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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
Diane Chadwick, Director of Community Philanthropy, Hawai‘i Community Foundation
Gerald De Mello, Community Liaison and Capital Improvement, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
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Alumni of the Year Award
The Alumni of the Year Award is presented to Erick Cremer. For this year’s Alumni of the Year Award, we thought it would be great to celebrate an alumni who has gone on to be an educator, as a celebration of education. Erick graduated from Hawai‘i Community College with an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing in 1994, received a Master’s Degree in Public Health (MPH) in 1997 at UH Mānoa, and then earned a Master’s Degree in Nursing Education from Gonzaga University.

After retiring, he came back as a volunteer due to the lack of faculty during COVID19. He lectured Nursing students and helped with the operations of the nursing laboratory, new nursing orientations, and simulation teaching. His teamwork and leadership would result in graduating 28 much needed nursing students in Spring 2021. He is a Public health advocate, exceptional nurse educator, wonderful collaborator, is patient, caring, approachable, easy to talk to, and an excellent mentor. If that wasn’t enough, he also has been known for his generosity in sharing from his home garden, and home brewed beverages that were so tasty. It is with honor to award our 2022 Alumni of the Year award to, Nursing Program Alumnus and Retired Faculty, Erick Cremer.
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.

This year it is an honor to recognize Dr. Barbara Bongo Arthurs. Dr. Arthurs retired as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Hawai‘i Community College in 2010 as the first University of Hawai‘i campus administrator of Filipino ancestry. Barbara also served in the capacity of counselor, and Dean of Students while at Hawai‘i Community College, and as the Director of Student Support Services at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Dr. Arthurs is a graduate of Waianae High School on O‘ahu. Despite financial obstacles, Barbara and her parents worked hard to provide an opportunity for her to attend the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. With family, she not only committed to complete but to give back. Her career spans the gamut of educational roles. She served as a public school teacher in Hawai‘i, a high school counselor in Hawai‘i, Colombia, South America, Trinidad and Tobago, and Arlington, VA. She also worked as a counselor and social worker in Canberra, Australia. Her educational roles led her to accept positions at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College.

While serving as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Hawai‘i Community College, Barbara made it a point to meet with every student who wanted to see her. She reached out to students who were academically at risk and in danger of being dismissed. Many former students and colleagues have expressed their gratitude for the empathy and encouragement that Barbara showed them. Her legacy in the academic world has impacted thousands of lives.

Thus, we honor this wonderful lady, a pride of our Kauhale who unconditionally offers her time, her talents and treasures such as the Barb Arthurs Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Last summer, I asked Barbara to once again assist us in reviewing and developing our Council of Students Organizations constitutions and bylaws. I am thrilled that she accepted. Throughout the year, she has guided me on how best I can support this effort as Chancellor, and also leading and guiding the CSO CON team, called the Arthurs Team, of mentors and student volunteers to complete the CSO CON documents that we can bring to our students next Fall to vote and adopt.

Barbara, as our lead, facilitator, convener is a perfect choice for this undertaking. She brought adaptability, flexibility, transparency, integrity, and credibility to the process, a process grounded that this work is for and by our students.