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**UH WEST O'AHU AWARDED \$40,000 GRANT
FOR COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAMS**

PEARL CITY – The University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu was awarded a \$40,000 grant to provide college access programs to Hawai'i high school students by the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) and Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education. UH West O'ahu will use the funds to provide college preparatory activities and enhance outreach to eligible high school students throughout the state.

"We are proud to offer even more college access programs to Hawai'i's students with this generous grant," said Gene I. Awakuni, UH West O'ahu chancellor. "Together with the opening of our new Kapolei campus in August, these programs will help us to better serve our local community and achieve the goal of increasing college-going rates for our future generations."

UH West O'ahu will host a variety of college preparatory programs including:

- *UH College Day on Feb. 18 at Pearl Country Club*
A college fair showcasing all O'ahu University of Hawai'i campuses and special programs, community scholarships, and financial aid. Parents, students and the general community will be able to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and FAFSA Forecaster with one-on-one assistance from trained experts and receive information from all O'ahu University of Hawai'i campuses in one place.
- *UH West O'ahu Express/On-site Admissions*
UH West O'ahu admission officers will visit select public high schools where high school seniors will submit their admission application and supporting documents and be notified of an admission decision by the University over a period of three days.
- *Get Connected Orientation Luncheon*
All high school seniors, who have been accepted to UH West O'ahu, and their parents will be invited to a luncheon for an orientation on the process of enrolling at the University. They will also enjoy a tour of the brand new UH West O'ahu campus in Kapolei and get to know UH West O'ahu advisors, financial aid officers, and student leaders.

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About GACCP and Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education

The purpose of the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) is to foster partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and philanthropic organizations through matching challenge grants that are aimed at increasing the number of Hawai'i's students entering and succeeding in postsecondary education. Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education is a statewide partnership led by the Early Learning Council, the Hawai'i State Department of Education, and the University of Hawai'i System that is working to strengthen the education pipeline from early childhood through higher education so that all students achieve career and college success. P-20 partners share a sense of urgency about the need to improve Hawai'i's educational outcomes in an increasingly global economy. For more information, visit p20hawaii.org.

About UH West O'ahu

UH West O'ahu became a four-year, regional 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. Construction began in August 2010 on the first phase of a new, state-of-the-art UH West O'ahu campus in the City of Kapolei. It is expected to serve approximately 2,000 students for fall 2012 classes. For more information, visit uhwo.hawaii.edu, twitter.com/uhwestoahu, facebook.com/uhwestoahu or call 454-4700 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.