



## UH West O'ahu Library Named for James & Abigail Campbell

Twenty-two years ago, the James Campbell Company, then known as the Estate of James Campbell, gifted the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu with about 941 acres in Kapolei for a permanent campus as part of an agreement with the State of Hawai'i. In 2012, UH West O'ahu welcomed students to its brand new campus in East Kapolei, marking the end of nearly four decades residing in temporary facilities at Leeward Community College.

The focal point of the campus is the library with its distinctive 100-square-foot stained glass tower that features artwork by Kaua'i artist Carol Bennett. The tower can be seen from miles away when lit at night. The University thought it would be fitting to name this very visible landmark for UH West O'ahu's largest benefactor, and on March 23, the Board of Regents officially approved naming it the James and Abigail Campbell Library.

"Our library is a key gathering place for scholars, students and community members to learn, explore and discover by engaging both the digital and the physical," said UH West O'ahu's chancellor,

Maenette Benham. "What better place to acknowledge the gift of knowledge that the Campbell 'ohana has so graciously given. It's a place that inspires!"



"On behalf of the James Campbell Company and the Campbell Family Foundation, we deeply appreciate this honor," said Tim Brauer, president and chief executive office of the James Campbell Company. "While our contributions have helped to create the UH West O'ahu campus in Kapolei, we appreciate the ongoing contributions of its dedicated students, administrators, faculty and staff in shaping its future as an integral part of the

Kapolei region and the University of Hawai'i system."

The library is a two-story, 60,000-square-foot building that has a print collection of more than 31,000 titles, and access to more than 60 electronic research databases. It includes notable programs on campus such as the Ulu'Ulu Moving Image Archives, Noe'au Tutoring Center and the Center for Labor Education and Research.

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## Supporting Education in West O'ahu

Since 1980, the James Campbell Company and the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation have been supporting education in West O'ahu, with the greatest share going to Leeward public schools, either directly or indirectly.

One of the longest-standing programs is the James & Abigail Campbell Family Foundation annual scholarship in Teacher Education through the UH Mānoa College of Education. Started in 1996, the program gives scholarships to qualifying students

pursuing a degree in education, and who are committed to teaching in West O'ahu schools.

Another ongoing program is the James Campbell Company's annual support for Leeward and West O'ahu public elementary, middle and high schools. This year's grant provided \$250,000 to 10 schools for general support of their programs.

In addition to support for traditional classroom learning, grants are also made to organizations that engage students in non-traditional educational experiences that help to enhance academic achievement

based on their interests and talents. They are as diverse as programs that reach students through the arts like Hawai'i Arts Alliance's Turnaround Arts and Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, through sports like After-School All-Star Hawaii and Hawaii High School Athletic Association, and through digital media like the Kapolei Middle School Media Academy and Wai'anae High School's Searider Productions.

Supporting education through Hawaiian cultural programs is also a major funding priority, such as

the annual Lei O Lanikuhonua Hula Festival for high school students, and the Ulu A'e Learning Center that connects young people with their history and culture.

These are just a few examples of the many educational initiatives that the Campbell Company and the Campbell Family Foundation have supported in West O'ahu. Now, with the UH West O'ahu Kapolei campus, residents have access to the full continuum of education right here in their community.

## Rail Funding Update



The House Finance Committee has amended and passed bill (SB 1183) that partially deals with ways to complete funding for the Honolulu Rail Transit (Rail), and which has now gone to Conference Committee for further refinement before it goes to both the Senate and House for a vote. In the meantime, HART is facing an April 30 deadline for submitting a funding recovery plan to the Federal Transportation Authority to preserve \$1.55 billion in federal funding.

To stay informed about the status of the bill, go to [www.capitol.hawaii.gov/](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/) and look for SB 1183 under Bill Status.



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