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### **CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY TO WELCOME ARGOSY UNIVERSITY'S PSYD PROGRAM**

HONOLULU, HAWAII (March 18, 2019) – After extensive investigation and collaboration, Chaminade University of Honolulu and the Hawaii School of Professional Psychology today announced it will continue to offer a PsyD program. The program was formerly hosted by Argosy University, which closed its doors and permanently suspended classes and programs earlier this month.

The only program of its kind in Hawaii, the PsyD is a five-year program that culminates in a professional doctorate in psychology degree preparing graduates for practice in psychotherapy and psychological testing. The program is home to approximately 100 students and faculty members, all of whom will be welcomed at Chaminade.

“The PsyD program has been instrumental in the instruction and grooming of mental health providers here in Hawaii,” said Dale Fryxell, Ph.D, dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Chaminade. “Mental health is an incredibly important need for Hawaii and I am confident this program will be a strong addition to our academic offerings. Many of our graduates have already obtained degrees through this program.”

Chaminade advisors will work with the students to ensure a smooth transition. Students will be able to continue on their current PsyD program with their same faculty members and courses.

“The stability and success of our students is our number one priority, and we thank the many team members who worked quickly and extensively to make this a reality,” said Dr. Lynn Babington, president of Chaminade University. “We also appreciate the swift action pending approvals from the two accrediting agencies, the American Psychological Association (APA) and WSCUC (WASC Senior College and University Commission), to ensure a seamless transition for the affected students.”

### About Chaminade University

Chaminade University of Honolulu provides a collaborative and innovative learning environment that prepares graduate and undergraduate students for life, service and successful careers. Established in 1955, the university is guided by its Catholic, Marianist and liberal arts educational traditions, which include a commitment to serving the Native Hawaiian population. Chaminade offers an inclusive setting where students, faculty and staff collectively pursue a more just and peaceful society. For more information, visit [www.chaminade.edu](http://www.chaminade.edu).

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