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Dear East-West Center Student Community:

The thread of cooperative study runs through all of the Center's education programs, whether conducted on campus or off, in the classroom or in the field. At the Center, we view learning as a collaborative process to which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and perspective to benefit all student participants. We recognize the importance of establishing a basis for the comfortable exchange of ideas by building an environment of openness and trust, of shared community.

The East-West Center is unique among international institutions in its focus on community building at the campus level as a stepping-stone to community building at the regional level. While at the Center, student participants learn, work and live together, and together extend helping hands to the local community. The East- West Center experience is one of grassroots relationship building, cultural exchange, shared experiences, and communal preparation for future leadership roles throughout the region.

To preserve this vital East-West Center experience, adherence to the Code of Conduct—attached—is expected of all student participants. Along with the East-West Center Student Code of Conduct, you will find the Center's online code of conduct, policy on lobbying and political activity, the Center's Diversity Statement and its [Policy Against Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct](#) in which our Title IX process is detailed in Appendix A. These policies also can be found on our student portal here: [Participant Policies \(ewcparticipantinfo.org\)](#), along with the Housing Code of Conduct.

The East-West Center's jurisdiction for Title IX extends to "an EWC Program or Activity...which includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the EWC exercises substantial control over both the Respondent and the context in which the Title IX Prohibited Conduct occurs." Your CBI packets contain information about Title IX at the University of Hawai'i so that you can utilize that resource for incidents that occur on campus.

It is our sincere hope you will have a safe and collegial stay at the Center, University, and Honolulu; however, should you experience a problem, please know that you live in a caring and responsive community, and that it is safe for you to reach out for assistance.

Please review these documents carefully, make sure you understand them, and keep them for future reference.

Sincerely,

Ann Hartman
Dean