UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I®
HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MASAKI AND MOMOE KUNIMOTO MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
2025-2026

PURPOSE:
The 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.

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 (CTE) in the University of Hawai'i Community College (UHCC).

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

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
Faculty

1. Demonstrates commitment to CTE by investing time in teaching, counseling, or participating in activities and presentations, e.g., research, workshops, exhibits and related programs that enhance CTE in Hawai'i.
2. Demonstrates an understanding of technological changes occurring in CTE and impact on current and future workforce in Hawai'i.
3. Provides leadership in promoting technological changes using media, networks, and other means of communication.
4. Encourages students to conduct independent research in CTE.

Student

1. UHCC CTE student
2. Demonstrates commitment to CTE by their leadership, enthusiasm, participation in independent research, reporting of research findings, involvement in student activities and willingness to take risks to make positive changes in the current and future workplace.

PROCESS:
To make a nomination, a letter of recommendation which notes how the faculty meets the criteria for the Kunimoto Memorial Award must be submitted.

DEADLINE: Must be received at the Chancellor's Office by **March 6, 2026.**