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Council Member Donovan Dela Cruz  
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Dear Council Member Dela Cruz:

Greetings for the New Year! It was a great year for the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Here are some of the highlights from this past year.

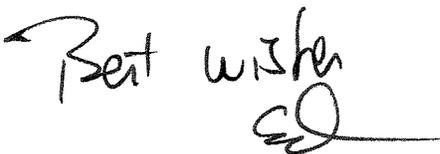
1. The campus at Kaka'ako is on budget and on time (progress photo enclosed):
  - Education building 138,000 sq. ft. - completion date December 2004
  - Science building 216,000 sq. ft. - completion date June 2005
2. In fiscal year 2003, our faculty brought to the university \$46 million in grants and contracts, which are new dollars to support mainly the salaries for faculty and research support staff. Of that total, \$24 million were from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In the first quarter of fiscal year 2004, we have been awarded another \$27 million.
3. The UH Board of Regents approved in October the School's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. The funding for this new department came from the Queen's Health System (\$5 million), the NIH (\$4.6 million), and another grant (\$5.3 million) from the NIH to form an education program and treat people who have diabetes in the Native Hawaiian community. The chair of this department and leader of the diabetes program is Marjorie Mau, M.D.
4. We have recruited Duane J. Gubler, Sc.D., as Chair of the Department of Tropical Medicine and Microbiology and he will be on board January 1, 2004. Dr. Gubler wishes to develop an internationally recognized center of excellence for research and training in infectious diseases and a regional reference center for the diagnosis and control of new, emerging and re-emerging microbial threats. Dr. Gubler was formerly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Infectious Diseases Division and Director of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases. Examples of these types of diseases are Dengue and West Nile.
5. Ric Yanagihara, M.D., MPH, was recruited two years ago from the NIH. He recently obtained funding (\$9.6 million) from the NIH to develop a Pacific Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases Research. He is also the director of another grant from the NIH (\$10 million) to train research faculty for the medical school.
6. Rosanne Harrigan, EdD, APRN-RX, FAAN, former dean of the UH School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, joined our faculty to lead the effort in complementary and alternative medicine. One of her other responsibilities is faculty development.

7. Kenneth Ward, M.D., formerly a professor and the chief of reproductive genetics division at the University of Utah Medical School, became part of our faculty on September 1, 2003, as the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology & Women's Health. He is nationally recognized for his work in fetal and maternal medicine, specializing in molecular genetics.
8. HMSA donated \$1 million for us to develop a program for quality health care and health care policy. We recruited Haya Rubin, M.D., a professor from Johns Hopkins Medical School to lead this initiative. One of her projects is funded by the NIH.
9. Marla Berry, Ph.D. came to us from Harvard. She is recognized nationally for her research on the molecular biology of the thyroid and has received numerous awards for accomplishments. She has three grants from the NIH to support her research.
10. Linda Chang, M.D. and Thomas Enrst, Ph.D, are coming from Brookhaven National Laboratories, New York, to create a clinical research program in neurobiology utilizing MRI. The federal Office of National Drug Control Policy has provided \$3.6 million for the purchase of this MRI, which will be placed at the Queen's Medical Center. Their research will have impact on the ICE epidemic and other brain disorders. Some of their research is funded by the NIH as well.
11. Our Problem Based Learning Program, which was established in 1989, has been very successful. Our students score well above the mean in national exams.
12. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Distinguished Leadership Forum and Symposium will be held on January 28, 2004, at the Sheraton Waikiki. We are fortunate to have Dr. Ivor Royston as our keynote speaker. Dr. Royston is a nationally recognized physician-scientist in the area of cancer immunology and the co-founder of Forward Ventures, a company that identifies and develops opportunities in the life sciences which produces high returns for its inventors. He has been involved in San Diego's biotechnology industry since its inception in 1978. His topic will be "The Growth of the Biotech Industry in San Diego: Lessons Learned."
13. The American Medical Association features a medical school each month and our medical school was featured in December. Check the website – <http://www.ama-ssn.org/ama/pub/category/1843.html>.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine has accomplished many things in the past year and will continue to successfully build upon those accomplishments in the coming year. I thank you for your support of the School of Medicine and wish you all the best in 2004.

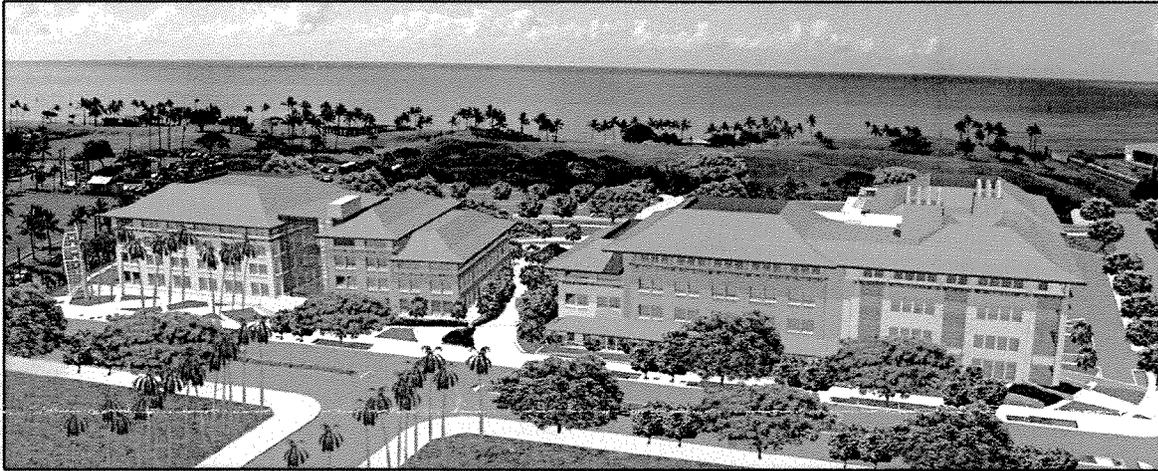
Aloha,

  
Edwin C. Cadman, M.D.  
Dean



cc: Dr. Patricia Lee – Chairperson, University of Hawai'i Board of Regents  
Dr. Evan S. Dobbelle – President, University of Hawai'i

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**VIEW FROM GOLD BOND BUILDING**

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