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**UH West O'ahu commencement ceremony**  
**Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m., UH West O'ahu Lower Courtyard**  
**Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa to deliver keynote address**

**KAPOLEI** --- Saturday, May 10, is a special day for University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu graduates who will be honored during spring commencement exercises held in the UH West O'ahu Lower Courtyard. More than 160 graduates will earn degrees and certificates, with Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa delivering the keynote address.

"Many of our students are the first in their families to graduate from college," said UH West O'ahu Chancellor, Rockne Freitas. "We are so proud of their accomplishments and congratulate the students for their hard work and perseverance. We wish them the best of luck in their future studies and careers, and much happiness and health in the years to come."

Chancellor Freitas will preside over the ceremony and confer degrees. University of Hawai'i System Interim President, David Lassner and University of Hawai'i Board of Regents' Chuck Y. Gee, James H.Q. Lee and Tom H. Shigemoto will address and congratulate the graduates. The UH West O'ahu band will perform for the first time at a commencement ceremony since forming in January 2014, and will be joined by the UH West O'ahu University Chorus.

Roxanne Bruhn, one of this year's outstanding UH West O'ahu graduates, will speak on behalf of the graduating class. Roxanne will earn a degree in Public Administration with distinction, and is a Senior Master Sergeant E-8 with 30 years of experience in the United States military. She recently completed an internship with the Hawai'i Fusion Center, the state's intelligence agency for gathering threat information. A resident of Kaneohe, Roxanne is a proud wife and mother of five children and grandmother of seven grandchildren. Following graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies.

UH West O'ahu graduates will receive their baccalaureate in Applied Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Humanities, Public Administration and Social Sciences during the commencement ceremony. Graduates will also receive certificates in various programs including Applied Forensic Anthropology, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Health Care Administration, Risk Management and Insurance, Substance Abuse and Addictions Studies, and Democratic Principles and Social Justice.

The commencement ceremony will be streamed live on the UH West O'ahu website at <http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu>.

UH West O'ahu Spring 2014 Commencement details:

- All are welcome to attend commencement in the UH West O'ahu Lower Courtyard. No tickets will be issued. Guests may arrive at 9 a.m. The seating area will be closed off once it reaches maximum capacity.
- On-campus parking is free and open to the public. Carpooling is highly encouraged as there will be considerable congestion along the Farrington Highway entrance to the campus.
- Lei vendors will sell lei on the grassy area at the campus entrance near the Dining Commons. Balloons and strollers are not allowed in the commencement seating area for safety reasons.
- The UH West O'ahu on-campus restaurant, Hawaiian Grown Kitchen, will be open for beverages only from 9-11:30 a.m. Student clubs will sell beverages in the Lower Courtyard.
- Graduates may greet guests following the ceremony at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the UH West O'ahu Great Lawn near alphabetical signs.

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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. UH West O'ahu serves approximately 2,400 students at its brand new, state-of-the-art campus that opened in the City of Kapolei in 2012. For more information, visit [uhwo.hawaii.edu](http://uhwo.hawaii.edu), [twitter.com/uhwestoahu](https://twitter.com/uhwestoahu), [facebook.com/uhwestoahu](https://facebook.com/uhwestoahu) or call 689-2800 or toll-free (866) 299-8656.