



UNIVERSITY
of HAWAII
HILO

University of Hawai'i at Hilo Administration
Office of the Chancellor

September 27, 2013

Aloha,

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, it is my pleasure to welcome all participants to the Third Biennial Western Regional IDeA Scientific Conference.

I am especially pleased to see the conference theme of "One Biology," a theme focused on facilitating connections between student and faculty researchers, and further, between scientific discovery and the broader community. These important connections strengthen a much-needed systemic view of the purpose of our region's biomedical research and the positive impact it has on both local and international communities.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of General Medical Sciences for Hawai'i's biomedical enterprise. This support is crucial to our state and region's research capacity, to our economic growth, and to the quality of life of our citizenry.

With warmest aloha,


Don Straney
Chancellor

200 West Kāwili Street
Hilo, HI 96720-4091
Telephone: (808) 974-7444
Fax: (808) 974-7622
Web: hilo.hawaii.edu

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution