



Hawaii Jaycees

"No Member Left Behind"

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STATUS OF HAWAII JAYCEE DELEGATES COMPETING AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Hawaii Jaycees won big at the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce national convention in Daytona Beach, Florida during the week of March 13. This is the final list of winners; all are members of the Hawaii Jaycees.

Michelle Itsuno – Representing Hawaii for the C. William Brownfield Memorial Award. Ms. Itsuno was named one of the top three finalists for the award, thus being named a national C. William Brownfield memorial award winner for 2004. The Brownfield is the most outstanding new member award in the Jaycees, for those whom have been members for less than 24-months.

David Adams – Representing Hawaii for the Durward Howes Memorial Award – The award is given to the most outstanding public speaker in the US Jaycees. All competitors for this award spoke impromptu on this subject – *"Some men see things as they are and ask, "Why?" I dream things that never were and ask, "Why not?"* On Friday, March 18, Adams was named the overall winner of the speech contest, thus winning the USJCC National Durward Howes Memorial Award. Adams is the third Hawaii Jaycee to win this award. This is also the first time the Hawaii Jaycees took this award back-to-back, with member Yvette Hirai winning the same award in 2004.

Other members who won individual and chapter awards include:

The Hawaii Jaycees was ranked as the No. 7 Chapter in the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for 2004, out of approximately 35 state organizations in the United States, one for each state the Jaycees is represented.

61st Hawaii Jaycees President in 2004 Jon Nishihara was given the Alan Whitfield Memorial Award by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce recognizing outstanding State Jaycee presidents in 2004.

Elisa Ritua of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce was awarded an outstanding local chapter vice president award. Ritua was Vice President of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce in 2004.

Kathy Otsuka, Individual Development Vice President, Hawaii Jaycees in 2004 Was awarded the Dennis Hamilton Memorial Award, recognizing her as an outstanding State organization Vice President in 2004.

Stan Fichtman, Public Relations Director, Hawaii Jaycees in 2004 Was awarded the R. Bradley Trafton Memorial Award, recognizing him as an outstanding state organization director in 2004

Three Hawaii Jaycee Chapters won the prestigious "Blue Chip" award for 2004. Alakai Jaycees @ Hawaii Pacific University, the Honolulu Filipino Jaycees and the Lehua Jaycees (Hilo) all were awarded the Blue Chip award for 2004, recognizing them for outstanding overall chapter management organization throughout the year.

The Honolulu Chinese Jaycees was recognized for implementing an outstanding business development program in 2004 This recognizes the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees for outstanding chapter management in relation to business development concerns.

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Outgoing US Jaycees President Lon Fox recognized these Hawaii Jaycee members with a Presidential Merit award:

Steven Kaneko – Current chapter president for the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce

Yvette Hirai – 2004 chapter president for the Honolulu Chinese Jaycees

Brandon Dela Cruz – 2004 chapter president for the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce

Wade Hiraishi – 2004 chapter president for the Rising Phoenix Jaycees (Honolulu)

Chin Lee – Current chapter president for the Alakai Jaycees @ Hawaii Pacific University

Carin Seki – 2004 chapter president for the Lehua Jaycees (Hilo)

Incoming US Jaycees President Julie Metzger recognized these Hawaii Jaycee members with a Presidential Merit award:

Steven Kaneko - Current chapter president for the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce

Gayle Tasaki – Current chapter president for the Rising Phoenix Jaycees (Honolulu)

Robert Catalina – Founding chapter president for the newly created "Banzai Pipeline Jaycees" (Mililani)

The Banzai Pipeline Jaycees was also recognized as an outstanding newly formed chapter in the Jaycees.

Individual interviews with the winners from the convention in Daytona can be arranged through Stan Fichtman, PR Director, Hawaii Jaycees at (808) 295-4630.