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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
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Mahalo Award 2017
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.

This year, Hawai‘i Community College recognizes two organizations that have been especially supportive of our campuses in East and West Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui loa to these organizations for their incredible support!

HPM Building Supply has been a key supporter of Hawai‘i Community College for decades as a scholarship donor and supporter of the Model Home Project. HPM also provides up to two annual scholarships to students in the Carpentry program under the “Building Future Builders” program. For nearly 25 years, HPM has been the only bidder able to meet the materials needs for the Model Home Project. Several times the company even supported us by advancing the materials when there were delays in the approval of funding.

Natural Energy Lab of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) has been an enthusiastic supporter of the new Hawai‘i Community College-Pālamanui campus. NELHA’s growing cluster of energy and aquaculture operations is a logical destination on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career pathways available to West Hawai‘i residents who will complete credentials at Hawai‘i CC-Pālamanui. NELHA has also been a critical operational partner to the college, providing access to laboratories for science classes during 2015-2016 while completion of the new labs at the Hawai‘i CC-Pālamanui campus was delayed.