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MEDIA ALERT

UH WEST O'AHU AND KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCE NEW AGREEMENT ALLOWING STUDENTS TO COMPLETE UNIVERSITY DEGREES QUICKER, MORE AFFORDABLY

WHAT: A new dual-enrollment, dual-admission program called Mānanawai will allow UH West O'ahu (UHWO) and Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) students to complete their university degree more quickly and more affordably. The partnership between the two institutions allows students to enroll at both campuses and work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

UHWO and KCC administration will celebrate the partnership at a morning reception. UH West O'ahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni and Kapi'olani Community College Chancellor Leon Richards will speak on behalf of their respective schools.

Students may enroll in the Mānanawai partnership in two ways:

- 1) Students admitted to UHWO may declare KCC as their home campus and enroll in courses at KCC paying community college tuition rate; or
- 2) After earning 24 credits and maintaining a 2.0 GPA at KCC, students who are accepted as UHWO transfers may continue to take applicable courses at KCC, attending classes at the community college tuition rate.

Once admitted to this program, students may enroll in courses at either campus, paying the applicable tuition rate seamlessly.

Respiratory Care is the first program to be offered under this umbrella agreement, allowing students to obtain a Bachelor of Applied Science at UHWO. The Respiratory Care program is accepting applications from students who are in good standing in the Associate of Science in Respiratory Care Program at Kapi'olani Community College or who are Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and/or Registered Respiratory Therapist (RTT). More programs such as Culinary Management will be added to Mānanawai as pathways are formalized between the two campuses.

Students admitted under the Mānanawai program will receive advising at both campuses to help them graduate as efficiently as possible. They will also be eligible to apply for scholarships and grants offered to students upon transfer to UHWO, and afforded the same privileges as all first-year transfer students.

WHEN: Monday, April 28th, 9 - 11 a.m.

WHERE: Kapi'olani Community College, 'Ohelo Building, Tamarind Room, 4303 Diamond Head Road