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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

Debbie Baker, EVP, Current Events

Carl Carlson, Owner, Hu'ehu'e Ventures, LLC

Gerald De Mello, Retired Director, University Relations, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Blayne Hanagami, Retired Manager, Workforce Development

Wendy Laros, Executive Director, Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce

Dwayne Mukai, Investment Professional, Mukai Investment Group

Barry Taniguchi, President/CEO, KTA Superstores

Eric Tanouye, President, Green Point Nurseries

Ross Wilson, Owner, Current Events

Mahalo Award 2018

Fulfilling our mission to provide high-quality, accessible education to the residents of Hawai'i Island would not be possible without the support of the many generous partner organizations who collaborate with us. To formally recognize community-based organizations for their support, we established the Mahalo Award in 1995.



Automotive Supply Center has always employed an endless amount of graduates from the Hawai'i Community College AMT and ABRP programs, and continues to employ our students to this current day. Both Peter and Darin operate a business that not only benefits our industries within our community, but most importantly, all of the trade students of Hawai'i Community College.



Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce is a key partner in advocating for and promoting this Campus within our Community, to our elected representatives, and with the West Hawai'i business community. Among its legislative priorities in 2018 is the program expansion and capacity at Pālanui. They are an unabashed partner with us in leveraging education and training as a means to ensure the skill base needed for employment of local residents and the success in entrepreneurs. They provide the College with a platform to do invaluable outreach into our Community. They also are an invaluable resource in providing access to data and rationale to evolve and develop the program profile in both West Hawai'i and over the entire Island of Hawai'i.