



Maui Hotel & Lodging ASSOCIATION

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MAUI HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION'S "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER \$13,600 - Visitor Industry Gives Back to Maui's Future Business Leaders -

WAILUKU, MAUI – The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association's 13th Annual "Excellence in Education" golf tournament took place on Friday, August 28 at Makena Golf Course. The popular event raised over \$13,600 for the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism program in three of Maui's public high schools, scholarship funds for Maui Community College Culinary Arts and Business & Hospitality programs and a donation to Maui Junior Golf.

The 13 top teams received fabulous prizes ranging from hotel stays to dining certificates to golf rounds to cleaning certificates. The team that placed 13th received First Place honors – a tribute to the 13th annual event. Golf results are as follows:

WINNING TEAM-13th Place

Hotel Wailea Maui

Kimura, Kyoko
Tsutsui, Shan
Williams, Ron
Perez, Henry

2nd Place

The Westin KOR Villas #2

Hafoka, Hifo
Pescado, Andy
English, Wayne
Kaiwi, Curtis

3rd Place

Maui Paving, LLC

Shinno, Norman
Nuneza, Leo
Cambra, Will
Funai, Brian

4th Place

The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua

Mallari, Leo
Zaner, John
Ota, Kenji
Robillard, Joe

5th Place

Home Maid Bakery

Tarnoff, Steve
Fukuyama, Reid
Masaki, Jerry
Saito, Leighton

6th Place

Marriott's Maui Ocean Club

Long, Brody
Halfdahl, Ben
McCleod, Chris
Pagel, Paul

7th Place

Oceanic Time Warner Cable

Hodges, Patrick
Villatora, Peter
Soares, Butch
Colleto, Rick

8th Place

Sheraton Maui Resort Team #2

Arakawa, Danny
Takahashi, Roy
Yamshiroya, Jon
Kolbu, Clint

9th Place

Ka'anapali Golf Resort

Kageyama, Ed
Ludwig, Melissa
Nitakorn, Sutee
Golden, Sherrie

10th Place

PWC Hawaii Corp.

Kawabata, Dean
Wong, Christine
Gleason, Dave
Okamura, Garrett

11th Place

IBNS

Hunter, Michael
Krieg, Dan
Knight, Jeff
Andaluz, Braulio

12th Place

The Mauian Hotel

Aluli, Nane
Kinoshita, Scott
Baptist, Kevin
Unemori, Hilton

13th Place

The Westin Maui Team #1

Carter, Kevin
Namoa, Loloa
Hinojosa, Rich
Gould, Shannon

While many of the golfers won some great prizes, the real winners of the event are Maui's youth. The popular visitor industry golf tournament celebrated 13th years of giving back to Maui's future business leaders by raising over \$13,600 for the following programs:

- The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (AOHT) programs in Baldwin, Lahainaluna and Maui High Schools
- Scholarship funds for Maui Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality & Tourism programs
- Maui Junior Golf

The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism program, administered by the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, started in the 1990's with a one-time donation from the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel. The seed that was first planted at Lahainaluna High School soon expanded to include Maui High & Baldwin. Today, the AOHT program includes over 220 students on Maui. The innovative program emphasizes academic excellence while preparing students for the "real world" by providing opportunities for internships, job shadowing, research, event planning, service projects, job site visits, university visits and travel. AOHT's primary goal is to prepare students for post-secondary education and cultivate workforce development in one of the world's largest service industries. The program also plays a role in both the HTA Strategic Plan & Workforce Development Plan.

"The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association is committed to giving back to the community by providing opportunities for our future business leaders," says Carol Reimann, executive director for the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association. "We are pleased to raise much-needed funds during these difficult economic times to ensure our youth have the tools to make educated choices. The students who benefit from our efforts are the future of Maui and it's important that we provide opportunities to help maximize their potential - while also supporting workforce development."

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to advocate for the Visitor Industry. The organization also provides educational opportunities via the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism and scholarships for MCC students; and benefits the community via the annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Excellence in Education golf tournament and Kupuna Dinner. For additional information, contact MHLA at 244-8625 or info@mauihla.org.

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(Caption: MHLA's "Excellence in Education" Golf Tournament's winning team from Hotel Wailea Maui include Ron Williams, Shan Tsutsui, Kyoko Kimura and Henry Perez)

