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Apprentices Move On To Become Journeymen with United Association Local 675



2016-2017 PAMCAH-UA Local 675 51st Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony & Dinner. Front row (left to right): Matt Brady, Gregg Serikaku, Mark Suzuki, Val Ceria, Robert Lamb II, Reggie Castanares, Kent Matsuzaki, Patrick Miura, Owen Muramatsu. Second row (left to right): Chuck Shima, Kirk Kageno, Ronden Numasaki, Kyle Mizuno, Rogelio Bartolome Jr., Jordan Bruhn, Paul Alvaro, Jeffrey Wong, Charles Hazlewood, Reginald Ernest Kekua, Tracy Tanouye, Troy Sakamoto. Third row (left to right): Philip Dela Cruz, Gilbert Dasalla, Calvin Waiolama, Richard Carlos Franco, Edmund Amaral Jr, Brian Baldevarona, Casey Kobagura, Kekoa Onaga, Bob Duropan, Christopher Ponce, Joseph Park, Brandon Resentes, Clarence Preston Jr., Bronson Pukahi, Travis Ching, Joseph Correia IV, Jared Hara & Blayne Kamahiai.

51st Graduation Ceremony & Dinner Showcasing 33 Apprentices

Let's welcome the class of 2017 to the journeymen ranks with Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 675. These 33 apprentices gave it their all to complete the five-year program. The commencement was held on June 24 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom surrounded by their family.

"I am proud of each and every one of our apprentices for completing the program and taking your future to the next level," said Reginald Castanares, Business Manager/Financial Secretary for Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 675.

"With this new role comes more

responsibility and I am excited to see a fresh group of journeymen moving up in the ranks."

The evening opened with great entertainment followed by words of encouragement to the graduates from UA International Representative Robert Lamb II for California and Hawaii, and PAMCA Executive Director Gregg Serikaku.

In his speech, Robert Lamb II gave an important piece of advice to the apprentices: "Show up to work ready to work and work an honest eight hours. If you make the contractor look good,

it makes the union look good and that's how we get jobs."

Gregg Serikaku's message to the graduates used Hōkūle'a's journey through Mālama Honua as a way to shed real life perspective on each apprentices success in their trade: "The crew members went through many years of rigorous training and planning before they did Mālama Honua. Their hard work allowed them to complete the voyage. So the members hard work and training will allow them to be successful at their jobs."

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Keeping An Eye On Current & Future Projects

Reginald Castanares, Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Summer is upon us, construction for trades work is either starting up or going full force in the Islands. From the expansion of the commuter terminal at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport to building communities across our state - Ho'opili and Kaka'ako. These are the types of opportunities we want to get in on from the very beginning, which will help us obtain work for our members.

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According to the Department of Business, Economic & Development & Tourism (DBEDT), over the past few years construction has been a steady contributor to job growth in Hawaii.

In the first quarter of 2017, private building permits in the state increased 66.3 percent or \$361.9 million compared to the same time last year. Additionally, residential permits increased 126.8 percent, while the value of commercial and industrial permits increased 203.2 percent. DBEDT's report also revealed government contracts awarded spiked 22.1 percent or \$38.7 million compared to the first quarter of 2016.

This is good news for our industry as we head into the second half of the year. We have our business agents monitoring projects around the state and are in continuous contact with contractors to receive updates about what is happening in the field.

With that, we will continue this year on an upswing and tackle the rest of 2017 with continuous commitment and hard work from all of us at Local 675.



DATE SET FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FAMILY PICNIC

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 3, 2017 and bring your 'Ohana to the annual Labor Day Family Picnic. Local 675 along with other brotherhoods will take part in the annual Labor Day celebration at the Waikiki Shell from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The free event will include food, live entertainment and prize drawings. We encourage families to donate a food drive item to benefit the State AFL-CIO Labor Community Services food pantry.

Parking is free and will be available at Waikiki Elementary School beginning at 3:30 p.m. Self-parking at the Waikiki Shell parking lot will also be available. Additional parking with a shuttle service will be available for those parking at Kapi'olani Community College.

Apprenticeship Graduation Continued From Cover Story

After dinner, each graduate was called on stage to receive their diploma by Reginald Castanares. The graduates include:

Plumbing

Fall 2016 (Oahu) - Edmund Amaral Jr., Blayne Kamahiai, Casey Kohagura & Todd Tanoura

Spring 2017 (Oahu) Warren Ballesteros, Rogelio Bartolome Jr., Joseph Correia IV, Gilbert Dasalla, Philip Dela Cruz, Scott Galbiso, Kyle Mizuno, Shaun Pa'a'aina, Brandon Resentes, Jay Tamayoshi, Darren Uno & Calvin Waiolama

Refrigeration/AC

Fall 2017 (Oahu) - Brian Baldevarona

Spring 2017 (Oahu) - Paul Alvaro, Jordan Bruhn, Travis Ching, Bob Duropan, Richard Carlos Franco, Jared Hara, Kekoa Onaga, Joseph Park & Christopher Ponce

Spring 2017 (Maui) - Chad Takahashi

Fire Sprinkler

Spring 2017 (Oahu) Charles Hazlewood, Bronson Pukahi & Jeffrey Wong

Steamfitter/Welder

Spring 2017 (Oahu) - Reginald Ernest Kekua, Clarence Preston Jr. & Jasmyne Thiel

Congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates!

Building A Community In West Oahu Known As Ho'opili



Crews from TNH Plumbing preparing the foundation for more housing units.



Industry trades working on different areas of Ho'opili.



Jonah Hamada with TNH Plumbing working on leveling clean-out in the driveway of a single-family home.



Newly built townhouses at phase one of Ho'opili in Kapolei and 'Ewa.

Ho'opili, located on the West-side of Oahu will provide over 12,000 units, from townhouses to single-family lots in the Kapolei and 'Ewa area. The future community will also include retail, office, and industrial space, creating an urban, walkable, and mix-use neighborhood.

"Ho'opili is much needed for this growing city, which will not only help the residents of Hawaii in the future, but has created job opportunities now for industry trades," said Reginald Castanares, Business Manager/Financial Secretary for Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 675.

Currently, Local 675 signatory contractors **TNH Plumbing** and **Honolulu Fire Protection** have been busy working on phase one at Ho'opili.

As you can see, the photos left show various stages of construction taking place throughout phase one. In the top picture, crews from **TNH Plumbing** are preparing the foundation for pipe installation.

Construction of Ho'opili began October 2016.

Local 675 & Construction Trades To Work On The Expansion Of The Daniel K. Inouye International Airport

On April 11, Local 675 and the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council signed the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Mauka extension of the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. The expansion of the 46-acre site includes, 280,000 square feet of terminal improvements, installation of a ramp control office and ground transportation.

“We need to be able to provide for more gate capacity during peak travel, which is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,” said Ross Higashi, Airports Division Deputy Director.

After the Mauka Concourse project is completed, it will increase gate capacity adding up to six wide-body airplanes and 11 narrow-body aircrafts. Currently, the terminal has 13 gates.

“We are grateful for the expansion project of our airport and excited to be part of a major project that will better serve our island,” said Reginald Castanares, Business Manager/Financial Secretary for Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 675 and President of Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.



Current view of the commuter terminal at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.



Reginald Castanares signs Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the expansion project of the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.



Left to right: Shayne Chung, Mel Silva, Peter Iriarte, Jacob Evenson, Damien Kim, Reginald Castanares, Ross Higashi representatives from Hensel Phelps (3) & Tyler Desantos.

Training Team Gives Insight Into Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry on Moloka'i

Our Local 675 Training team participated in the Moloka'i Career Fair on April 6 at Moloka'i High School, where they presented to high school students and the community about pursuing a career in the construction trade industry. Our training team also shared with students, faculty and other members of the community what the Local 675 Plumbing and Pipefitting Apprenticeship Program is all about through a hands-on activity using PVC pipe.

The Moloka'i community is looking to continue this event annually.



Attendees at the Moloka'i Career Fair learning about the construction trade industry through our hands-on PVC pipefitting project.

More Photos Of Crews On The Jobsite At Ho'opili



Honolulu Fire Protection - (left to right) John Cocson, Joseph Areola & Lincoln Streadbeck.



TNH Plumbing - (left to right) Front: Carl Montihio & Ferdinand Madarang Back: Ryan Takahashi Paepaeiva-Silifaiva-Kaeha Jr. & Chris Keola



TNH Plumbing (left to right) Koree Willett, Jeremy Marumoto, Jonah Hamada & Quentin Kea.



TNH Plumbing (left to right) Darren Mizuo & Erik Savage.

2017 Apprentice Graduates Contest Winners

To culminate their apprenticeship program, each apprentice had to take a written exam and participate in a hands-on project. The project was scored on time, accuracy, alignment and safety for each of the trades. Some disciplines included, pipe threading, solder brazing, plastic piping,

tube bending, welding, HVAC trouble shooting and pipefitting layout. Three winners were chosen for each trade - Plumbing, Refrigeration/AC, Fire Sprinkler and Steamfitter/Welder based on a high combined score for their written exam and hands-on project. The winners of the contest are listed below.

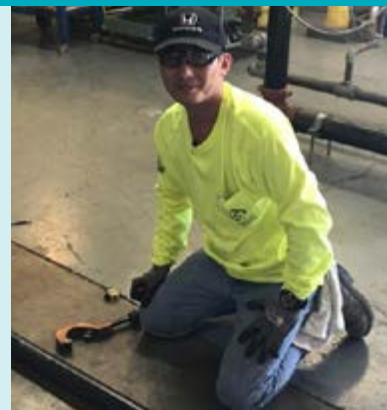
PLUMBING



1st Place - Kyle Mizuno

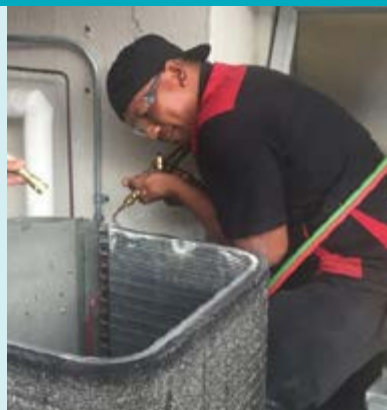


2nd Place - Calvin Waiolama

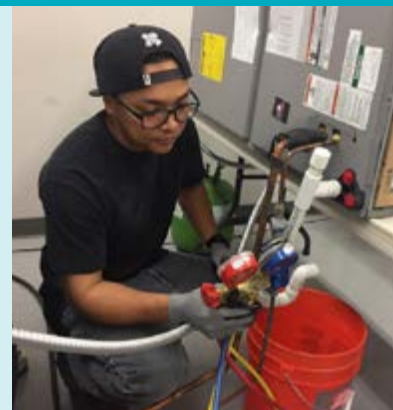


3rd Place - Gilbert Dasalla

REFRIGERATION/AC



1st Place - Bob Duropan



2nd Place - Joseph Park



3rd Place - Brian Baldevarona

FIRE SPRINKLER



1st Place - Charles Hazelwood



2nd Place - Jeffery Wong



3rd Place - Bronson Pukabi

STEAMFITTER/WELDER



1st Place - Reginald Ernest Kekua



2nd Place - Jasmyne Thiel



3rd Place - Clarence Preston Jr.

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NEW PENSIONERS

Congratulations and happy retirement to the following pensioners:

- James M. Kamoe 06/01/17
- Dennis S. Tsutsumi 06/01/17
- Ross A. Suganuma 05/01/17
- Wallace K. Tamashiro 05/01/17
- Gray J. Theus 04/01/17
- Edgar R. Agonias 03/01/17

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In Memoriam

Heart felt sympathy and condolences to the families of deceased members.

- Glenn Muramoto 06/09/17
- William Bradley 05/22/17
- Robert K. Beck 04/21/17
- Guy Vinoray 04/16/17
- Thomas Tanouye 01/20/17
- Clarence Oshiro 01/10/17



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Saturday, August 19
Kauai
Membership Benefits Conference
Grand Hyatt
Kauai Resort & Spa

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 11
General Membership Meeting
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
Tuesday, September 12
Maui Rap Session
Maui Community College
Wednesday, September 13
Kauai Rap Session
Kauai Community College

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2
General Membership Meeting
Washington Middle School Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 3
Kona Rap Session
Kabakai Elementary School
Wednesday, October 4
Hilo Rap Session
Waiakea Intermediate School

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