The Underwriters Association of Hawai‘i donates more than $11,000 for UH West O‘ahu Risk Management and Insurance certificate program

KAPOLEI -- The Underwriters Association of Hawai‘i (UAH) donated $11,375 to the University of Hawai‘i – West O‘ahu Risk Management and Insurance certificate program at the organization’s annual charitable golf tournament on July 25 at the Hoakalei Country Club in Ewa Beach. Platinum sponsor participating insurance companies and agencies including

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and other gold and silver level sponsors donated $10,000 from the tournament and an additional $1,375 from its post-tournament banquet activities. The donation will be used for student scholarships and program development. The Risk Management and Insurance certificate program at UH West O‘ahu provides training for risk management, personal and commercial insurance professionals and prepares students for licensure examination.

“We are truly grateful for the continued support from the Underwriters Association of Hawai‘i that allows UH West O‘ahu to offer scholarships to our Risk Management and Insurance students,” said UH West O‘ahu Chancellor, Rockne Freitas. “As the only University in the state to offer a Risk Management and Insurance certificate program, together with our insurance industry partners, UH West O‘ahu prepares students to pursue insurance careers that are in high demand locally and nationally.”

“We are thrilled to be able to continue to support UHWO’s Insurance Program,” said UAH President, Chris Laniauskas. “UAH is very thankful for the hundreds of volunteers and scores of sponsors who all contributed to making this year’s event a success.”
“On behalf of the Hawai‘i Independent Insurance Agents Association (HIIA), I am extremely gratified that UAH has joined our industry together to support UH West O‘ahu’s Risk Management and Insurance Certificate program,” said HIIA President, Jim Cavanah. “A healthy insurance industry is vital to economic growth in Hawai‘i. UHWO’s education and development of future insurance leaders is of the utmost importance for Hawai‘i. HIIA is thankful for the efforts of UAH to create a successful event for UHWO and raise funds for this valuable insurance program.”

UH West O‘ahu is the only university in the state to offer a Certificate in Risk Management and Insurance. The certificate program was created in partnership with Hawai‘i’s risk management and insurance industry to meet the increasing demand for qualified insurance professionals, and develop the skilled professionals needed in a field that offers high starting salaries, job stability, impressive opportunities for future career growth, and a balanced lifestyle.


The Risk Management and Insurance certificate is one of many offered by UH West O‘ahu in addition to the University’s more than 25 bachelor’s degree programs. Other certificate programs include Health Care Administration, Environmental Studies, Applied Forensic Anthropology, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Substance Abuse and Addictions Studies, and Democratic Principles and Social Justice. For more information, call (808) 689-2900 or email uhwo.admissions@hawaii.edu

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The **Underwriters Association of Hawai‘i** is a non-profit organization established in 1968 whose mission is to perpetuate education, fellowship and interaction amongst its members of insurance professionals. Every year, the UAH sponsors a charitable golf tournament and proceeds are donated to a charity of choice.
The *Hawaii Independent Insurance Agents Association* is a non-profit trade association representing a network of independent insurance professionals across the State of Hawaiʻi. The HIIA is the Hawaiʻi affiliate for the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA) founded in 1896. The IIABA is a national alliance of 300,000 business owners and their employees who offer all types of insurance and financial services products.

**PHOTO (from left to right):** Myles Murakami (Atlas Insurance and UH West Oʻahu Insurance Advisory Board), Devon Uyehara (IC International), Chris Laniauskas (UAH and Cavanah Associates), Lauren Aoki (First Insurance Company of Hawaiʻi, Ltd.), Ryan Kawamoto (Island Insurance), and Sharon Lee (UH West Oʻahu).