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UH WEST O'AHU TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL SAMOA ALA MAI CONFERENCE, JAN. 31

WHAT: UH West O'ahu together with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Office of Multicultural Student Services will host the first annual Samoa Ala Mai Conference to address issues related to education for Samoans in Hawai'i.

Site Manager at About Face Family of Programs, Monalisa Siofele, is the keynote speaker. A former Waipahu High School teacher and community outreach Monalisa Siofele, The Paxen Group

The purpose of the conference is to:

- discuss strategies and policies to empower and motivate people of Samoan ancestry in Hawai'i to aspire, achieve, and succeed in obtaining a college education
- discuss issues and concerns of Samoan parents, students and leaders regarding admission and retention at higher learning institutions
- provide information about college preparation, admission requirements, financial aid programs, and the advantages of achieving a higher education degree

The Samoa Ala Mai Conference is made possible by a grant from the UH Diversity and Equity Initiative and GEAR UP.

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 31, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: UH West O'ahu – All Classrooms and Courtyard
96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City

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UH West O'ahu became a four-year, comprehensive university when it served its first class of freshmen in fall 2007. The University offers quality education, small classes and personalized attention at convenient locations. UH West O'ahu recently held a ground blessing ceremony in anticipation of the start of construction for a state-of-the art, new campus in the City of Kapolei. For more information about the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu or call 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.