

# Congratulations to Local 675 Scholarship Winners



**Dustin Bajarin-Freitas** 



D'angelo Rivera Bucsit



Megan K. Keanini Chock



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Mariah Grace M. Mundon

Congratulations to the nine winners of the Local 675 Imi Loa Foundation Scholarship Fund. The awardees, children of active Local 675 members, each won \$1,500 scholarships. "This was an increase of \$500 from previous years," said



Aviana Furuta



Kylie J. H. Murakami

Business Manager and Foundation Chair, Valentino Ceria. He added, "We're happy we have the resources for a program to financially assist the deserving child of our Union members. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients."



Kolby Shiseo Kon



Jaelynn Solidum

The winners for 2022 are listed in alphabetical order, noting their parental and qualifying Union ties, their respective academic background and the institutions that have accepted each for the Fall term.

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# Business Manager's Message | Valentino B. Ceria



Councilman Tommy Waters with Bus.Mgr. Valentino Ceria, BA/VP Benjamin Panis, and BA/Pres. Matthew Brady at the Labor Unity Picnic.

After a long summer break, it was good to have the in-person **General Membership Meeting** back at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria. The rap sessions are also starting up again on the various islands.

We recently were able to hold the **Labor Unity Picnic** on September 4th at the Waikiki Shell. This free event sponsored by the **Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council** which we belong to, also included affiliated unions under the **Hawaii State AFL-CIO**. The **LUP** is an annual event that started up again after Covid, highlighting Labor Day and honoring our own union workers. I want to thank **Brother Sam Barrett, Jr.** for spearheading the coordination for our Union, along with the Office and Training staff for their assistance at the picnic.

I want to remind everyone if you haven't already done so, it's not too late to register to vote. You can go to **elections.hawaii.gov** for detailed information and to register online. Remember, the **General Election** is on <u>Tuesday, November 8, 2022</u>. You should be receiving your ballots in the mail by October 21st. We are committed to supporting the Primary Democratic nominees for **Governor, Josh Green** and **Lt. Governor, Sylvia Luke**. I was happy to be at their headquarters celebrating their respective victories and congratulating them on behalf of **Local 675**. Other candidates for various districts who we support for the **General Election** are published in this newsletter.

I would like to inform you of important changes coming up with our own **Local 675** elections. Specifically regarding the election for various board positions for the **Executive Board**, **Finance Committee**, and **Examining Board**. Currently, we have been electing the board members on a staggered basis, with certain members elected one year, others elected the following year, and so on, which has been the practice for **Local 675** since 1980. Administrative Assistant to the General President, **Derrick Kualapai** and International Representative for California and Hawaii, **Aaron Stockwell** have advised **Local 675** that all Local Union offices set forth in **Section 100(a) of the**  UA Constitution—including the Executive Board, Finance Committee, and Examining Board—must be elected every three years in the same election. General President Mark McManus in a letter has directed Local 675 to carry out a plan to make the corrections. We will be holding an election for some board positions expiring by the end of this year, 2022. As directed by the UA, the positions expiring this year will be elected for a two-year term. Next year, in 2023, expiring positions will be elected for a oneyear term. All elected positions will expire at the same time in 2024.

In the last election held in 2021, we were able to utilize mail-in ballots giving the members every opportunity to cast a vote and have a voice, especially the neighbor island members. The members voted in favor of using mail-in ballots at the **General Membership Meeting** held on September 6, 2022. I am happy to report that General President **Mark McManus** and the **UA General Office** have approved our request to continue with the mail-in ballots.

On a related note, we are working on revising the **Constitution, By-Laws and Working Rules of Local 675**, to ensure that it is in compliance with the **UA** rules and regulations.

At this time, congratulations go out to the winners of the Local 675 Scholarship Fund and also a United Association scholarship recipient. All the deserving winners are listed in this newsletter. The Local 675 scholarship amount was increased this year from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Next year's scholarship application will be available online in March, so if you have dependents graduating please take advantage of this opportunity.

On July 9th we held the **PAMCAH-UA Local 675 56th Apprenticeship Graduation** ceremony and dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. On behalf of the Union, I welcomed and accepted the **94** graduating apprentices from the **Fall of 2021** and **Spring 2022**. Congratulations to all the proud graduates!

This year we were able to start up the **Membership Benefits Conference** once again. It was recently held on Saturday, September 24th at the Mauna Lani Hotel on the Big Island. This is an informational event as far as learning about your Union and your health and welfare benefits. It is also a free, fun event for Big Island members and their ohana with prizes and giveaways. We try to rotate the **MBC** every year on the different islands.

Our annual holiday dinners for **Oahu** and **neighbor islands** are coming up this year after a long absence due to Covid. You should have received your invitations by now. Check the dates in the calendar section of this newsletter.

One last note, be ready for the **Great Aloha Run** in **2023**!

# The Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 675 Candidate Endorsements – 2022 General Elections



Business Manager Valentino Ceria joins the celebration with Primary Democratic nominees for Governor, Josh Green and Lt. Governor, Sylvia Luke.

The Plumbers and Pipefitters UA, Local 675 enjoyed a great primary election with much success at the voting booths. Most of our candidates have advanced to the General Election on November 8th. We would like to thank you for your support and your vote, and announce our list of formally endorsed incumbents/candidates for the upcoming 2022 General Elections.

The Process: All specific requests for endorsement are considered. Local 675's Political Action Committee thoroughly reviews, researches and discusses each request received. Decisions to endorse, not endorse, etc. are based on criteria that include but are not limited to the following:

- Incumbent Candidate status vs. New Candidate status;
- Previous voting record, if any;
- Positions on issues that are of importance to Local 675 and its members;
- Positions on issues that are of importance to the community;
- Work Ethic and Viability as a Candidate;
- Accessibility and overall relationship with Local 675.

Elected-Officials and policy makers decide on issues that affect our lives each and every day. The union's ability to provide for its members and their families rely on its ability to influence decisions, make sure they're made inline with union beliefs, and bring value to our industry and our members. It's important that each and every member understands the collective value of being politically proactive and engaged, and most importantly, the value of our collective vote.

A politically engaged and informed membership is vital to the continued success of the Plumbers and Pipefitters UA, Local 675 far into the future.

With that said, Local 675's Political Action Committee asks that you consider the listed endorsed candidates when voting, and ask your family and friends to do the same. But most of all..."PLEASE VOTE!" United States Congress:

SCHATZ, Brian- US Senate CASE, Ed- US Representative- District I

Governor GREEN, Josh- Governor

Lieutenant Governor LUKE, Sylvia- Lt. Governor

### State Senate

INOUYE, Lorraine Rodero- State Senate- District 1 DeCOITE, Lynn- State Senate- District 7 ELEFANTE, Brandon- State Senate- District 16

### **State House of Representatives**

GARRETT, Andrew- House of Representatives Dist. 22 SAIKI, Scott- House of Representatives Dist. 25 BELATTI, Della A.- House of Representatives Dist. 26 TAKENOUCHI, Jenna- House of Representatives Dist. 27

AIU, Micah Pookela Kim- House of Rep. Dist. 32
ALCOS, David A., III- House of Representatives Dist. 41
HAR, Sharon- House of Representatives Dist. 42
ELI, Stacelyn- House of Representatives Dist. 43
KILA, Darius- House of Representatives Dist. 44

### **City Council of Honolulu**

ROTHMAN, Makua- City Council District II WATERS, Tommy- City Council District IV TOGUCHI, Traci- City Council District VI OKIMOTO, Val- City Council District VIII

Hawai`i Island County Council

KUSCH, Matthias- County Council District 2

### **Maui Island County Council**

KAMA, Tasha- Kahului Maui SUGIMURA, Yuki Lei- Upcountry Maui PELE, John- Moloka`i COOK, Tom- South Maui U'U-HODGINS, Nohe- Makawao-Haiku-Paia

### Kaua`i County Council

**COWDEN, Felicia**- Kaua`i County Council **KAGAWA, Ross**- Kaua`i County Council **KUALI`I, Kipukai**- Kaua`i County Council PAGE 4

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# **Congratulations to 94 Apprenticeship**

# **FALL 2021**

## **Plumber Apprentices**

### **Island of Oahu**

Chance Akamichi Shelden Bailey **Royce Butler** William Camara Darian Corpuz Keaka Fernandez Gabriel Fuiimoto **Richline Gabres-Batoon** Gandeur Ipalari Tyler Kono James Matsumura III Cade McNamara Richard Mello, Jr. Jason Miyasaki

Ronan Moynihan Myles Nieva Gainor Nitta Ryan Oniate Jomar Pedro Dustin Pilialoha Ruben Raman **Chanse Ramirez** Julius Rellin Jason Rivera Christian Arvin Rondal Zachary Sistoza Frank Wilhelm III Ryan Yanagihashi

# **Refrigeration Air Conditioning Apprentices**

### **Island of Oahu**

Bronson Akina Dane Amii Shannen Apostadiro Gilbert Duropan Shaine Empron Alan Ibanes, Jr. Kahue Kaopuiki Christopher Lindsey

#### Island of Hawaii

Victor Duran Scottie Leopoldino Desmond Toson, Sr. Elmer Ventura

Jarryd Miyashiro Lewis Orr Lawrence Paas Austin Rapis Javen Sakauye Landon Yoshimura

Trevor Ling

Chandler Mattos-Mitchell

**Island of Maui** 

Jared Kaholokula

# **Island of Hawaii**

Neill Martin

### **Island of Kauai**

Timothy Kanehe Akoni Kashima

# **Fire Sprinkler Apprentices** Island of Oahu

Chase Aki Joseph Areola Brian Hirayama Seth Lewis

# **SPRING 2022**

## **Plumber Apprentices Island of Oahu**

Kevin Aguilar **Richard Angelo** Greidan Cadiz Corey Furuya Sosiua Havea Kyung Hyun Quentin Kea

### **Island of Hawaii**

Bryston-Jay Savella

### Aaron Kosuga Isaiah Manding Chandler Nakata **Trensten Spragling** Pavne Williams Chad Yamashita

**Island of Maui** 

Moses Kauhaahaa

# **Fire Sprinkler Apprentices**

**Island of Hawaii** Anthony Chapa

# **Refrigeration Air Conditioning Apprentices**

### **Island of Oahu**

Ronie Agustin Lane Asuncion Patrick Carino Christopher Ho Lisa Ishikawa Kaipo Lee **Cristoper Manuel** 

Robert Matsumura Nainoa Naeole Brian Ninomoto, Jr. Kristy Patacsil Derrick Shigemura Tyler Subia

### Island of Hawaii

Kavlor Bishaw Reyn Clarke Dustyn Kaiawe Kodv Minemoto Nicolas Naone Devin Tabiolo

### Island of Kauai

Chance Coufal

Cheydon Jacobs

# **Island of Maui** Michael Diaz, Jr.

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# Graduates Class of 2021 and 2022



Union President and Trustee, Matthew Brady gives the invocation at the Apprenticeship Graduation Banquet. Seated (I-r): David Fujikawa-President, PAMCA, Mark Suzuki-Management Trustee, Ronden Numasaki-Master of Ceremonies, and Valentino Ceria-Local 675 Business Manager/Chairman, PAMCAH-UA Local 675 Training Fund.



Business Manager Valentino Ceria addresses the new graduates.

# **Apprenticeship Contest Winners**

#### PLUMBING



1st Place Winner: Sosiua Havea



2nd Place Winner: Chad Yamashita

*3rd Place Winner: Richline Gabres-Batoon (not present)* 

### **REFRIGERATION AIR CONDITIONING**



1st Place Winner: Ronnie Agustin



2nd Place Winner: Landon Yoshimura with Bus Mgr/Chairman, JATC, Valentino Ceria and Administrator, Workforce Development Div, State DOL, Maricar Pilotin-Freitas.



3rd Place Winner: Kahue Kaopuiki

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# Labor Unity Picnic - In Celebration of All Our Wor

Local 675 joined other Union friends and families to celebrate a Labor Day weekend filled with continuous local entertainment and giveaways at the Waikiki Shell. "It was great to have the Unity Picnic once again after a long absence because of Covid. The great turnout demonstrated the solidarity of our Union brothers and sisters and their families enjoying and commemorating the Labor Day holiday," said Business Manager Val Ceria. The keiki as well as the adults enjoyed a variety of treats and games hosted by participating unions at their tents and the keiki fun zone. "Everyone seemed to enjoy the icy cold Samurai ice cream and Ju-Mui icy pops at our own Plumbers & Fitters tent," commented President Matt Brady.

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# **Celebrating Labor Day at the Labor Unity Picnic**



(I-r) BA Matt Brady, State Rep. Sylvia Luke (candidate for Lt. Governor), BM Val Ceria, Lt. Governor Josh Green (candidate for Governor), and BA Ben Panis.



(I-r) BA Matt Brady, BM Val Ceria, State Representative Val Aquino Okimoto (candidate for Honolulu City Council District 8), and Govt.Rel. Kika Bukoski.



(I-r) Jill Tokuda (candidate for U.S. Congress District II), Lt. Governor Josh Green (candidate for Governor), State Rep. Sylvia Luke (candidate for Lt. Governor), Masons BM Peter Iriarte, BM Val Ceria, and U.S. Senator Brian Schatz.



(I-r) BA Sam Barrett, Jr., BA Matt Brady, Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, BM Val Ceria, BA Ben Panis, and Lt. Governor Josh Green (candidate for Governor).



(I-r) Micah Po'okela Kim Aiu (candidate for State House of Rep. District 32), Senator Donna Mercado Kim (State Senate District 14), and BM Val Ceria.



(I-r) Trng. Joel Reyes, Trng. Ronden Numasaki, Donovan Lewis, BA Matt Brady, BA Sam Barrett, Jr. (kneeling), BM Val Ceria, Govt.Rel. Kika Bukoski, Lt. Governor Josh Green (candidate for Governor), BA Lance Hayashi, Trng. Dean Kobashigawa, BA Ben Panis and Mrs. Jaime Green.

# **News from Local 675 Retiree Club**

Local 675 Retiree Club Meeting was held at the Mililani Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. President **Jonathan Lee** opened nominations for the following positions: 1st Vice President, Secretary, and (1) Board Member. The election will be held at the next Retiree Club Meeting. Brother **Douglas Kekona** was recognized as the newest retiree to join the Club. The next Retiree Club Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mililani Golf Clubhouse.

Local 675 retirees who retain Local 675 membership are welcome to join the Local 675 Retiree Club. Annual club dues of \$20 include all breakfasts for that calendar year. For more information, call **Jonathan Lee** at (808) 892-0099.

# Scholarship

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Dustin Bajarin-Freitas: Honolulu (Iolani School), parents Christopher Freitas (Plbr JM-Commercial Plumbing) and Leila Bajarin, accepted by Oregon State University, University of Portland, University of Las Vegas. Major - Electrical Engineering.

D'angelo Rivera Bucsit: Kailua (Kailua HS), parents Darrell Bucsit (Sprinkler Ftr JM-Gordon Mechanical) and Emelyn Rivera-Bucsit, accepted by Windward CC, Kapi'olani CC. Major - Kinesiology/Exercise Science.

Megan K. Keanini Chock: Mililani (Kaiser HS), parents Wilder Chock (Refr Ftr JM-Johnson Controls) and Sandee Keanini, accepted by Boise State University. Major – Health Sciences.

Krislen M. Fujimoto-Palakiko: Maui (Maui HS), parents Allen Palakiko Jr. (Sprinkler Ftr JM- Commercial Plumbing) and Krista-Arlene Palakiko, accepted by UH at Maui College. Major – Pre-Pharmacy. Aviana Furuta: Mililani (Mililani HS), parents Blane Furuta (Plbr JM-Owner, Performance Plumbing) and Shayna Furuta, accepted by UH Manoa, San Diego State University, University of SF. Major – Business Marketing.

Kolby Shiseo Kon: Honolulu (Iolani School), parents Walton Kon (Refr Ftr JM-Alaka`i Mechanical) and Dena Kawazoe-Kon, accepted by Pacific University, Portland University, Oregon State University. Major – Kinesiology.

Mariah Grace M. Mundon: Aiea (Aiea HS), parents Scott Tamashiro (Refr Ftr JM-Economy Plumbing) and Misty Tamashiro, accepted by Leeward CC, UH-West Oahu, UH-Manoa. Major – Social Science.

Kylie J. H. Murakami: Honolulu (Mid-Pacific Institute), parents Randy Murakami (Refr Ftr JM-unemployed) and Brandy Murakami, grandfather Wayne Murakami (life-time retiree), accepted by University of Portland, Creighton University, University of Oregon. Major - Psychology.

Jaelynn Solidum: Honolulu (Kamehameha Schools), parents Jared Solidum (Plbr JM-Commercial Plumbing) and Katie Solidum, accepted by University of North Dakota, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Ohio State University. Major - Commercial Aviation/Aeronautical Science.

### SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Logan Kashima, daughter of Teddi Kashima, who works for Commercial Plumbing on Kauai, has received the coveted scholarship from the United Association. As this year's representative of Local 675, we applaud her achievement and wish Logan and the other worthy recipients the very best for a bright future!

# Attention All Licensed Journeyman Plumbers

This is a reminder from the State Department that by law you are required to wear your plumber journeyman license card while working on the job. We have card holders still available at the Union office.

# FCU News Consolidate Debt and \$ave

For a limited time we are offering a special loan rate starting at 4.99% APR\*! Move all of your high interest debt into a single, lower interest, affordable monthly payment.

Simply consolidate your debt into Plumbers & Fitters Local 675 Federal Credit Union.

For more information, contact the Credit Union at (808) 537-9135.

\*APR-Annual Percentage Rate. Subject to credit approval. Rates are subject to change at any time and are not guaranteed. Individual rates may vary depending on credit worthiness.

# **NEW PENSIONERS**

Congratulations and happy retirement to the following pensioners:

2022
2022
2022
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In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of deceased members:

Myron Matsumoto	4/24/2022
Elroy Chun	6/7/2022
Alvin Fujimoto	
Russell Tetsutani, Sr	
Morio Tamayose	

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# Members on the Job



(I-r) Ronson Patao and Lance Ujano. Hawaii Sheetmetal and Mechanical, Inc. ILWU Harry Kamoku Hall Renovation, Hilo.



(I-r) Chawn-Lance Resureccion and Eleot Kaipo. **Qualified** *Plumbing, Inc.* ILWU Harry Kamoku Hall Renovation, Hilo.



Union Initiation – Kauai Rap Session: (I-r) Sheldon I Cabral – KAUAI AIR CONDITIONING – Refrigeration Fitter/Apprentice, Keoni N Gaoiran – KAUAI AIR CONDITIONING – Refrigeration Fitter/Apprentice, Stetson K Igne – KAUAI AIR CONDITIONING – Refrigeration Fitter/Journeyman, Working Foreman, Collins C Medeiros – KAUAI AIR CONDITIONING – Refrigeration Fitter/ Apprentice, Taylor J Ryan – KAUAI AIR CONDITIONING – Refrigeration Fitter/Apprentice, Kristopher R Manuel – OAHU AIR CONDITIONING & SHEETMETAL – Refrigeration Fitter/Apprentice, Dennis Jose A. Morales Jr. – DORVIN D LEIS CO. INC. – Plumber Apprentice, Layne Kalae Santiago – DORVIN D LEIS CO. INC. – Plumber Apprentice, Trevor D Tadiarca – DORVIN D. LEIS CO. INC. – Plumber Apprentice, Zayden E Sarmiento – GORDON MECHANICAL LLC. – Plumber Apprentice.



(I-r) Robert Lum III and Robert "Ona" Lum, Jr. **Commercial Plbg.** Lai Lani, Kona. GC: Coastal Construction.



(I-r) Dustin Bockrath and Lance Ujano. **Hawaii Sheetmetal.** Keauhou Shopping Center, Kona.



(I-r) Bob Koscik, Wesley Keola Kailimai, Sean Kaawa. **Qualified Plumbing.** USRC Dialysis Center, Kona. GC: Isemoto Construction.



(I-r) Kaleo Deguilmo, Reggie Yap, Bus.Mgr. Val Ceria, George Bacobo, Ryan Silva. **Commercial Plumbing**. Kealani on Maui.



(I-r) George Bocobo, Bus.Mgr. Val Ceria, Sean Rabang, Jeth Bacongco. **Commercial Plumbing.** Kealani on Maui.



(I-r) Shawn Badillo, Sunny Bocobo, Bus. Mgr. Val Ceria. **Dorvin D. Leis Co.** Lai Loa on Maui.



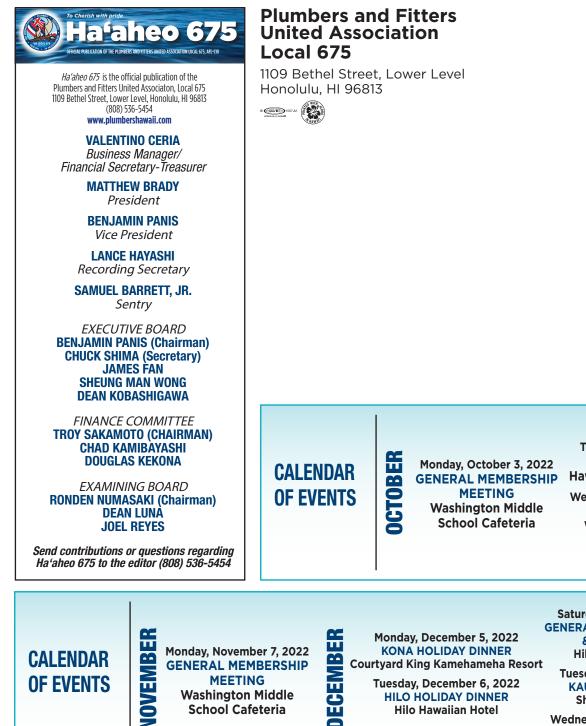
(I-r) Cliff Marukawa, Mike Malabon, Waylon Bacos, Reed Ogata, lokepa "Keppa" Auwae, Bus.Mgr. Val Ceria. **Hi-Tech Plumbing.** Kaiaulu O Halelea, in Kihei, Maui.



(I-r) Jake Kininau, Bus.Mgr. Val Ceria, Codie Constantino, Ivan Yap. **Commercial Plumbing.** Kealani on Maui.



(I-r) Mike Diaz, Daniel Leis, Bus.Mgr. Val Ceria, Vinnie Passetti. **Dorvin D. Leis Co.** Lai Loa on Maui.



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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** MEETING Washington Middle **School Cafeteria** 

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**Courtyard King Kamehameha Resort** 

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 **HILO HOLIDAY DINNER** Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Saturday, December 10, 2022 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY DINNER Hilton Hawaiian Village** 

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 **KAUAI HOLIDAY DINNER Sheraton Kauai Resort** 

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 MAUI HOLIDAY DINNER Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022 KONA RAP SESSION Hawaii Community College

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 **HILO RAP SESSION** Waiakea Intermediate School