INDUSTRY SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS MEET CHANGING NEEDS OF HAWAII BUSINESSES

Capitalizing on the growing interest among Hawaii businesses in establishing innovative partnerships within the same industry sector, the Chamber and the University of Hawaii, with support from Strada Education Network, has developed a Sector Partnerships Program.

Several sector partnerships have been conducted following a successful inaugural banking sector partnerships program in 2016, led by American Savings Bank.

Aside from the obvious benefits derived from creating opportunities through intra-sector partnerships, this program allows industry leaders to sit at the same table and drive discussions that ultimately lead to determining realistic priorities and crafting actionable solutions that can help their respective companies as well as their entire industry to grow and thrive into the future. This hands-on approach to economic development and workforce has generated some tangible projects for the sectors that the Chamber and its neighbor island partners have launched including food manufacturing, healthcare, design engineering and agriculture.

Joining UH in expanding the reach of these partnership programs on Oahu and the neighbor islands are the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, educational institutions, workforce development councils and boards, trade groups, economic development agencies and non-profit organizations.

The goal of the resulting innovative partnerships and collaborative efforts is simple: tangible projects and initiatives that meet the ever-changing needs of Hawaii’s businesses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMBER EVENTS

June 21 - Young Professionals - Professional Development Class
June 21 - Business After Hours - Friday Night Fireworks
July 20 - Young Professionals - Professional Development Class
August 1 - 167th Annual Membership Luncheon with Olympic Gold Medalist Kostia Yamaguchi

For more information on all events, visit cochawaii.org or call 808-545-4300.

MEMBER EVENTS

June 19 - Dale Carnegie Free Preview
June 20-23 - VERGE Hawaii: Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit

Welcome New Members

- Allied Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii
- Cardinal Fitness
- DLNR-Hawaii State Parks, Conservation Specialist
- ISCC Hawaii
- Hawaiian Telcom
- Fujah! Analytics LLC

Welcome New Young Professionals

- Kelsey Adamson
- Amanda Adams
- Ryan Amemya
- Amanda Araki
- Kylee Armell
- St. Francis Healthcare Systems of Hawaii - Foundation
- Calma L. Barrios
- Hospice Hawaii
- Eric Blasek
- State Farm Insurance
- Rikka Brunner
- La Luna
- Meaghan Peyton Fonts
- Hawai'i Flight
- Kira Higa
- Hewlett-Packard
- Lynne Honda
- Aloha Dental
- Kelosm Joan
- Molokai General Hospital
- St. Francis Healthcare Systems of Hawaii

Welcome New Young Professionals

- Brittany Nagasawa
- Keiji Nakamura
- Nikko Nakamura
- Hilton Hawaiian
- Kristen Pena
- Elina Nishino
- Derek Sayagusa
- Unity Form Insurance
- Austin Sugiyama
- Kirla Oka
- Jared Sumida
- Hawaiian Macan
- John Samayoa
- Ashley Cuyapo
- David Tongue
- Meisue Tanaka
- WILL Yd
- Old Breadbasket Property
- Candice Zamina
- Staffing Solutions of Hawaii

CHAMBER LAUNCHES SOFT SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Chamber recently launched a pilot Soft Skills Training Program, developed in response to the needs of its members. Soft skills are essential to an effective workplace, but not necessarily taught in a traditional educational environment.

This training program focuses on communication skills, which are in high demand in today’s global workplace. Program participants gain knowledge that helps build lasting interpersonal relationships with coworkers and customers. The curriculum for the 11-week, 12-course program was developed by the University of Hawaii in conjunction with the Chamber and its members, and is being conducted by instructors with Kapiolani Community College.

Course offerings for the pilot program include instruction in verbal and non-verbal communication, listening skills, email and phone etiquette, intercultural and cross-cultural communications, working and communicating in groups, leaders vs. followers, problem solving, conflict management and negotiation skills.

Following the conclusion of the pilot in July, organizers will review feedback and the program will officially launch this fall and will be open to Chamber members and the broader business community.

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