



Ha'aheo 675

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Honor Roll of Graduated Apprentices Number 24



PAMCAH-UA Local 675 representatives on the Honolulu joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry join the 2015-2016 apprenticeship program graduates, instructors, and training staff at the recent 50th annual ceremony/dinner. Front row, from left, Mark Suzuki, Sam Fujikawa, Kent Matsuzaki, Robert Lamb II, Reggie Castanares, Val Ceria, Matt Brady. Second row, Troy Sakamoto, Greg Serikaku, Barry Lai, Ken Richardson, Tracy Tanouye, Kirk Kageno, Ronden Numasaki, Chuck Shima. Top row, Preston Nakata, Keith Sanagena, Kirk Stensgaard, Blake Harano, Shane Horie, Jason Au, Kyle Heanu, Mark Batoon, Kalea Peralta, Kasey Cabison, Brian Florendo, Ross Acoba, Kevin Ishihara, Brandon Hirota, Nathan Hirayasu Jr., Craig K. Reyes, Kyle Minemoto, Blaine Sakata.

An Annual Tribute Befitting Industry's 50th Graduation Ceremony and Dinner

It seemed like an eternity but the arduous five-year stretch experienced by each of the 24 apprentices to claim their coveted certificate of completion was worth "every minute" of dedicated effort and personal sacrifice. Their commencement June 18 held at the Hilton Coral Ballroom capped a dream of fulfillment in becoming the latest addition in the journeyman ranks of the **Plumbers & Fitters Local Union 675**.

Noted business manager **Reggie Castanares**: "This fresh generation of tradesmen will follow their predecessors

in helping to build a greater Hawaii that will be a monument to their skills when they retire."

Robert Lamb II, visiting UA International Representative for California and Hawaii: "Like those before you on similar occasions you're recognized for your sacrifices from the first day as an apprentice and were steady upholding the principles important to achieve your goal. You also showed respect for those connected with the program and enjoyed a long-term partnership with each person who contributed in fulfilling your ultimate destiny. And surely

you must be proud that your family have always been your biggest boosters."

Barry Lai, president, PAMCA:

"So what does it mean to be a graduate? It means you get PAID! But more than that, of course, it means you also have learned to work by yourself unsupervised. This new responsibility means you should own every project assigned to, no longer an apprentice who just takes orders. You will be checking things yourself and not simply installing per plan. If there's a better way to

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Djou is Union's Mayor Choice in Primary Race

The Plumbers & Fitters Local Union 675 is heralding Charles Djou as their choice to run Honolulu City Hall in the August 13 primary election.

“We feel Djou is a no-nonsense communicator fearless in taking an unpopular stand if he determines it will ensure island residents will benefit economically in the long run,” exclaimed Local 675 business manager **Reggie Castanares**.

Djou was commended also for his call for fiscal accountability, which Union leaders contend is lacking in the incumbent City administration.

The other supporting independent labor groups are the IBEW Electricians Local 1186, the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 132, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 126, and the IBEW Local 1260.

Here is the complete list of candidates favored by Local 675 for the Primary Election:

- U.S. Senate:**
Brian Schatz
- Congressional District 1:**
Colleen Hanabusa
- Congressional District 2:**
Tulsi Gabbard
- Senate District 5:**
Gil Keith-Agaran
- Senate District 8:**
Ron Kouchi
- Senate District 10:**
Les Ihara
- Senate District 11:**
Brian Taniguchi
- Senate District 13:**
Karl Rhoads
- Senate District 14:**
Donna Mercado Kim
- Senate District 15:**
Glenn Wakai
- Senate District 19:**
Will Espero
- Senate District 20:**
Mike Gabbard
- Senate District 21:**
Donovan Dela Cruz

- House District 1:**
Mark Nakashima
- House District 2:**
Clifton Tsui
- House District 3:**
Richard Oishi
- House District 4:**
Joy San Buenaventura
- House District 7:**
Cindy Evans
- House District 8:**
Joe Souki
- House District 9:**
Justin Woodson
- House District 11:**
Diedre Teagarden
- House District 12:**
Kyle Yamashita
- House District 13:**
Lynn Decoite
- House District 15:**
James Kunane Tokioka
- House District 16:**
Dee Morikawa
- House District 18:**
Mark Hashem
- House District 19:**
Bert Kobayashi
- House District 20:**
Calvin Say

- House District 21:**
Scott Nishimoto
- House District 23:**
Isaac Choy
- House District 24:**
Della Au Belatti
- House District 25:**
Sylvia Luke
- House District 26:**
Scott Saiki
- House District 27:**
Takashi Ohno
- House District 28:**
John Mizuno
- House District 29:**
Daniel Holt
- House District 31:**
Aaron Johanson
- House District 32:**
Linda Ichiyama
- House District 33:**
Tracy Arakaki
- House District 34:**
Gregg Takayama
- House District 35:**
Roy Takumi
- House District 36:**
Beth Fukumoto Chang
- House District 37:**
Ryan Yamane

- House District 42:**
Sharon Har
- House District 43:**
Stacelynn Eli
- House District 44:**
Jo Jordan
- House District 46:**
Marcus Oshiro
- House District 48:**
Jarrett Keohokalole
- House District 49:**
Ken Ito
- Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney:**
Keith Kaneshiro

- Honolulu City Council**
- 1: Kymberly Marcos Pine**
- 3: Ikaika Anderson**
- 5: Ann Kobayashi**
- 7: Joey Manahan**
- 9: Ron Menor**
- Kauai County Council:**
- Derek Kawakami**
- Mel Rapoza**
- Maui County Council:**
- Makawao:**
- Mike White**
- Upcountry:**
- Napua Greig-Nakasone**



Mayor aspirant Charles Djou greets Union leader Reggie Castanares in his dual capacity as Plumbers Union chief and head of Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council.

**Imi Loa Scholarships
Awarded**

The next issue will feature awardees of the UA Plumbers & Fitters Local Union 675 Imi loa scholarships. A luncheon honoring them was scheduled for July 21.

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do an installation, speak up, ask questions to help the project succeed. You gain confidence by also communicating clearly with others on the project.”

Chuck Shima, program emcee and the Apprenticeship Training Coordinator for the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry, supervised the evening’s activities with the staff’s assistance.

The graduates who made up the two class completions, are listed by trade and island residence:

Plumbers:

Oahu: Blake T. Harano, Shane H. Horie, Preston Nakata, Cameron K. Pacheco, Craig J. Reyes, Kirk K. Stensgaard.
Big Island: Cody A. Haddin.

Refrigeration/Air Conditioning:

Oahu: Ross J. Acoba, Mark J. Batoon, Kasey K. Cabison, Brian C. Florendo, Nathan T. Hirayasu Jr., Keven M. Ishihara, Sean K.K. Matsuoka, Craig K. Reyes, Jon H. Zaa, Big Island: Kyle K. Minemoto, Blaine Sakata. Kauai: Brandon Y. Hirota. Maui: Kaiea J. Peralto.

Steamfitter-Welder:

Oahu: Jason J. Au, Kyle W. Heanu, Shane Exodus N.K. Kahala, Keith K. Saragena.

Fire Sprinkler Fitter:

None.

Contest Winners from Joint Fall 2015/Spring 2016 Competition:

Plumbing: 1st, Craig J. Reyes; 2nd, Blake T. Harano; 3rd, Preston Y. Nakata.

Refrigeration A/C: 1st, Kasey K. Cabison; 2nd, Craig R. Reyes; 3rd, Mark J. Batoon.

Steamfitter Welder: 1st, Shane Exodus N.K. Kahala; 2nd, Kyle W. Heanu; 3rd, Keith K. Saragena.

Recalling When They Decided on Their Trade Choice

Asked about their start in the trade, these graduates recalled what got them interested:

Brandon Hirota, Refrigeration A/C, Kauai: “Mechanics in high school first stirred me, but after exposure of the trades while at Honolulu Community College, my brother-in-law drew me to A/C, his chosen craft working for Oahu Air on our home island. We’re now both doing it together for the same company.”

Kyle Heanu, Steamfitter Welder: I’ve always wanted to be a tradesman and the one I chose after qualifying as an ap-

prentice has never wavered. I just like what I’m doing and can’t say enough about our apprenticeship program.” (Kyle’s with **American Piping**.)

Blake Harano, Plumber: “A trade somehow stuck in my mind though I spent post-high school years at a mainland junior college and at UH-Manoa earning degrees at both. When I settled down on a career, the apprenticeship program attracted me. What I felt important about life is that one never stops learning.” (Blake works for Commercial Plumbing.)

Labor Day Set for Our Annual Family Picnic at Waikiki Shell

It’s not too soon to calendar **Sunday, Sept. 4**, for some cool slush, **Local 675’s** perennial reminder of its sharing of Labor Day celebration with other brotherhoods at the **Waikiki Shell**, from **4:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

The free event (including food, live music, and prize drawings) encourages families to bring along a food drive donation to benefit the State AFL-CIO Labor Community Services food pantry.

Gates will open at 3:30 for free parking at Waikiki Elementary. Tips will be accepted for free valet service on the campus grass. Or if lucky enough, self-park in the public lot fronting the Shell. Also a free shuttle will be available for parking at nearby Kapiolani Community College.

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Apprenticeship

Training Venues, Revamped Classes Highlight Fall Term

Additional classrooms and instructors greeted more than 130 newly registered apprentices for the fall term, according to Training Coordinator **Chuck Shima**, head of the joint Local 675 apprenticeship program.

"We also expect to retrieve our former classrooms at **Honolulu Community College**, to accommodate seven related math classes and nine solder brazing classes," Shima said. The additions should account for the largest semester class ever experienced for the **Plumbers joint program**.

Changes in physical facilities, initiated by business manager **Reggie Castanares**, include installation of internet/communications for the Training Office following its move to Iwilei. "We're grateful for the transfer as it means more effective use of our expanding training program," Shima said.

Beginning with the Fall 2016 curriculum, the Pearl City facility will operate classes in drawing interpretation, along with most hands-on classes as rigging, pipefitting layout, solder brazing, plumbing installation, fire sprinkler installation, fire pumps, and all welding classes except for basic welding.

Classes at Iwilei include related math, drawing interpretation, computers, fire sprinkler with distance learning, AC refrigeration-related and hands-on classes.

A recent addition to the regular staff is training coordinator **Ronden Numasaki**, a Local 675 member since 1994 and formerly with Oahu Plumbing and Dorvin D. Leis. A graduate of the UA instructor training program, he continues to serve as an instructor for PAMCAH and the Hawaii Plumbing license competency class.

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PLUMBING



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2nd, Blake T. Harano



3rd, Preston Y. Nakata

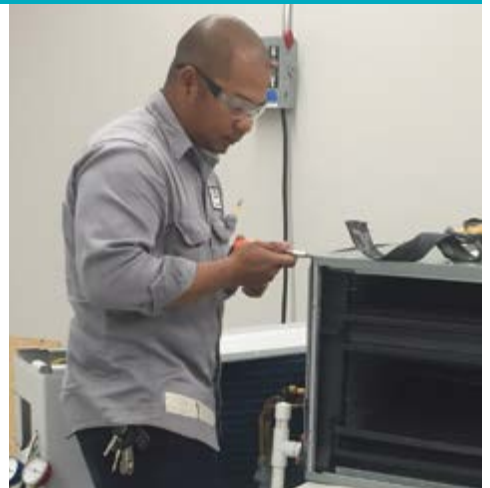
REFRIGERATION A/C



1st, Kasey K. Cabison

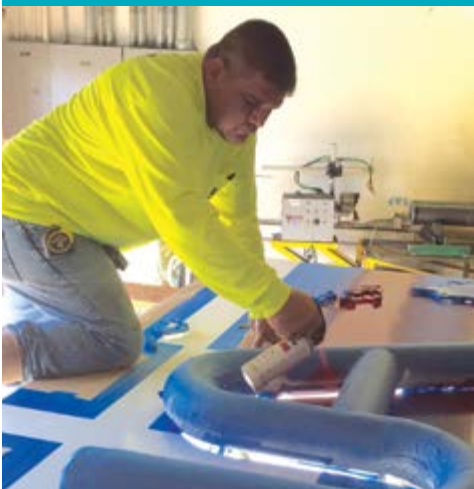


2nd, Craig R. Reyes



3rd, Mark J. Batoon

STEAMFITTER/ WELDER



1st, Shane Exodus N.K.Kahala



2nd, Kyle W. Heanu



3rd, Keith K. Saragena

Islanders Look Forward to Changes at UA Annual Convention



*William P. Hite
General President*

A strong delegation of 21 elected **Local 675** members led by business manager **Reggie Castanares** will be at the **39th Annual General Convention of the United Association** in San Diego through the first week of August (1-5).

In addition to the usual full agenda the UA will provide to update its nation-wide representation. Attendees will have the rare opportunity of welcoming the new General President-designate, **Mark McManus** (picture at right). He is the current UA General Secretary-Treasurer and slated to replace retiring General President **William P. (Bill) Hite**.

Hite is concluding a remarkable career marked by many achievements that have, in the words of a recent accolade from a major employer group honoring him, "made the UA into our nation's most progressive and influential trade union."

The encomium from the Mechanical Contractors Association of America noted that Hite created the UA's Standard for Excellence and Standard for safety programs, raised the apprentice ranks, initiated the Helmets-to-Hardhats program, and created the UA's Veterans-in-Piping programs, championed training initiatives through the UA's International Training Fund. He was cited also for expanding the UA's international influence affiliating with Canada, Ireland, and Australia, and importantly, boosted ties with signatory employer organizations with the long-term aim of ensuring work opportunities for its members.

"We're blessed to have had a rare leader like Bill Hite and feel also his successor will look to him as a model," Castanares said.



Neighbor Isle Roundup With Our Field Agents

What are some of the ongoing Neighbor Isle projects under watchful eyes of our business agents? Here are a few attention-getters.

Matt Brady on the Big Island:

The Marriott at Waikoloa, converting 112 units as time shares on its South Tower. GC Layton Construction expects completion next year. In Hilo newly built Haihai Fire Station aims to finish by Christmas. **Dorvin Leis** is on the two jobs.

Both new construction and maintenance contracts are picking up for the second half of the year and that should make for a busy upcoming new year.

Val Ceria on Maui:

The Marriott's 500-room renovation in Wailea, begun in May, is roughly an 8-month project. The GC, Sterling Development, is utilizing **Commercial Plumbing**, which also is GC Viking's choice for the hotel's restaurant renovation.

Phase 3 at the Kaanapali Ocean Resort, work by **Hawaiian Dredging**, has another year to go. Plumbing and mechanical sub is **Dorvin Leis**. The same team starts soon on the Consolidated Car Rental facility at Kahului, with completion due in 2018.

Tracy Tanouye on Kauai:

The \$100 million **Koloa Landing Resort - Phase III** in Poipu should finish at year-end. **Dorvin Leis** has the plumbing and related work and is also the sub on the massive \$750-\$800 million Hokualea Kauai project, once the Kauai Lagoons community.

The Hilton Garden Inn at Wailua



Dorvin Leis plumbers Jarren Tsukamoto, Cody Haddin and Sherman Martines on the Marriott project in Waikoloa.

Bay is a multi-million dollar beachfront resort. It's a renovation set for a June 2016 finish. **TNH Plumbing** is on the job. **Hi-Tech Plumbing** is contracted for a 4-plex condo building, part of Kukui'ula Kauai, and **Diamond Plumbing** has its crew on Pili Mai @ Poipu, in a new neighborhood of townhomes and condominiums.

More Work Looms for Trades

Lawmakers' Stress on Rentals Next Ten Years to Benefit Low-Income Families

"A bonus" is how the building trades define the legislature's late-hour approval to add at least 22,500 affordable rental units across the state the next ten years.

The legislature wants the new effort launched before year-end and has designated a special action team on rental housing to keep work on schedule and report periodically on progress.

Supplemental Appropriation to Cover Only Authorized Needs

The legislature has added \$406 million supplementing its biennium budget passed a year ago, to cover needs raised during the recent session by both lawmakers and the administration.

Making clear that while the state is enjoying a strong economy, lawmakers emphasized spending restraints have been imposed, one example cutting the Governor's supplementary funding requests by some \$134 million. Unaffected by cuts are health and safety measures.

Major Community Housing Projects Finally Cleared

After some years since first designed and proposed, local authorities earlier this year gave the go-ahead for the currently two largest housing developments - Koa Ridge by Castle & Cooke and Ho'opili by D.R. Horton/Schuler.

"We're grateful for the clearance and the projects assure industry trades work in the two communities," praised business manager Reggie Castanares. "Occupants will be largely the merging middle class, important to any growing and diversified economy," he added.

Castanares said such major developments help sustain and improve apprenticeship and training programs and ensure that manpower kept regularly as possible on the job represent a vital segment of our society.



Main street of proposed Ho'opili



Birdseye view of proposed Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for Ho'opili



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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

August 1-5
39TH ANNUAL UA CONVENTION
San Diego, CA

Saturday, August 13, 2016
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Saturday, August 20, 2016
MAUI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS CONFERENCE
Ritz-Carlton Kapalua - Salon Ballroom
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 4, 2016
LABOR UNITY PICNIC
Waikiki Shell
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 5, 2016
LABOR DAY - HOLIDAY

Monday, September 12, 2016
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Washington Middle School-Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 13, 2016
KONA RAP SESSION
Kahakai Elementary School

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
HILO RAP SESSION
Waiakea Intermediate School

Retirees Hear Updates, Top Foodbank Record

The **Local 675 Retirees Club** with 290 pounds topped its previous generosity to the Hawaii Foodbank, announced President Willy Kanno in May. A year ago it donated a record 246 pounds.

The club's new board, besides Kanno, includes: **Derek Hirao**, 1st vice president; **Wayne Okubo**, second vice president; **Robert Fernandez**, treasurer; **Glenn Hashimoto** and **Elpidio Tivera**.

New members introduced were **John Kurashima** and **Jonathan Lee**.

Updates on Local 675 activities, led by business manager **Reggie Castanares**, were featured.

The club's next breakfast meeting will be 8:30 **Tuesday, August 9**, at the Moanalua Golf Clubhouse. Recent retirees are welcomed to attend. Call Kanno, 256-0704.



Among Retirees Club board members present at their May meeting. Standing, Derek Hirao and Wayne Okubo. Sitting, Robert Fernandez and Willy Kanno.

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In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of deceased members:

- Jiro Fukushima** 05/20/16
- Ben E. Himeda** 01/06/16
- Kenneth Sugimoto** 03/19/16
- George K. Tsukamoto** 04/25/16

Two Added to Pension Roll

Recent retirees approved for pension benefits were:

- Francis K.H. Chun** 04/01/16
- Jonathan P.W. Lee** 04/01/16