PURPOSE:
This award was established by Tadashi and Elizabeth Nakaeda Kunimoto to honor Masaki and Momoe Kunimoto, founders of Chikara Products, Inc., specializing in Hawai‘i’s foods, such as Aloha Tofu, Maui Natto, and Chikara Konnyaku, and to celebrate outstanding contributions made by faculty and staff in the area of career and technical education.

The Masaki and Momoe Kunimoto Memorial Award will be awarded on alternate years; even years to a faculty member, and odd years to a student who makes a significant contribution to career and technical education within the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges.

ELIGIBILITY:
Faculty or students with a record of service within the University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges’ career and technical education programs.

CRITERIA:

Faculty:
- Recipient demonstrates commitment to career and technical education by the investment of time in either teaching, counseling or participating in activities and presentations, such as research, workshops, exhibits and related programs that enhance vocational/technical education in the State of Hawai‘i.
- Recipient demonstrates an understanding of the technological changes occurring in career and technical education and their impact on the present and future workforce in the State of Hawai‘i.
- Recipient provides leadership in promoting technological changes using media, networks, and other means of communication.
- Recipient encourages students to conduct independent research in career and technical education.

Students:
- Recipient is a University of Hawai‘i Community College career and technical education student.
- Student must demonstrate commitment to career and technical education by his/her leadership, enthusiasm, participation in independent research, reporting of research findings, involvement in student activities and willingness to take risks.
in order to help make positive changes in the current and future workplace.

PROCEDURE:

- Each campus to submit one nomination under the Chancellor’s signature.
- Select recipient based on the criteria identified either for a faculty member or a student.
- Complete the attached NOMINATION FORM with requisite criteria, in detail.
- Include a portrait photo of the nominee, which will be used for publicity purposes.

**Deadline:** Send to Cammie Matsumoto, award coordinator and Director, Community Relations & Special Projects, Kaua‘i Community College, 3-1901 Kaumuali‘i Highway, Līhu‘e, HI 96766 by April 1. Call 808-245-8280, fax 808-245-0101, or email: cammie@hawaii.edu. Electronic copies may be sent.

SELECTION:
Recipient of the Masaki and Momoe Kunimoto Memorial Award will be selected by the award Selection Committee.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD:
The Selection Committee will notify the college and forward the name of the recipient to the University of Hawai‘i Foundation. The University of Hawai‘i Foundation shall arrange to issue a cash award to the recipient and shall notify the donor of the recipient.

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