

Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee Update

August 13, 2020

Hawaii Association for Career Technical Education (HACTE) Conference

The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways committee supported \$30,000 sponsorship to the Hawaii Association for Career and Technical Education (HACTE) conference that was held on January 30-31, 2020. The HACTE conference organizers extended an invitation to the committee to hold a breakout session on each of the conference days. The committee organized and developed a breakout session they felt would be beneficial for conference attendees, which included participation by three (3) board members.

Industry Panel: Connecting Pathways Between Construction and Engineering

This panel will explore bridging the construction and engineering industries by connecting pathways that may not require a traditional 4-year degree. There are many different entry and exit points in an individual's career and zig-zagging provides work-based learning and leads to opportunities not initially considered. Learn about the options available to students to work full-time while working towards a degree or certificate.

Thursday:

Moderator: Glen Kaneshige (Nordic PCL)

Panelists: Charles "Chuck" Shima (Plumbers & Fitters Union, Local 675) & Edmund Aczon, Hawaii Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Fund

Friday:

Moderator: Brian Lee (Hawaii Labors & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund)

Panelists: Charles "Chuck" Shima, Glen Kaneshige & Edmund Aczon

The breakout sessions for both days was a success. Attendees were well-engaged and asked many questions to the panelists. As a result of the numerous questions, both breakout sessions went over the allotted time and had to be stopped. The panelists did an excellent job of explaining their life experiences and provided valuable industry expertise to the attendees.

