

# Recognition Ceremony

## Celebrating Nursing Graduates

A long-standing nursing tradition is the “pinning” of new nursing graduates to welcome them to the nursing profession. Merging this tradition with the local tradition of giving a lei during times of celebration, an alumni pin is affixed to a ribbon lei provided by the School, that is presented to each graduate during the ceremony. Recognition Ceremony is the same as Pinning Ceremony and honors graduates from the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. This event is not the same as the UH Manoa Commencement.

## Undergraduate Student Awards

### Academic Achievement Award

A student from the graduating undergraduate class who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, as evidenced by having the highest cumulative GPA (at least 3.5) in the class.

### Professional Nurse Award

A student, selected by her/his peers from the graduating class, who:

- Has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, as evidenced by a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 GPA (The Office of Student Services Advisor will verify the GPAs of nominees).
- Has been actively involved in various community service activities which promote UH Manoa Nursing and the profession of nursing.
- Has actively been involved in providing service to the

Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.

- Embodies the qualities of beginning professionalism, as evidenced by leadership ability, enthusiasm, and dedication to the profession.
- Demonstrates outstanding clinical competencies, as evidenced by effective time management, expert application of the nursing process, and ability to communicate nursing strategies.

## **Leadership Award**

A student from the graduating class who demonstrates outstanding leadership ability in providing service to the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing and to other students.

## **Community Service Award**

A student from the graduating class who has been actively involved in a variety of community service activities which promote the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing and the profession of nursing.

## **Kahiau Award**

Kahiau is a Hawaiian word that embodies the concept of a gift from the heart. This student has consistently demonstrated the personal quality of selfless giving of time and talents and shown a generosity of spirit toward the student community.

## **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students**

A student from the graduating class who displays commitment to extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate patient care. Exemplifies the kind of nurse that patients and families recognize as an outstanding role model.

# **Graduate Student Award**

## **Liko Ae Award**

Liko Ae is a Hawaiian phrase that means “new shoot.” The recipient of this award exemplifies characteristics of an emerging leader in nursing and healthcare.

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Graduating advanced degree student within the past academic year.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Fieldwork, clinical and/or research experiences contributing to improving healthcare outcomes.
- Scholarship focusing on improving health outcomes in the form of publications, presentations, and/or abstracts.

## **Dean’s Scholarly Project Awards**

Undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students are eligible to submit an abstract of their process improvement, evidence-based practice, or research project. The research committee will select a maximum of one award per student category per semester. Monetary awards may be adjusted depending on the funds available.

## **Undergraduate Faculty Awards**

### **Nurse Educator Award**

A faculty member who:

- Has been employed for more than one year at the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.
- Has been actively involved in teaching at the undergraduate level.

- Demonstrates consistent interest in the respect for students, both as learners and as individuals.
- Provides students with fair, honest and direct constructive criticism.
- Actively participates in a variety of school, community and professional activities.
- Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge of both clinical nursing and professional issues.
- Acts as a role model for students in the clinical area.

## **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty**

A faculty member who:

- Personifies the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing's remarkable impact on students and therefore patients.
- Consistently demonstrates excellence through their clinical expertise and extraordinary compassionate care.
- Is recognized as an outstanding role model.

## **Graduate Faculty Award**

### **Hookele Award**

Hookele is a Hawaiian phrase that means "navigator." Recipients of this award are Department of Nursing faculty who have consistently demonstrated engagement in supporting student success in the graduate Nursing programs.

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Teaches primarily in masters and doctoral programs at Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.
- Currently employed by the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.

- Consistently demonstrate the ability to assess students' challenges and guide them to successfully achieve their graduate degree.
- Actively engage in supporting student success via guidance/advising of individual and/or groups of students.
- Has not received this award over the past three years.