



JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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PROJECT PACIFIC VISION: JABSOM students Shawn Barnes, Jason Barnes, and Chris Small, along with retinal camera technician David Ng and supervising ophthalmologist Dr. Clif Otto, outside the Project Vision RV at Kaka'ako.

TAKANISHI ELECTED TO ACGME POST

Danny Takanishi, Jr., Chair of Surgery and Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine, has been voted Chair-elect of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Transitional Year Residency Review Committee. His three-year term begins in July 2009.

Dr. Takanishi is the Surgery representative on this multidisciplinary Committee.



Dr. Takanishi

The ACGME is a nonprofit consortium that evaluates and accredits residency training programs in the United States. It includes representatives from the American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, American Hospital Association, American Board of Medical Specialties, and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies. A resident-in-training must complete postgraduate medical education training in an ACGME-accredited program, in order to qualify to take their medical specialty training-specific, national Board examinations.

Dr. Takanishi, also Associate Professor of Surgery, will concurrently serve as a voting member of the Council of Review Committee Chairs. This Council is responsible for maintaining and initiating revisions to the ACGME Common Program Requirements and also serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors of the ACGME.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: JABSOM STUDENTS TAKE EYE EXAMS ON THE ROAD

Three John A. Burns School of Medicine students helped screen more than 150 people for eye problems this month, during on-site visits to homeless shelters in Wai'anae, Kaka'ako and at Barber's Point.

The trio, third-year students **Chris Small** and **Jason Barnes** and first-year student **Shawn Barnes** organized the events after talking together in their time away from classes.

"That's one thing that's great about being a medical student," said Shawn Barnes. "You can talk together over a beer, decide what needs doing, and pretty much be free to go out and do it."

In this case, the students got some important help. **The Retina Institute of Hawai'i** donated the use of their mobile eye screening center.

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SNAPSHOT: Mr. and Mrs. Masanori Murai of Japan, right, made a \$1,000 gift to the Clinical Anatomy Teaching Fund, on Halloween Day. Also pictured are Jeffrie Jones, JABSOM's Director of Development and Anatomy Chair Scott Lozanoff. "They really wanted to support Scott's team in the Clinical Anatomy Lab for their excellence in teaching," said Jones.

NEW DEGREE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

The **Office of Public Health Studies** at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine will begin offering a Master's in Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management starting in the fall of 2009. Priority will be given to applications received by January 15, 2009. This new offering joins current MPH specializations in epidemiology and the social and behavioral health sciences and a Doctorate in Public Health focusing on translational and community-based research.

The new degree will provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop, analyze, and advocate for health policies to improve the health and well-being of individuals and populations; and, to administer and manage the delivery, quality, and costs of health care services in communities, with a focus on the underserved populations. Course work prepares students for a career in health services, policy and management. Opportunities to participate in research and service programs are provided. For more information, visit the OPHS website at www.hawaii.edu/publichealth or contact **Dr. Van Ta** at (808) 956-5767 or email: vanta@hawaii.edu.

VISION SCREENING

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It's a large RV outfitted with a state-of-the-art retinal camera which can be used to diagnose various retinal diseases.

Island Eye Center donated the use of a computerized auto refractor to measure the shape of the eye, which can give the refractive error.

The medical school's student-run homeless outreach, the **H.O.M.E. Project**, also helped significantly.

Over two days, "Project Pacific Vision" gave students the opportunity to provide eye care services to the underserved and also allowed them an opportunity to learn various techniques in ophthalmology.

But best of all, the students' efforts prevented tragedy in several cases.

"Performing one exam, for example, we could see that the patient was experiencing a diabetes emergency, which, left undiagnosed, could have rapidly led to blindness," said Barnes.

Barnes also credits JABSOM's **Maguire Fund** and the **Global Health Interest Group** for their support.

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