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Community Partnerships

Community connections, partnerships, and collaboration are central to the mission of the College. Hawai‘i Community College is responsive to the needs of the community and works proactively with the community on workforce training and economic development. Advisory councils in each of our training areas advise faculty of training needs and new developments in the field. These councils are listed under “Curricula and Programs.” In addition, the Chancellor of the College seeks advice from community and business leaders on ways the College can assist in economic development for the community. The College’s federally-funded programs focusing on workforce development/training also have community-based advisory committees that guide the development of those projects.

Chancellor’s Community Advisory Committee

D.N. Kaimana Barcarse, West Hawai‘i Regional Director for Community Engagement and Resources, Kamehameha Schools
Carl Carlson, Owner, Hu‘ehu‘e Ventures, LLC
Diane Chadwick, Director of Community Philanthropy, Hawai‘i Community Foundation
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Margaret “Peggy” Farias, W.H. Shipman, Ltd.
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Mahalo Award

The Mahalo Award was established in 1995 to recognize community-based organizations, companies or associations for their support of the educational programs at Hawai‘i Community College. The nominees may be civic organizations, clubs, professional associations, or companies in the community. These will usually be organizations located on the Big Island.

The Mahalo Award was presented to ‘Āina Aloha Economic Futures, an organization that aims to initiate and execute a process to gather grassroots community input to develop a vision for Hawai‘i’s economic future that is grounded on a core set of values that embrace our unique island culture and identity.

Alumni of the Year Award

The Alumni of the Year Award was presented to the late William “Billy” Kenoi. Mr. Kenoi attended Hawai‘i Community College in 1989 and 1990, continued his higher education journey through law school, and eventually became mayor of Hawai‘i Island. He believed in the power of positive thinking, hard work, and education to transform lives. Mr. Kenoi spread his inspirational message throughout our community and state, including as an instructor at Hawai‘i Community College.