CTAHR’s
27th Annual
Awards
Banquet

College of Tropical Agriculture
and Human Resources
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
People, Place, Promise
5:30 p.m. Registration and No-Host Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Welcome
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CTAHR Students

Emcees
Mr. Derek Kurisu
Ms. Miho Fujii

Remarks
Dr. Maria Gallo, Dean and Director for Research and Cooperative Extension, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

CTAHR Bingo!

6:50 p.m. Dinner

7:40 p.m. Program

Student Recognition
Ka Hana Po’okela Award, Miho Fujii
CTAHR Endowed and Annual Scholarship Recipients
CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium Awards

Faculty Awards
Ka Pouhana (Mentor) Award, Dr. Halina Zaleski
Excellence in Extension Award, Ms. Naomi Kanehiro
Excellence in Research Award, Dr. Soojin Jun
Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. Jonathan Deenik

Outstanding Alumna Award
Dr. Diane Ragone

Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award
Mr. Richard Ha

8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Dr. Maria Gallo, Dean and Director for Research and Cooperative Extension, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
Richard Ha, who has been selected to receive the 2015 Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award for his enduring support of CTAHR’s mission, is the pioneering president and founder of Hamakua Springs Country Farms in Pepe‘ekeo, Hawai‘i Island.

The Vietnam veteran and graduate of the University of Hawai‘i’s accounting program began with 25 acres of bananas on his father’s chicken farm. He went on to create the state’s largest and most successful banana farm, implementing sustainable agricultural practices and becoming the first banana operation in the world to earn the Rainforest Alliance’s “Eco-OK” certification. Then Mr. Ha extended his operation into hydroponic vegetable production, demonstrating the commercial viability of diversified agriculture using responsible environmental and employment practices. Showing how scaling back on yield and focusing on employee safety can produce positive results and sharing his brand with other farmers who have followed suit, Mr. Ha has been a strong advocate for sustainable agriculture. His partnership with famed restaurateur Alan Wong is a notable example of the locavore farm-to-table movement.

Mr. Ha generously shares his time, knowledge, and experience directly with fellow farmers and community members and also believes in giving back tangibly to the community; his Adopt-a-Class initiative to cover costs for an elementary school’s educational field trips inspired another donor to expand the program islandwide. He is active in issues not only addressing food sufficiency but also focusing on energy sustainability. He co-chairs the Geothermal Working Group, participates on a steering committee seeking to form an energy co-op on the Big Island, and has investigated hydroelectric power on his farm. He promotes economic development for Hawai‘i Island and organized support for the University’s Thirty Meter Telescope project on Mauna Kea. He shares perspectives and writes thoughtfully on issues from shale oil economics to food labeling on his blog.

Through his participation on the CTAHR Council of Advisors and UH Hilo Advisory Board, Hawai‘i State Board of Agriculture Executive Board, and Big Island Geothermal Working Group; and by serving as CTAHR’s 2015 delegate to the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching, Mr. Ha demonstrates his selfless and untiring commitment to agriculture in Hawai‘i and has been instrumental in moving Hawai‘i toward greater food and energy security.

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**Outstanding Alumna**

Respected ethnobotanist and conservationist Diane Ragone is one of the foremost authorities on breadfruit, revolutionizing propagation techniques and creating the world’s largest and most comprehensive breadfruit germplasm collection. Having earned both a master of science and a PhD in Horticulture from CTAHR, she is honored with the Outstanding Alumna award as a graduate of the college who has used her education to make significant contributions in her profession and within her community.

Dr. Ragone has directed the Breadfruit Institute at the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) on Kaua‘i since the institute’s founding in 2003. She also co-directs the Hooulu ka ‘Ulu project with the Hawai‘i Homegrown Food Network to revitalize ‘ulu in Hawai‘i as a culturally appropriate staple for both sustainable food production and a nutritious diet.

She has distributed thousands of superior varieties of breadfruit trees throughout the Pacific, and she co-organized the First International Symposium on Breadfruit Research and Development in 2007. She has also led the institute’s Hunger Initiative, collaborating with the Alliance to End Hunger and creating global partnerships to fight world hunger by donating breadfruit trees to non-governmental organizations in other tropical and subtropical regions—including Africa and South America—where 80 percent of food scarcity exists, as well as by providing education about the plants’ cultivation and benefits.

Dr. Ragone has also contributed to conservation of other Native Hawaiian plants as Director of Horticulture and Conservation and Director of Science as well as other positions at NTBG since joining the congressionally chartered organization in 1989. She combines multidisciplinary scholarly work with her outreach initiatives, having published numerous popular and scholarly articles since completing her 1991 doctoral dissertation on *The Collection, Establishment, and Evaluation of a Germplasm Collection of Pacific Island Breadfruit*. She has secured nearly $1 million in grants to fund her research and outreach on ‘ulu, and she serves as a research associate or affiliated faculty member of distinguished institutions from Honolulu’s Bishop Museum to the Chicago and New York Botanical Gardens and professional organizations from the International Society for Horticultural Science to the Society for Economic Botany.

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**Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award**

Dr. Diane Ragone

Mr. Richard Ha
**Previous Honorees**

**Outstanding Alumnus Award**
- 2014 Dr. Thomas Lumpkin, Agronomy
- 2013 Dr. Wayne Iwaoka, Food Science
- 2012 Dr. Paul Singleton, Agronomy and Soil Science
- 2011 Dr. PingSun Leung, Agricultural Economics
- 2010 Dr. Sylvia Yuen, Home Economics Education
- 2009 Dr. P. Suresh Chandra Rao, Soil Physics
- 2008 Dr. Melvin Yokoyama, Animal Sciences
- 2007 Dr. Nan-Yao Su, Entomology
- 2006 Dr. Po-Yung Lai, Entomology
- 2005 Dr. Kenneth Otagaki, Animal Sciences
- 2004 Dr. Robert Birch, Plant Pathology
- 2003 Dr. Kenneth Cassman, Agronomy and Soil Science
- 2002 Mr. Derek Kurisu, Agriculture
- 2001 Mr. Ralph Iwamoto, General Agriculture
- 2000 Mr. H. Dale Sato, Horticulture
- 1999 Dr. Goro Uehara, Agronomy and Soil Science
- 1998 Dr. Surajit DeDatta, Agronomy and Soil Science
- 1997 Dr. Soon Kwon Kim, Horticulture
- 1996 Ms. Beatrice Krauss, Agriculture
- 1995 Dr. Haruyuki Kamemoto, Horticulture
- 1994 Dr. Ernest Akamine, Plant Molecular Physiology
- 1993 Mr. Dennis Teranishi, Agronomy and Soil Science
- 1992 Ms. Mary Ann Anderson, Food Science and Human Nutrition
- 1991 Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, Plant Pathology
- 1990 Dr. Harry Kaya, Entomology
- 1989 Dr. Donald Plucknett, Agronomy and Soil Science

**Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award**
- 2014 Mr. Derek Kurisu
- 2013 Mr. Dennis Teranishi
- 2012 Ms. Marie C. Blanco
- 2011 Mr. Harold Tanouye
- 2010 Dr. Chauncey Ching
- 2009 Ms. Susan Au Doyle
- 2008 Ms. Susan Matsushima
- 2007 Mr. Dean Okimoto
- 2006 Mr. Herbert M. “Monty” Richards, Jr.
- 2005 Hawaii Association for Family and Community Education

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**Excellence in Teaching**

**Dr. Jonathan Deenik**

Associate Specialist in Soil Fertility and Soil Quality Jonathan Deenik is committed to creating a vibrant and rigorous learning environment, empowering both students and teacher in the pursuit of learning. He writes, “My goal as a teacher is to create independently minded, creative problem-solvers who share and value knowledge.” In his approach, the student and the instructor are in partnership—the instructor acting as a facilitator and the student engaged in critical thinking and the exploration of alternative perspectives.

A former Peace Corps volunteer, Dr. Deenik fosters a relationship with students characterized by mutual respect and openness. Students characterize his class on soil science as one of the hardest they had ever taken…and also the best. He is an animated and enthusiastic teacher, combining passion for his subject matter with a depth of knowledge and superlative pedagogical skills.

On May 5, 2015, Dr. Deenik received the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Chancellor’s Citation for Meritorious Teaching. He previously also received the Chancellor’s Outstanding Specialist Award.

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**Excellence in Research**

**Dr. Soojin Jun**

Associate Professor of Food Science Soojin Jun focuses on the development of integrated food and biological process systems based on a wide-ranging understanding of food properties. He applies his unique background in engineering, chemistry, and microbiology to research on food processing, safety engineering, instrumentation, biosensors, food packaging, food rheology, computational modeling for food processing, and food nanotechnologies.

He has authored or co-authored numerous publications and has been awarded, with co-investigators, more than $1.5 million in grant funding. His research has benefited local farmers and food producers through new processing technologies that are suitable for small farmers, but he is also widely honored as a food-engineering expert, invited to present his work at international symposia and authoring a widely used textbook.

Dr. Jun is even recognized intergallactically—as the recipient of a NASA Tech Brief Certificate for creating a device and container for reheating and sterilization of space foods during the Mars mission.

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**Excellence in Extension**

**Ms. Naomi Kanehiro**

A highly skilled, enthusiastic, and hard-working professional collaborator and communicator, Associate Extension Agent Naomi Kanehiro has a proven track record of exceptional program management and effective community outreach. She leads and works with nutrition education programs, including two large, federally funded programs for low-income Island residents—the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Education (SNAP–Ed).

Ms. Kanehiro has led efforts to integrate outreach across the state for individuals and for families with young children, jointly training and supervising staff from both programs as well as updating and streamlining curricula and partnering with numerous community agencies. She is principal investigator for a variety of state- and locally funded programs, managing more than $1 million in grants annually. Her expertise reflects her in-depth understanding of community dynamics, the cultural nuances of diverse ethnic groups, and a sincere desire to help families in the state of Hawai‘i.
Students and fellow faculty members agree that Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences Department Chair and Extension Specialist in Swine Halina Zaleski is passionate about and committed to helping students succeed, both in and out of the classroom. Even amidst her myriad responsibilities and activities, Dr. Zaleski makes mentorship a priority.

She is available for email consultation, scheduled appointments, and drop-in visits from students, often years after they have completed her courses. She advises students on matters ranging from specific experimental protocols to general scientific and professional questions, or simply offers encouragement and support.

As one student remarks, “She always has an open office door as well as an open mind.” Another enthuses, “She is so helpful and so well connected that she is an important person to know on campus. She gets things done!” Perhaps even more importantly, she helps students to get things done as well, empowering them to help fellow students themselves and to succeed in higher education and the professional world.

A graduating Food Science and Human Nutrition senior, Miho Fujii demonstrates exceptional scholarship, student engagement, and community service. She has been a major contributor to the FSHN Council for the past three years, most notably in her two-term role as president. Under her leadership the council, a UH Mānoa student organization that encourages student interest in dietetics, research, community wellness, and nutrition, has increased networking and engagement with nutrition-related groups in the community; she herself served as liaison to organizations such as the Hawai‘i Dietetic Association.

Ms. Fujii was awarded the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ 2014 Outstanding Dietetics Student Award. After serving as a CTAHR Student Ambassador for the last three years—assisting with the college’s Career Workshop, Convocation, and other committees—she became a Student Ambassador Veteran, mentoring other Student Ambassadors. She is co-emcee for tonight’s Awards Banquet and will be a CTAHR Student Marshal at UH Mānoa’s Spring 2015 Commencement.

**2015 Research Symposium Awards**

**Best Oral Presentation**

- **Scott Lukas**
  Tropial Plant and Soil Sciences
  Optimization of *Waltheria indica* seed dormancy relief methods and seed storage parameters

- **Scott Nikaido**
  Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences
  The potential impact of deformed wing virus on honeybee larval development

- **Tyler Smith**
  Biology
  Visualizing the tissues in which the protein disulfide isomerase genes, PDI9 and PDI10, are expressed in *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants

**Best Poster Presentation**

- **David Paladino**
  Molecular Biosciences and Biological Engineering
  Novel regulation of pro-migratory genes by nuclear Src in pancreatic cancer cells

- **Kelsea Hosoda**
  Molecular Biosciences and Biological Engineering
  Evaluating the impact of a community-based diabetes intervention on monocyte epigenomes of Native Hawaiians and Pacific peoples

- **Megan Manley**
  Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences
  Hot water treatment as potential control of mites and scales on tea plants
2015 Research Symposium Awards

CTAHR Department Awards

Family and Consumer Sciences
FCS Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation ..................................................... Asia Mateo
FCS Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation ................................................ Su Novikoff/Caitlen Schmidt

Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences
HNFAS Best PhD Student Oral Presentation ................................................... Utsav Tiwari
HNFAS Best PhD Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Amit Singh
HNFAS Best MS Student Oral Presentation ............................................... Tim Shafel
HNFAS Best MS Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Chelsea Liu
HNFAS Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation ............................................ Elyse Bowman
HNFAS Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation ........................................ Michelle Sakuda

Molecular Biology and BioEngineering
MBBE Best PhD Student Oral Presentation ................................................. Parashar Thap
MBBE Best PhD Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Arthur Wong
MBBE Best MS Student Oral Presentation .................................................. Alanna Tseng
MBBE Best MS Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Rick Shimshock
MBBE Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation ............................................ Theodore Fitch
MBBE Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation ........................................ Samira Fatemi/Laura Martinez

Natural Resources and Environmental Management
NREM Best PhD Student Oral Presentation .................................................. Aliza Pradhan
NREM Best PhD Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Stephanie O’Connor
NREM Best MS Student Oral Presentation .................................................. Jessie Chen
NREM Best MS Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Katharine Clukey
NREM Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation .......................................... Taylor Creasy

Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences
PEPS Best MS Student Oral Presentation ..................................................... Mark Dragich
PEPS Best MS Student Poster Presentation ................................................ Colby Maeda
PEPS Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation ............................................... Yumi Stephens
PEPS Best Undergraduate Poster Presentation ........................................... Gerald Crank

Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences
TPSS Best PhD Student Oral Presentation .................................................... Kim Falinski
TPSS Best PhD Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Chandrappa Gangaiah
TPSS Best MS Student Poster Presentation ............................................... Amanda Ackerman
TPSS Best Undergraduate Oral Presentation ............................................. Cassandra Ferguson

College of Engineering Awards

COE Oral Presentation, First Place .................................................. Kenny Luong and Kainalu Matthews
COE Oral Presentation, Second Place ................................................ Caralyn King, Leanne King
COE Poster Presentation, First Place ................................................... Topher Brough
COE Poster Presentation, Second Place ................................................ Christie Obatake, Kenny Luong, Ryan Walser
COE Poster Presentation, Third Place .................................................... Chasten Cabanas

Note: College of Engineering awards were presented at that college’s banquet on April 23.

CTAHR and Honor Society Awards

Gamma Sigma Delta PhD Student Oral Presentation .................................... Kazue Ishihara
Gamma Sigma Delta PhD Student Poster Presentation .................................... Inae Lee
Gamma Sigma Delta MS Student Oral Presentation ...................................... Gabriel Sachter-Smith
Gamma Sigma Delta MS Student Poster Presentation ................................... Roberto Rodriguez III
Gamma Sigma Delta Undergraduate Oral Presentation ................................... Daniella Orias
Gamma Sigma Delta Undergraduate Poster Presentation ................................ Nate Nicholson
CTAHR PhD Student Oral Presentation Award of Merit .............................. Michele Barnes-Mauthe
CTAHR Graduate Student Poster Presentation Award of Merit .................. Monica Esquivel
CTAHR MS Student Oral Presentation Award of Merit ................................ Shiva Shrestha
CTAHR MS Student Poster Presentation Award of Merit ................................ Jireh Cebricos
CTAHR Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award of Merit ............................ Krista Ann Lee
CTAHR Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award of Merit ........................ Alex Ching

2015 Student Research Symposium Planning Committee

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Jon-Paul Bingham  Soojoon Jun  Miles Hakoda  Kellie Taguchi
Thomas Lim  Cheryl Ernst

Undergraduate poster merit award winner Alex Ching describes rose beetle management in cacao.
2015–2016 Scholarship Recipients

Animal Science

- Marissa Kuwabara

  - Hawai‘i Florists and Shippers Association Scholarship
  - Monsanto Scholarship
  - Richard Shimabukuro Memorial Scholarship

- Brandon Ngoao

  - Dennis and Brenda Teranishi Scholarship

- Jamie Obatake

  - CTAHR Dean’s Scholarship

Family Resources

- Lily Behm

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Sydney Bivert

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Julia Crespo

  - Hiroki Kaku Memorial Scholarship

- Rheaanna Dominici

  - Jhamandas Watumull CTAHR Scholarship, Hawai‘i Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – FAMR Centennial Scholarship

- Marie Guillen Guillermo (fall 2015)

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Victoria Jose

  - Jhamandas Watumull CTAHR Scholarship, Hawai‘i Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – FAMR Centennial Scholarship

- Samantha Majors

  - Hiroki Kaku Memorial Scholarship, Mabel Inada Ito Scholarship

Biological Engineering

- Sheldon Arakawa

  - Alexander Napier Memorial Scholarship, Tadashi Higaki Scholarship

- Stephanie Chang

  - Andrew and Merle Hashimoto CTAHR Scholarship, George Yamane Scholarship

- Taylor Hori

  - Andrew and Merle Hashimoto CTAHR Scholarship, Monsanto Scholarship

- Katherine Bazore Gruelle and Nobue Nishimura Scholarship

- Dennis and Brenda Teranishi Scholarship

- Maryhmelle Castillo

  - Dennis and Brenda Teranishi Scholarship

- Abigail Engler

  - Robert L. and Brigitte M. Campbell Endowed Scholarship in Human Nutrition

- Kira Fox

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship, Katherine Gruelle Scholarship, Robert L. and Brigitte M. Campbell Endowed Scholarship in Human Nutrition

Food Science and Human Nutrition

- Hyuk Ann

  - Elsie M. Boatman Scholarship, Katherine Bazore Gruelle and Nobue Nishimura Scholarship

- Alexandra Balgos

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- Saya Kataoka (fall 2015)

  - Hiroki Kaku Memorial Scholarship

- Nobue Nishimura Scholarship

- Marissa Kuwabara

  - Hawai‘i Florists and Shippers Association Scholarship
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  - Sachiyuki Masumoto Scholarship

- Maili Sabo

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Teresa Shun

  - Mary and Marie Blanco Scholarship

- Crystal Wang

  - Hawai‘i Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship, CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Norine Ornellas-Walsh

  - CTAHR Dean’s Scholarship

- Rihui Yuan

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship

- Dessa Rentrop

  - Katherine Gruelle Scholarship

- Koichi Tanji

  - Katherine Bazore Gruelle and Nobue Nishimura Scholarship

- Justeena Veltre

  - Katherine Gruelle Scholarship

- Ross Villiger

  - Tadashi Higaki Scholarship, Harold & Eleanor Matsumoto Au Scholarship, Robert L. and Brigitte M. Campbell Endowed Scholarship in Human Nutrition

- Flora Wang

  - George Yamane Scholarship, Alexander Napier Memorial Scholarship, Katherine Gruelle Scholarship

- Rui-Yang Zhang

  - Tung and Rachel Liang Scholarship

- Mc Millan Ching

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship, Richard Shimabukuro Memorial Scholarship, Monsanto Scholarship

- Abraham Kwan

  - Richard Shimabukuro Memorial Scholarship

Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering

- Roberto Rodriguez

  - Tung and Rachel Liang Scholarship

- Rui-Yang Zhang

  - Tung and Rachel Liang Scholarship

Molecular Biosciences and Biotechnology

- Mc Millan Ching

  - CTAHR Achievement Scholarship, Richard Shimabukuro Memorial Scholarship, Monsanto Scholarship

2014–2015 Dean’s Scholars

CTAHR Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Scholarships award $5,000 per year to the top first-year students entering the college. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years for recipients who maintain their superior academic performance. Continuing CTAHR Dean’s Scholars are Brandon Ngoao, who entered CTAHR in 2013; Makana Agcaoili and Stephanie Chang, 2012; and Ryan Ringuette, 2011.
## 2015–2016 Scholarship Recipients

### Daniel Strange (fall 2015)
**Tadashi Higaki Scholarship**

### Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences
**Jessika Santamaria**
*Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences Achievement Scholarship*

**Scott Nikaido**
*Nan-Yao & Jill H. Su Award*

### Colby Maeda
*Nan-Yao & Jill H. Su Award*

### Jordie Ocenar
*Drs. Au Yeung, Sui Shan & Emmett Richard Easton Award, Wallace Mitchell Award*

### Michael San Jose
*Wallace Mitchell Award*

### Jessika Santamaria
*Tanada Family Entomology Award*

### Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences
**Amber Au**
*Charles Chu Hing Scholarship*

**Judy Cacal**
*Hawai‘i Florists and Shippers Association Scholarship, Monsanto Scholarship*

**Adria Daniels**
*Charles Chu Hing Scholarship*

**James Green**
*Haruyuki Kamemoto Scholarship*

**Siming Liu**
*Goro Uehara Scholarship*

**Marc Ouye**
*Paul Singleton Scholarship, George Yamane Scholarship*

**Kauahi Perez**
*Harold T. Tanouye Scholarship*

**David Shepard**
*Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences Scholarship*

**Emily Teng**
*Harold T. Tanouye Scholarship*

**Ben VanEgtern**
*Charles Chu Hing Scholarship*

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### The CTAHR Centennial Scholarship
Proceeds from tonight’s banquet support the CTAHR Centennial Scholarship Endowment. Established to celebrate the college’s 100th anniversary, this fund provides scholarship support to an incoming CTAHR major who is the first member of his or her family to attend college. In fall 2014, **Maili Sabo** became the inaugural recipient. An Orange County native whose mother is from Hawai‘i, she is pursuing the Sports and Wellness track in Food Science and Human Nutrition.

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