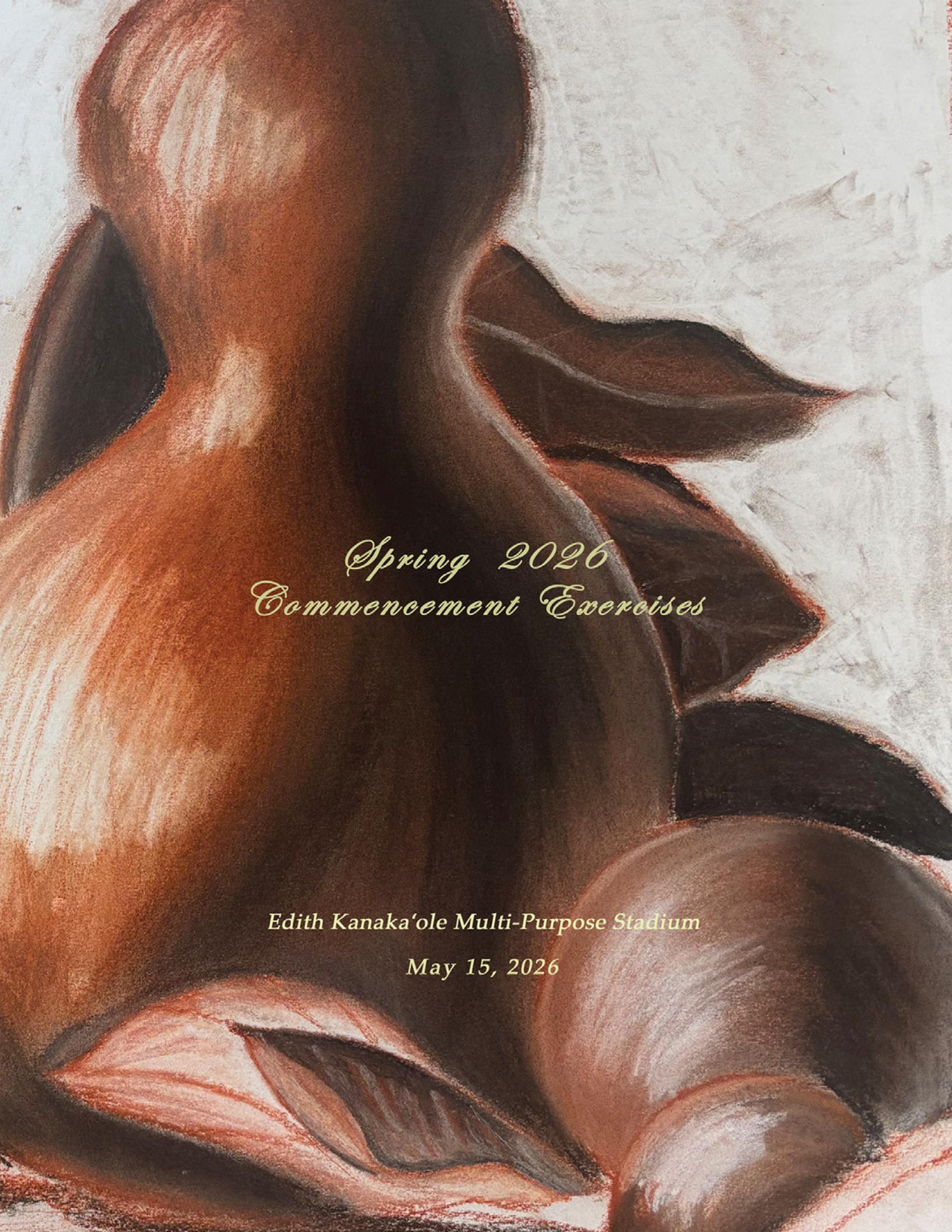

Spring 2026
Commencement Exercises

Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium

May 15, 2026

Cover Design:

"This drawing started as a simple class exercise focused on light, texture, and observation. Working with a natural subject like the gourd and leaves, I learned how much depth can come from slowing down and really seeing what's in front of me. What began as practice became something more meaningful, reflecting growth and the small steps that lead to bigger accomplishments like graduation."

- Minnie Pira
Associate in Science Creative Media Graduation Candidate

Hawai'i Community College

2026 Commencement Program

Edith Kanaka'ole Multi-Purpose Stadium • Friday, May 15, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance" ..... **Hawai'i County Band**

Greetings & Welcome

Susan Kazama ..... *Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College*

"The Star Spangled Banner" *Francis Scott Key* ..... **Niki Childs,** *Hawaiian Studies - Hula Concentration, Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Concentration and Liberal Arts Graduation Candidate*

"Hawai'i Pono'ī" *H.R.H. David Kalākaua* ..... **Niki Childs,** *Hawaiian Studies - Hula Concentration, Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Concentration and Liberal Arts Graduation Candidate*

Unukupukupu Protocol of Welcome ..... **Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō**, *Professor, Hawai'i Community College,*
No'el Tagab-Cruz, *Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College,*
Pele Kaio, *Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College,*
Ākeamakamae Kiyuna, *Assistant Professor, Hawai'i Community College,*
Kumu No'eau Woo O'Brien *from Waiākahi'ula,* **& Kūkū'ena Hula Ensemble**

Excellence in Teaching Award

Michael Miyahira ..... *Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i*

Student Address

Rashelle Victoria Batres ..... *Liberal Arts Graduation Candidate*

Commencement Address

Dr. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson ..... *Executive Director of Lālākea Foundation,*
President of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo and
Co-Author of 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Initiative
First Vice Chair of the Mauna Kea Steward and Oversight Authority, and
Member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Military Leases

Awarding of Degrees

Susan Kazama ..... *Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College*

Michael Miyahira ..... *Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i*

Dr. Kaiwipunikauikawēkiu "Punihei" Lipe ..... *Director of Hawai'i Papa o ke Ao, University of Hawai'i System and Director of the Native Hawaiian Place of Learning, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

Dr. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson ..... *Keynote Speaker*

Acknowledgments

Susan Kazama ..... *Chancellor, Hawai'i Community College*

"Lei o Hilo Ka Ua Pē i ka Uahi" ..... **Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō & Unukupukupu Hula Ensemble**

Recessional

"March from Die Meistersinger" *Richard Wagner* ..... **Hawai'i County Band**

The names on this program do not constitute an official list of graduates.
The Hawai'i Community College is an equal opportunity institution.

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Larissa Leslie. ..... *Co-Advisor*
Sam Kubota ..... *Co-Advisor*

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Arts

Pia Abraham
Liberal Arts

Ka'ea Alapai
Liberal Arts

Marcus Alcos***
Liberal Arts

Dahlia Almoguera
Liberal Arts

Jane Ancheta ***
Liberal Arts

Jamilyn Aolaolagi
Liberal Arts

Leanna Arizumi
Liberal Arts

Liadyn Asheford ***
Liberal Arts

Mapu Mai Ke Aloha Au
Liberal Arts

Kiera Lee Awai
Liberal Arts

Elle Badavinac
Liberal Arts

Maikalanimai hulali ao'o maluhia Baji **
Liberal Arts

Naia Balancio
Liberal Arts

Rashelle Batres
Liberal Arts

Porscha Belser
Liberal Arts

Kawika Bergau
Liberal Arts

Percival Best **
Liberal Arts

Kaliu Boteilho
Liberal Arts

Dallas Branco *
Liberal Arts

Sarah Bridges ***
Liberal Arts

Calvin Brown
Liberal Arts

Courtney Brown
Liberal Arts

Franczen Marcxialle Bueno *
Liberal Arts

Mikyla Caberto **
Liberal Arts

Tianna Celis-Webster
Liberal Arts

Adrian Cellini
Liberal Arts

Michele Cheshareck ***
Liberal Arts

Dominique Childs
Hawaiian Studies - Hula

Dominique Childs
Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations

Dominique Childs
Liberal Arts

Josiah Cho **
Liberal Arts - Art

Ryan Chong
Liberal Arts

Kiara Clear
Liberal Arts

Ethan Coetzee
Liberal Arts

Kayla Comilla *
Liberal Arts

Jeremy Conol
Liberal Arts

Scott Cook
Liberal Arts

Christopher Cooper ***
Liberal Arts

Shadae Cosare-Montalvo
Liberal Arts

Ahlan Cox **
Liberal Arts

Stareynelle Cox
Liberal Arts

Dayson Crivello
Liberal Arts

Karley Cuba-Nethon
Liberal Arts

Mark Gabriel Dela Cruz
Liberal Arts

Aukai Delenia *
Liberal Arts

Skyler DeMello ***
Liberal Arts

Maria dePillis-Shintaku
Liberal Arts

Maikalani Dias
Liberal Arts

Adam Dierking
Liberal Arts

Hi`ilei Dikito
Liberal Arts

Lori Doctor ***
Liberal Arts

Hailey-Ann Dolfo
Liberal Arts

Larraine Domogma
Liberal Arts

Jacquelynn Ellis ***
Liberal Arts

Mia Lani Espinoza
Liberal Arts

Erica Eugenio
Liberal Arts

Andre Evangelista
Liberal Arts

Daniel Fitzgerald
Liberal Arts

Blair Fix
Liberal Arts

Eve Forella
Liberal Arts

Laakea Foster
Liberal Arts

Zayre-Tayvian Fuiava
Liberal Arts

Shu Fujii
Liberal Arts

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Hawaiian Studies - Kapuahi Foundations

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Zoe Garringer ***
Liberal Arts

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Liberal Arts

Kaipo Gaspar
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Zaedon Graciidis-Ursua
Liberal Arts

Jacqueline Gupton *
Liberal Arts

Jessica Guth
Liberal Arts

Ruben Guzman
Liberal Arts

Kelsey Harris
Liberal Arts

Kaenakai Hasegawa
Liberal Arts

Ana Hernandez
Liberal Arts

Samuel Hibbard
Liberal Arts

Lillian Hickman *
Liberal Arts

Mele Holtz
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Neal Hoogenboom *
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Matthew Lichtinger
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Liberal Arts

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Liberal Arts

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Liberal Arts

Candidates for Graduation

Associate in Arts

Heather Naboa
Liberal Arts

Kaleb Naboa
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Emmanuelle Nash ***
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Nahiakaulu Nawahine-Pilago
Liberal Arts

Kylee Neal
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Evelin Norris
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Melanie Oandasan *
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Lisa Rosario *
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Dale Rosskamp
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Candidates for Graduation

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Leimomi Ahina
Nursing

Luke Amerine
Natural Science - Biological Sciences

Kahili Anderson
Nursing

Katherine Anderson
Early Childhood Education

Shaedyn Arita
Nursing

Rainan Awai *
Nursing

Franziska Bass
Nursing

Micah Berney
Fire Science

Joseph Bingham
Fire Science

Lillian Bolos ***
Nursing

Briahna Brooks
Fire Science

Petra Brown ***
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Tropical Forest Ecosystem and Agroforestry Management

Michelle Frances Cabanting
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Franzie Lei Calantoc
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Laura Conemac
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Nursing

Roylynne Crivello
Nursing

Johanna Crouch ***
Information Technology

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Early Childhood Education

Riana Domingo-Peregrino
Nursing

Rachel Dowsett *
Nursing

Michelle Enocencio
Nursing

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Information Technology

Selah Fisher
Fire Science

Marcia Flores
Nursing

Brenna Forster ***
Nursing

Alicia Freitas *
Nursing

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Michael Remson Gamiao ***
Information Technology

Aranda Gillum
Nursing

Shelby Hayes *
Nursing

Kilihea Inaba
Nursing

Zachary Johns ***
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Robert Kahai
Fire Science

Naone Kanakanui
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Renell Kaupu-Kaialiilii
Administration of Justice

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Helen Kelekolio
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Michele Kepoo ***
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Noah Matsuura *
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Jeremy Mills
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Nursing

Nino Jairo Pelton
Information Technology

Devin Perryman
Nursing

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Kristin Pitt *
Nursing

Chelsey Pua
Nursing

Kilinaheokekai Puhi **
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Logan Querubin *
Fire Science

Sunny Ray ***
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Misha Requelman
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Poikeao Roback
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Momilani Santa Maria **
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Courtney Serrao
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Cassandra Sienes *
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Joseph Bingham
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Information Technology

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Keahi Dacquel
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Dean Duarte
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Azahrae Frazier
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Jasmine Fujisaki ***
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Information Technology

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Engineering Technology - Drafting Technology

Michael Remson Gamiao ***
Information Technology

Filamer Ganir
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Shingene Garcia
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Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light.
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there.
O, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī
Nānā i kou mō‘ī
Kalani ali‘i
Ke ali‘i

Chorus
Makua lani ē,
Kamehameha ē
Na kaua e pale
Me ka ihe

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī
Nānā i nā ali‘i
Nā pua kou muli*
Nā pōki‘i

Hawai‘i Pono‘ī
E ka lāhui ē
‘O kāu hana nui
E ui ē

**This program prints the line as "Nā pua kou muli" in keeping with early printed sources of Hawai'i Pono'ī and standard Hawaiian possessive structure. A later variant, "Nā pua muli kou," is also widely sung today.*

Lei o Hilo Ka Ua Pē i ka Uahi

The Lei of Hilo is the Rain Scented with Smoke

Ha'eha'e ku'u hi'ikua	*I bear the sun of Ha'eha'e on my back*
Pu'uohau ku'u hi'ialo	*I caress the sun of Pu'uohau at my chest*
A pō maila ia ao ē, pai a ka hulu kōnane	*And when night alights, it is the feathery glow of moonlight that sustains me entirely!*
Ki'ina 'Ūpolu e ka 'ākau	*My right hand reaches for 'Ūpolu*
Hēkau ē ka hema iā Kalae	*My left hand anchored at Kālae*
Lele kawa me he lele wai pipi'o lua Hi'ilawe	*Jumping in feet first like the water fall, Hi'ilawe in profound arch*
Na ka hau o Maunakea ku'u ni'o	*The snow of Maunakea sets my zenith*
Na ke ahi o Maunaloa ku'u mole	*The fire of Maunaloa establishes my nadir*
Hualalai muli kuahiwi ē 'iewe nei	
Ka moana nui pāmamao o ka moku	*Hualalai conceiving in the womb the journeys upon further shores*
Inā kāua nauane, nauane	*Let's make a move and make a stir*
Ke ala e 'imia nei i ka pono e kau ala	*For the path seeking profound experiences avails itself*
Inā ho'i kāua nauane, nauane	*Let's indeed make our move*
A pāpahi i ka hāliko 'apapane lei lehua	*Until we are worthy of wearing the lei of scarlet lehua*
Lei o Hilo ka ua pē i ka uahi	*The lei of Hilo is that of rain drenched in volcanic promise*
He ola, he ola, he Hāloa iwihilo ē,	*A life, a life this is, a life breathing right through to the core!*

Composed by Dr. Taupōuri Tangarō, September 2006

This mele places the learner within the cardinal center of potential using Hawai'i Island's sacred geography as a metaphor. In the Hawaiian language, the right hand is called 'ākau, which also means north; the left hand is termed hema, which is the south. Stepping into this orientation then positions the rising sun at the back of the person and the setting sun at the front, or face of the person. Maunakea is the head, and as Maunakea is sacred so is the head of the native person. Maunaloa is the womb from which all magma rises from the core of the earth; hence Maunaloa is the primal base, as Maunakea is the celestial reach. Hualalai muli kuahiwi (Hualalai is the youngest of mountains) speaks to profound germination. Lei o Hilo ka ua pē i ka uahi (Hilo's lei is that of rain scented with smoke) speaks to the crux of our life founded on water and fire!

Nā‘ū[1] Pālama Nui[2]

Nā‘ū……

A Pālama Nui kāua
Wai māpuna kau i ka maka ka ‘ōpua[3]
Hualalai huewai kuahiwi[4]

(Hui) Nā‘ū……
…i ka lā…kōlili ana…a ka ‘ili kai…mā‘oki‘oki…la‘i nā Kona[5]!

A Pālama Nui kāua
Kūkulu pe‘a, ho‘olale wa‘a
He ‘Eka ka makani[6]

Ō Pūlama nui ē
Ō nāhi Uliuli a Ulupō[7]
Ō Keahualono a Pu‘uohau a Kaheawai![8]

Kūhea mākou, eō mai ‘oe
Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui ē![9]

Securing an Enlightened Foundation

You and I stand together on the Foundation of Profound Enlightenment
Where the spring water is borne upon the clouds
Mount Hualalai, a mountain water-gourd

(Chorus) Seize……..…….
…the day…glistening…upon ocean’s surface…streaked…in the calms of Kona

You and I stand together on the Foundation of Profound Enlightenment
Mast the sails, incite the vessels
For the ‘Eka wind of promise blows

Sustain the Torch of Enlightenment!
Sustain our natural resources that continue to create and inspire!
Sustain the inherent right to Respond, to Sacrifice and to Flow!

We call out to you, respond to our call
For indeed you are no other than Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui, Pālama Nui!

[1] “Nā`ū” is the Kona practice of taking in a deep breath when the sun hits the western horizon, expelling it as one would expel air through a straw, all in the while pronouncing “ nā`ū”, short for “na`u ka lā”, or “the day is mine!” In other words, all the experiences of the day are living experience owned by the one experiencing it.

[2] Pālama Nui, site of the future West Hawai`i Campus, North Kona, has a number of translations to its name, one being the Foundation (Pā) of Enlightenment (Lama) Profound (Nui), or Foundation of Profound Enlightenment.

[3] Wai māpuna kau i ka maka [o] ka `ōpua” is a traditional saying referring to the idea that unlike other island districts where rivers flow from mountain to sea and springs bubble up, the river and springs for the Kona districts are in the clouds above.

[4] “Hualalai, huewai kuahiwi” is a traditional saying honoring Hualalai`s role in sponging the atmosphere of moisture to fill the aquifers.

[5] “Kai mā`oki`oki o nā Kona” is a traditional saying that celebrates the famous calm and streaked (mā`oki`oki) ocean of North and South Kona.

[6] “Kūkulu pe`a, ho`olale wa`a, he `Eka ka makani” is a traditional saying that means “When the `Eka wind of Kona blows, it’s a good time to prepare the canoes to fish”.

[7] “Nāhi Uliuli a Ulupō” is a traditional saying that identifies the dark forested regions of North Kona (Uliuli) and South Kona (Ulupō), respectively. Uliuli and Ulupō connote creativity and inspiration.

[8] This traditional saying demarks the districts of Kona: Keahualono to Pu`uohau = North Kona; Pu`uohau to Kaheawai = South Kona

[9] The word “lono” in Keahualono means to respond; “hau” in Pu`uohau means to sacrifice; “kahe”, as in Kaheawai, means to “flow”.

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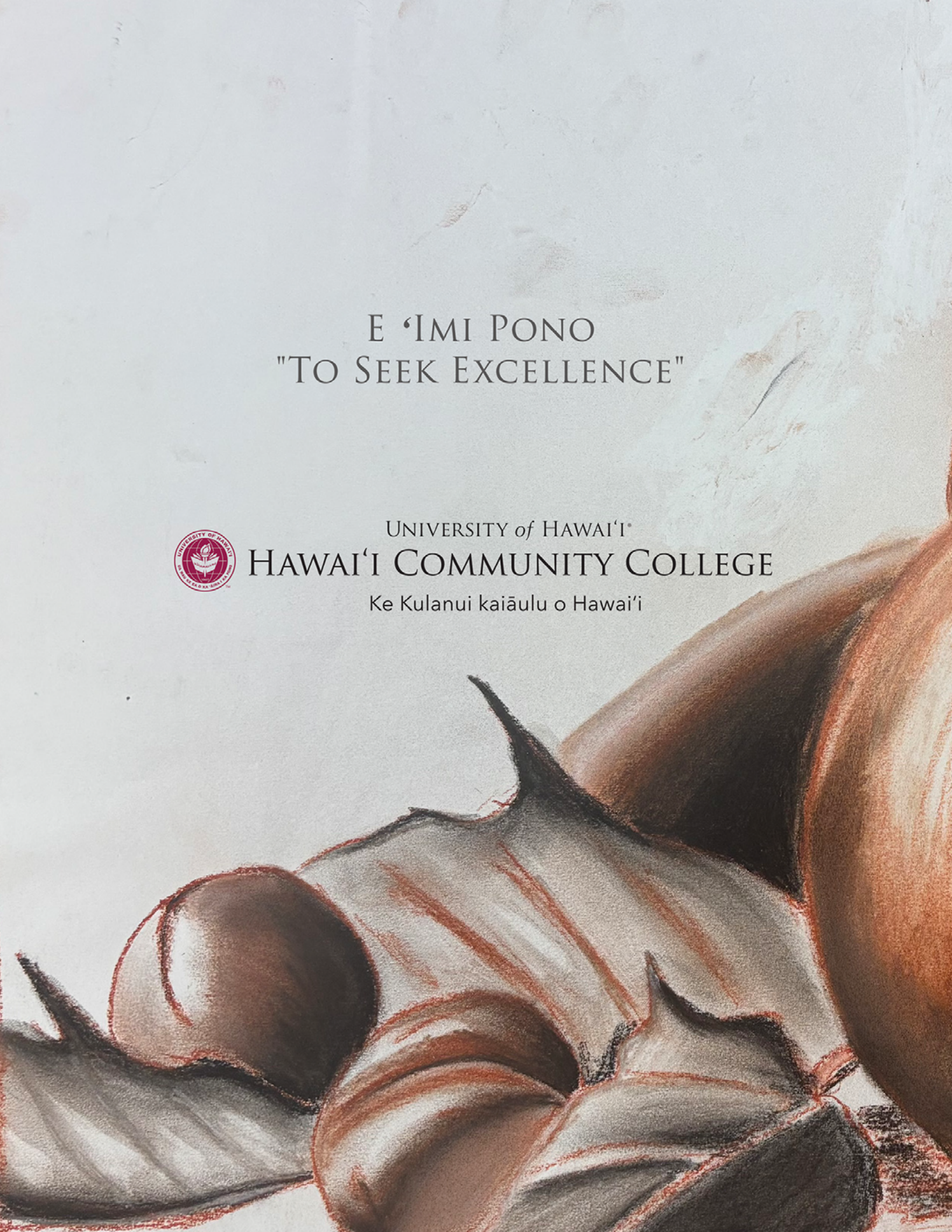
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