannah Jade Pockett
Yusuf Hesham Alnajjar *	Kathrine Stokke Iversen *	Jennivev Joyclyn Reyes **
Haven Baye Amick	Charles Larry Johnson III *	Rosalya Rocha
Stephen Gabriel Andrews ***	Karmen Amaya Kelley	Kylee Janice Rohner ***
Aaron Jace Berglin **	Wailen Ka'imiola Fook Ming	Ashley Maria Salmeron **
Emily Paige Boutain *	Kidder-Lyman ***	Elizabeth Marie Sanchez
Eric Ronnel Awen Bru	Kyaw Eh Thaw Kya	Drew Sanidad
Blake Tyler Rivera Caraang **	Maurizio Locatelli	Brett Randall Schulz
Richard Eugene Carter	Reycajen Magbulos *	Preston Jae Tolentino Silva
Andrei Chavez	Christopher Michael Martindale **	Shion Suzuki
Ayanna Yazmine Vanessa Coleman-Gullette	Izavelle Martos **	Andre Toribio Jr.
William Michael Derkacs Jr.	Suncere Ayden Mclurkin	Hope Isaly Ulufanua **
Star Ann Duran	Amanda Gayle Meadows	Leasuone Floraleitufā Vaeoso
Noah F. Eddins **	Eduardo McGuinness ***	McKayla Rose Wakefield
John Patrick Fay Jr.	Violet Mimi Moravec *	Kristin Marie Welch ***
Frankie-Jo H. Froehle *	Frida Leonore Naess	Erik Wikan
Uta Fujisawa	Ava Josephine Nicol	Patrick Burke Wismar
Micah Thomas Kaulana Fulgoni	Sollaug Kjellesvik Norheim **	Fayzer Ezyra Wooten
Ricardo Gutierrez	Treveon Marquis O'Neil	Jayden Yoshii
Quinn Habeck *	Shaylee Ku'uipoleimanu Aiko Oshiro	Zuzanna Zukiewicz ***
Demone Lamar Hall Jr.	Cristian Padilla *	

Bachelor of Science

Ian Thomas Barrow **	Hannah Danielle Dvorak Savell ***	Brandon Wayne Stubbs ***
Immar Daniel Chavarria Diaz **	Daniel Edward Kilgore	Wesley Joel Vicente ***
Eric Sumner Davis	Joshua LeJeune ***	

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— DEAN: *Allison Gough, Ph.D.*

Bachelor of Social Work

Karley M. Beaver ***

Roynes Joseph Dural II

Hayley Meville **

Nicole Andrea Meza Jara Navarro

Tanya Puri

Azael Guillermo Ramirez

Shayna Siusiu Selesele *

Eres Frechel 'Ānelaonālanī Sylva *

Master of Arts

Samantha Annie Arroyo

Maika N. Astacio Ocasio

Joshua Alan Bailey ✧

Loi Rochelle Betty

Scott Christopher Broome ✧

Munashe Claudia Chando-Silverberg

Maria Christiansen ✧

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