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President's Emerging Leaders Program, 2009  
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Provost's Award for Outstanding Service to the College, 1995  
Chancellor's 'A'ali'i Award, 2007  
Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching, 2011
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Service to the Community Award, 2000  
Innovation Award, 2000, 2003, 2007  
Wo Learning Champions - Community  
Building Award, 2008  
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Campus Award for Outstanding Staff  
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Provost's Award for Outstanding Service to  
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Innovation Award, 1997  
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Chancellor's 'A'ali'i Award, 2010

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Wo Learning Champions - Community Building Award (Second Honorable Mention), 2007  
Community College Leadership Champion, Generation VII  
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Campus Award for Outstanding Staff Member, 2014
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Chancellor's 'A'ali'i Award, 2008
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Fulbright Scholarship, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Committee, 2013
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Chancellor's 'A'ali'i Award, 2005  
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Chancellor's 'A'ali'i Award, 2012  
Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching,  
2012
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UH System President's Award for Excellence  
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Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service  
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Innovation Award, 2015
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