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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

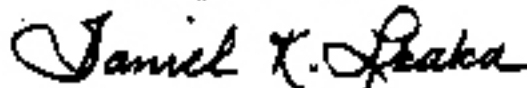
It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to the graduates, their families and friends, at the commencement ceremony of the Wayland Baptist University's Hawaii Campus, in conjunction with its silver anniversary.

To our graduates, I salute you for the determination that you have displayed in order to reach this milestone, and I am confident that with your sense of commitment and initiative, the future holds great promise for all of you. I take pride in each of you and share your joy over your achievements.

Today, we also take time to celebrate the silver anniversary of the Wayland Baptist University's Hawaii Campus. It is fitting that this graduation ceremony is held at this time. The Hawaii Campus has grown to be the second largest satellite campus of the Wayland Baptist University. For over 25 years, Wayland has educated thousands of men and women whose educational goals are in business, criminal justice, education, healthcare and religion. The evening and weekend classes are designed with the working adult in mind, individuals working toward a degree while maintaining a full-time job and caring for their family.

Congratulations! I applaud each of you as you celebrate and enjoy a much deserved sense of pride in all that you have accomplished.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator