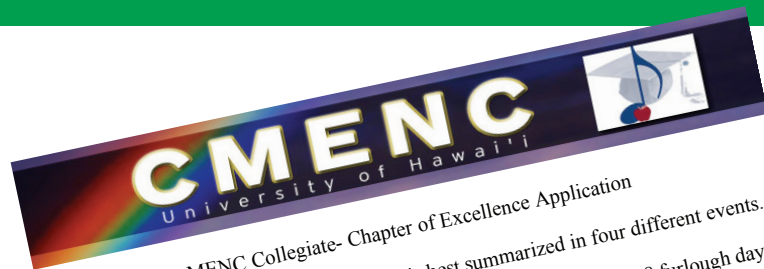


# MENC Chapter of Excellence

Chapter 418 was recently named an MENC Chapter of Excellence for service. We are very proud of this accomplishment and the official award will be presented in April.

Below is our application, response from MENC, and press release that will be included in MENC's "Teaching Music".

Thank you to all past, present and future members of CMENC Chapter 418.



MENC Collegiate- Chapter of Excellence Application

Chapter #418 Service: In 2009 our service is best summarized in four different events.

1. Furlough Fun Friday Music Program- The Hawaii D.O.E. imposed 18 furlough days to the school calendar for 2009-2010. This happened very quickly and our state was somewhat shocked. Our chapter quickly responded with a selection of free music course for public school students. It is difficult to sum up this project in one paragraph, but say I was amazed by our student's commitment to keep music education alive. Please visit the website for further information.  
[http://web.me.com/scourtney/UH\\_Manoa\\_Furlough/Welcome.html](http://web.me.com/scourtney/UH_Manoa_Furlough/Welcome.html)

2. Clinic Program- In 2009 we sponsored three clinics, which were open to our University students, local educators and Tri-M members. Our chapter has never received financial support for these events, but as a result of their success, the University of Hawai'i has awarded funding for four clinics in the spring of 2010.  
Low Brass Clinic- April 25<sup>th</sup>, T. J. Ricer, Eastman School of Music  
Instrument Repair- May 5<sup>th</sup>, SSgt. Joshua V. Mitchell of the United States Marine Corps Band  
Jazz Improv Clinic- October 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Byron Yasui and Benny Chong

3. Department Beautification- Over various school breaks, our CMENC chapter painted 14 practice rooms and 45 lockers. Mirrors and appropriate decoration were added to each room (koto practice room receiving Japanese theme, etc.). This was recognized by our University as part of our "Manoa Makeover".

4. MENC Petition Drive- MENC has already recognized UH Manoa's participation in this event, but this project became a wonderful service to our state. Our petition tables at various events prompted numerous conversations on the status of music education in Hawai'i. One particular event was the Oahu Central District Honor band festival. The petition drive became a point of discussion in multiple speeches. The guests included all the school's administration, but also many high-ranking state DOE employees and even two state Congressmen. Not only did we collect signatures, we also helped engage others on the state of music education.

Thank you for everything MENC does. Pictures, video or other print media is available upon request.

Thank you,  
*Scott Courtney*  
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Faculty Advisor

From: William Hall <williamh@menc.org>  
Subject: MENC Collegiate Chapter of Excellence Winners!  
Date: February 12, 2010 5:10:51 AM HST  
To: undisclosed-recipients: ;

Dear Collegiate Advisor,

Congratulations! Your chapter has been selected as one of the MENC Collegiate Chapter of Excellence winners!

The purpose of presenting these awards is to recognize collegiate chapters that have done outstanding work in the areas of chapter projects, chapter programs, and recruitment techniques. Please provide a brief description of the winning projects, programs, and techniques to be featured in the next Collegiate Chapter Resource Kit, as well as on the MENC Web site. Please see the collegiate kit pages 5-6 for examples from past winners. This kit is also available online at:  
[http://www.menc.org/documents/collegiate/collegiate\\_kit.pdf](http://www.menc.org/documents/collegiate/collegiate_kit.pdf)

Expect to receive your MENC Collegiate Chapter of Excellence Plaque for this recognition in April. Honorable mention winners will receive an official certificate in the next couple of weeks. Results will also be included in MENC's April issue of Teaching Music.

Announcing the Winners!

Music Programs  
Lawrence University (Chapter 611) Advisor, Phil Swan  
Hofstra University (Chapter 589) Advisor, Nathalie Robinson  
University of Nevada, Reno (Chapter 461) Advisor, Catherine Polaird

Professional Development  
University of Southern Maine (Chapter 226) Advisor, Douglas Owens  
Lawrence University (Chapter 611) Advisor, Phil Swan  
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Chapter 862) Advisor, Vincent Cee  
Honorable Mention - Hofstra University (Chapter 589) Advisor, Nathalie Robinson

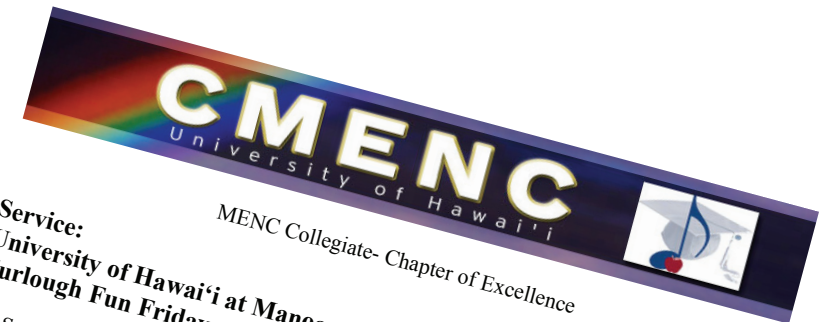
Recruitment  
University of Nevada, Reno (Chapter 461) Advisor, Catherine Polaird  
Hofstra University (Chapter 589) Advisor, Nathalie Robinson

Service  
University of Hawaii, Manoa (Chapter 418) Advisor, Scott Courtney  
Duchesne University (Chapter 159) Advisor, Rachel Whitcomb  
University of Delaware (Chapter 286) Advisor, Suzanne Burton  
Honorable Mention - Boise State University (Chapter 709) Advisor, David A Ricketts

Once again, congratulations on your chapter of excellence!

Sincerely,

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MENC Collegiate- Chapter of Excellence

**Service:  
University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Chapter 418  
Furlough Fun Fridays and Clinic Program**

On September 22, 2009, the state of Hawai'i announced the furlough of seventeen days of instruction for the 2009-2010 calendar year. The Friday furloughs began in mid-October, leaving minimal time to prepare any educational alternatives. Our student chapter quickly responded with a selection of free music courses for students grades K-12. Chapter members made themselves available between University courses and classroom space was somehow made available for their use as well. Courses ranged from parent/child elementary music class to middle and high school jazz workshops. While the project faced adversity, our CMENC students continued to commit themselves to keeping music education alive. We also must thank *Music Center of Hawai'i* for their generous donation of supplies. Hopefully furloughs will be eliminated from next year's calendar, but if not, we invite you to visit us for a Furlough Fun Friday session!

CMENC Hawai'i also sponsors ongoing clinic sessions for our University students, local educators and area Tri-M members. In the past, the chapter has paid for clinicians themselves, but recently received funding from the University of Hawai'i Office of Student Affairs to assist in this process. This funding will allow CMENC to host four clinics during the spring 2010 semester. These will include choral conducting, classical guitar pedagogy, and a special clinic for all education majors on résumé and portfolio development. CMENC Hawai'i remains committed to serving our community, our University population, and our music students. We wish you aloha, and mahalo to our fellow CMENC student's nation-wide.

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Thank you,  
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