



hawaii pacific gerontological society

Newsletter

September 2015

2015 HPGS Scholarships Awarded!

The Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS) provides training and networking support to professionals in gerontology. HPGS also raises funds and awards scholarships to college students interested in careers involving aging and older people. This year, HPGS offered three \$2,000 Undergraduate and Graduate

Scholarships (funds permitting) for students enrolled in Hawaii colleges and universities who have a serious interest in professional work related to aging, long-term care, and/or death and dying.

Congratulations to our recipients: Cyan Curtis, Roland Lee, and Jessica Marchese!

Upcoming Events



HPGS will have a 2-session track at the Hawaii State Fall Prevention Conference:

Friday, October 16 2015
7:00am- 4:45pm
Hawaii Convention Center

To Register:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1709660>

Our speakers will be:

-Curt Kiriu, CK Independent Builders

- Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong, Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii

"The rich history, wealth of knowledge, and resilience of the older adults I have met inspire me to pursue a career working with this population. My experience at a memory care facility has made my decision even more clear, as I find my work both purposeful and rewarding. I will complete my Masters of Social Work degree at UH Manoa by the spring of 2016 and then work towards my social work license. After attaining my social work license I plan to work with older adults and their families, either in a hospice setting or a long-term care facility in Hawaii.



Cyan Curtis
2015 Scholarship Recipient



HPGS Board with Jessica Marchese and Roland Lee

Career Day in Aging

In April 2015, HPGS, UH Center on Aging and UH Family Resources hosted a Career Day in Aging on the UH Manoa Campus.

Professionals in a range of careers met and talked with students about aging and working with older adults.



HPGS Quarterly Meeting in Hilo

HPGS quarterly event was held in Hilo on July 9, 2015 at the Hawaii ADRC. The presentation was titled “How Home Modifications Improve Activities of Daily Living for Aging-In-Place”. The speaker for the presentation was Curt Kiriu. Curt has 27+ years in the construction industry and is the owner of CK Independent Living Builders, Licensed General Contractor, Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist, Independent Living Specialist, and in an approved instructor for the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist course. He was also his father’s primary caregiver for 17 years; which gives him a unique perspective in this specialized field.

AARP’s Expert in Family Caregiving

On Thursday, July 23, HPGS held a pau hana event at 15 Craigside. It featured Amy Goyer, author of AARP’s Juggling Life, Work and Caregiving is an aging and families expert, specializing in caregiving, grandparenting and multi/inter-generational issues. She presented on the latest trends in technology and family caregiving. Thanks to 15 Craigside for sponsoring the venue and delicious pupus. And thanks to Paradise Beverages for donating the wine.



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