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HPU Alumni Currents

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Sergi Beltrol ’15

Alumnus Spotlight

From Barcelona to Hawai'i

HPU alumnus Sergi Beltrol MBA ’15 grew up in Barcelona, Spain, where his passion for soccer eventually led him to the United States. After playing collegiate soccer in Missouri, he accepted a graduate assistantship at HPU, earning his MBA while helping coach the men's soccer team.

Today, Beltrol serves as Director of Civil Operations at Nan Inc., one of Hawai‘i’s leading construction companies. Having built his own career in Hawai‘i, he now hopes to give back by creating internship and career opportunities for future HPU graduates.

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Lance Wilhelm

HPU Chairman, Board of Trustees
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From Industry Insight to Student Opportunity

Of the many things that make Hawai‘i Pacific University special, one of the most important is our ability to respond to our community’s changing needs. Located in the heart of downtown Honolulu, we have unique access to business, community, and global leaders. These relationships give us real-time insight into the challenges and opportunities facing Hawaii and enable us to collaborate on innovative solutions while preparing our students to become the leaders who will help shape our islands’ future.

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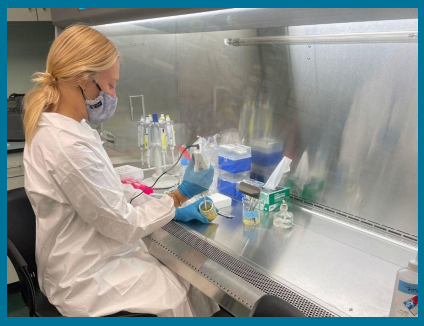

New Yellow Tang Research Highlights HPU Marine Science Scholarship

HPU master’s in marine science alumna Annie Deck led a newly published study examining how the gut microbiome develops in larval yellow tang, with current HPU graduate student Brianna Hauser as a co-author and Associate Professor of Biology Olivia Nigro, Ph.D., as senior author. Conducted in partnership with the Oceanic Institute of HPU, the research found that the yellow tang gut microbiome changes significantly throughout early development, with diet changes coinciding with notable shifts in microbial communities.

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Creative Writing and Literary Arts Bachelor's Degree Introduced at HPU

HPU's College of Liberal Arts has renamed its English bachelor's degree Creative Writing and Literary Arts, becoming the only university in Hawai‘i to offer creative writing and literary arts as an integrated bachelor's degree. The redesigned major integrates the study of literature and writing while giving students greater flexibility to choose courses in areas including fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and scriptwriting.

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HPU College of Business Students Gain Real-World Hospitality Insights at Alumni-Led Hotel

HPU College of Business students in Professor Michelle Alarcon's Human Resource Management class visited The Laylow Waikiki, where HPU alumnus and managing director Joey Woofter provided a firsthand look at hospitality management. Students toured the property and gained practical insights into asset management, pricing, customer segmentation, business strategy, team building, and leadership.

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