



# Chaminade University

O F H O N O L U L U

## *“The Chaminade Experience” Some Helpful Advice*

Past participants of the exchange program composed the following advice, there is no particular order to their helpful statements.

- ❖ Talk with a UD/St. Mary’s student who has been to Chaminade.
- ❖ Cell phones are the way to go, phones are not provided in your room.
- ❖ Change your cell phone plan, I now have 800 daytime minutes and went over last month.
- ❖ Receive Kama’aina rates (local rates for tourist activities) with your Chaminade ID.
- ❖ Don’t hang out with just UD/St. Mary’s students there are so many interesting people to meet at Chaminade.
- ❖ Keep your door open, it is a great way to meet people.
- ❖ Everybody here is your “cousin” or “auntie”.
- ❖ Be prepared to buy a wireless card and service if bringing a laptop (around \$65), no hardwire Internet connections in the dorm rooms.
- ❖ Bring at least one sweatshirt.
- ❖ If you are planning on getting a job on campus, schedule a meeting with Career Services ASAP because jobs fill up fast.
- ❖ Chaminade’s policy about drinking is different than UD’s or St. Mary’s so be sure to read the policy in the student handbook, it is enforced.
- ❖ Mahalo means “thank you”.
- ❖ Flip-flops are called “slippers” and often times you may see someone removing them when entering a room, it is respect.
- ❖ Go to the lua’u during orientation.
- ❖ Quiet hours and visitation hours are strictly enforced by your RA/RD.
- ❖ Hike Diamondhead.
- ❖ City cab is the cheapest taxi (808) 524-2121.
- ❖ Be sure to check with your health insurance provider concerning doctors in Honolulu that your insurance policy will cover. If need be, secure the health insurance offered by Chaminade for the semester to ensure coverage, see the CUH web site for details:

<http://www.chaminade.edu/studentLife>.

- ❖ There is no health center on campus, students can request taxi vouchers to go to the hospital or health clinic if they get ill.
- ❖ Rent a car and check out the rest of the island.
- ❖ Ask for a bus transfer **as soon as you get on** the bus. Otherwise you will have to pay again on your way back.
- ❖ Class attendance counts at CUH, even though the beach can be tempting...go to class.
- ❖ The average daytime temperature is around 84 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ❖ Chaminade will sponsor some group tours with exchange students and CUH students to historic places on the island, be sure to take advantage of them.
- ❖ The emergency number for Chaminade is campus security at 808.735.4792, some one is there 24 hours a day.
- ❖ Boston's Pizza is the best pizza and they have a great student special from 2-4 everyday, not to far from campus.
- ❖ If you are here in the fall, don't miss the Pacific Island Review.
- ❖ If you are here in the spring, don't miss the Extravaganza.
- ❖ Relax!!!! You are on Hawaiian time.