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HGEA awards scholarships to 47 members and dependents

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, the state's largest labor union, recently awarded 47 HGEA Charles R. Kendall and Russell K. Okata Scholarships to HGEA members or dependents who are attending or plan to attend a college, university, or vocational or trade school on a full-time basis. The recipients were selected based on financial need, academic ability, personal letter and recommendations.

The following list of 2012-2013 scholarship recipients, divided by island, includes the schools that they are or will be attending:

OAHU

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Valerie B. Dionne, University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law
- Reece P. Otsuka, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- Alohalani P. Pangelinan, Leeward Community College
- Sherice C. Shiroma, University of Hawaii at Manoa

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Lauren E. Asato, Pacific University
- Lukas A. Baroza, Seattle University
- Tammie S. Bell, Chaminade University
- Joseph A.I. Choy, Pepperdine University

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OAHU (continued)

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- AiXiu A. Cooney, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Barbara L. Cooney, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Cherish P. Corpuz, University of California Irvine
- Brianna N. Daranciang, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Hunter K.M. Ellis-Lui-Kwan, Brigham Young University - Provo
- Erin A. Hashimoto, Kapiolani Community College
- Kaitlyn K. Hashimoto, Hawaii Pacific University
- Brittany K. Kalahiki, Washington State University
- Sheri S. Komori, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Colleen A. Licudine, University of Hawaii - West Oahu
- Jovana R.P. Shigetani, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Kelli A. Shindo, Kapiolani Community College
- Dayna K. Takahashi, Leeward Community College
- Kania A.A. Twyman, Kent State University
- Kelli Ann K. Zakimi, University of Hawaii at Manoa

HAWAII

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Marissa C. Bonnell, Portland State University
- Jacqueline D. Ganiron, Franklin Pierce University

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Koby K. Carpio-Sugihara, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- Nicolyn H. Charlot, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Brittney K.A. Imade, Eastern Washington University
- Derek K. Kalai, Western Governors University
- Brooke K. Kise, Northern Arizona University
- Megan H. McClintock, Western Washington University
- Cheynielle M. Pacheco, University of Hawaii at Hilo
- Royce M. Pasalo, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Chad I. Sakoda, University of Portland
- Michelle A. Tagorda, University of Hawaii at Manoa

KAUAI

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Adam Matthew R. Clark, Syracuse University
- Nicole A. Isoda, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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KAUAI (continued)

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Chase P. Parongao, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Kiah A. Shigeta-Koizumi, Oregon State University
- Jacob O. Teter, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Reyna E. Teter, Point Loma Nazarene University

MAUI

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Cheyenne K. Pico, Colorado State University
- Shyela L. Stephens, University of Hawaii at Manoa

\$1,500 Scholarship Recipients:

- Celina J.K. Hayashi, Scripps College
- Jennifer M. Lum, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Joveline A. Ollero, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
- Michael J. Teves, University of Hawaii at Hilo

The scholarships are named in honor of former HGEA executive directors Charles R. Kendall and Russell K. Okata, who both worked tirelessly to improve the lives of public employees. Throughout the year, the HGEA C. R. Kendall Fundraising Committee, composed of HGEA members, holds a variety events and activities on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island to raise funds for the Charles R. Kendall Scholarship and Education Trust Fund.

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About HGEA

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in seven bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.