PBUCE hosts Pacific Rim Institute on Disability Services and Higher Education

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Pacific Basin University Centers for Excellence (PBUCE) in the News

PICTURED ABOVE: MEMBERS AND LEADERS FROM PBUCE.

"Aloha!," "Talofa!," and "Hafa Adai!," were exchanged between the leaders and members of the Pacific Basin University Centers for Excellence (PBUCE), and other University of Hawaii System faculty, disability service providers, and staff at the first Pacific Rim Institute on Disability Services and Higher Education event. The event was held from May 29th through May 31st, 2018, at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus. UH System personnel statewide attended the institute and included: University of Hawaii West Oahu, University of Hilo, Hawaii Community College, Honolulu Community College, Maui Community College, and Kapiolani Community College. Additionally, we welcomed the disability services provider from Hawaii Pacific University. The institute connected disability service providers, faculty, students, and staff from higher education and provided an opportunity to learn, share, and network.

Dr. Edward Roth, Director of Disability Support Services at Fullerton College and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California, was the featured keynote speaker. The three-day event also included facilitated discussions, and presentations from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Center on Disability Studies' Postsecondary Support Project (PSP) staff and student participants. PSP staff shared with the audience effective strategies and perceptions of what contributes to student with disabilities' success in postsecondary education. PSP student participants shared their personal stories, the

impacts of being in the PSP project, and their milestones in their academic achievement.

The CDS media center coordinator, Dr. Thomas Conway, presented on digital accessibility in web design and other forms of digital media.

The last day of the institute was focused on a facilitated grant writing workshop and included the Director of the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies, Dr. Patricia Morrissey. CDS staff shared their strategies on finding funding sources, technical aspects of request for proposals, technical aspects of grant writing, ideas for collaborative efforts, the evaluation process, and substantive content ideas and organization in grant writing.

PBUCE members and leaders.

CDS Director, Dr. Patricia Morrissey, Jennifer-Eilleen Castro, Northern Marianas College, Sigalu Sitagata-Tinitali, American Samoa Community College, and Dr. Robert Stodden, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii.

Grants Coordinator, Leslie Dorman speaking during the grant workshop.

The professional participants' level of commitment was evident during the institute. As one participant summed it up, "Hearing what and how institutions handle similar processes is important to me. I especially appreciated our keynote speaker's honesty in sharing his experience with the very up to date challenge we are facing on our campuses, comfort animals in the classroom, etc. Although some of us have many years under our belt, these situations are still very tough and never easy. Knowing that others are struggling with the same issues validates how difficult it really is and that I am not alone."

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