

Please congratulate Mr. Neal Nagao for receiving the UH System's Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance Award

Neal Nagao was recently awarded the prestigious UH System Excellence in Building and Grounds Maintenance Award. This award is for an employee with exceptional contributions to improving the appearance of the campus, participates in the beautification of the buildings and grounds, develops procedures to save the university of Hawaii at Hilo money or makes the operations more efficient, shows sustained superior performance on the job, and exemplifies excellence in service to students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

For 19 years, Neal Nagao served as the only electrician for the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Community College campuses and was recently promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in Auxiliary Services, [within the Administrative Affairs area](#). Neal's ability to assess and innovatively solve difficult and challenging electrical and maintenance problems has resulted in cost saving to UH Hilo and has positively impacted the learning environment of our students. As his nominator states, "because Neal is extremely humble and avoids the spotlight, many of his accomplishments go unnoticed."

Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Affairs, states that "Neal has demonstrated daily the attributes that we want to see in all of employees: a great attitude, technical proficiency, and the ability to solve problems. Neal, being a recently new supervisor, has been a model employee for administrative affairs and the university, in general. I am pleased that Neal was nominated and recognized through this award. "