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## Pacific Century Fellows names new cohort




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Close up of a young woman working from home

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The Pacific Century Fellows Program recently announced its 18th cohort, comprised of 37 young leaders in Hawaii.

The program, founded in 1996 by then-Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, is modeled after the White House Fellows program, which encourages and enhances civic participation by bringing leaders together to learn about the issues and challenges within the local community.

"With our 18th class of Fellows, we continue to build on the cadre of just over 500 bright and energetic alumni who will make contributions to the betterment of Hawaii and the Pacific region in the years to come," Hannemann said in a statement. "During the program, fellows will be connected with senior policymakers and community leaders, and engage in discussions that cultivate an open exchange of ideas and knowledge.

"The overarching goal is to nurture relationships among individuals who are committed to exploring creative and constructive solutions to far-reaching challenges, positively influencing the quality of life in Hawaii," he said.

This year, the following 37 young leaders were selected for the program:

- **Patrick Branco**, director of external affairs and communications, Hawaii Green Growth
- **Clarice Casamina**, vice president, House of Finance, Inc.
- **Eric Chen**, senior vice president, Bank of Hawaii
- **Jonathan L.W. Ching**, director of government relations, Kaiser Permanente
- **Travis Clegg**, chief operating officer, Hawaii Pacific Health
- **Brandon Dela Cruz**, director of marketing, L&L Franchise, Inc.
- **Lawrence Duenas**, executive director, Alzheimer's Association
- **Raquel Guss**, director of strategy and operational excellence, Altres
- **Brooke Guth**, director of operations, Maui Jim Sunglasses
- **Barney Po'okela Hanson**, fire captain, Honolulu Fire Department
- **Michelle Hee**, director of communications and public relations, Iolani School
- **Kimi Ide-Foster**, partner, Chun Kerr LLP
- **Jordan Inafuku**, partner, McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP
- **Harrison Ishida, Jr.**, senior vice president, Trinity Investments

- **Brandon Kamigaki**, manager, Servco Pacific Inc.
- **Ryan Kamo**, principal architect, Design Partners, Inc.
- **Leinaala Kanana**, chief community health services officer, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- **Jonathan Kaneshiro**, vice president, Oahu Waste Services, Inc.
- **Robert Roy Kelley**, vice president, Avalon Development Co.
- **Trish La Chica**, representative, Hawaii State House of Representatives
- **Jennifer Lau**, executive vice president, Finance Enterprises
- **Erica Mau-Schank**, founder and CEO, Vibe Creative Marketing
- **Tessa Munekiyo Ng**, vice president, Munekiyo Hiraga
- **Daphne Okunaga**, international business and design lead teacher, Pearl City High School
- **Meagan Ostrem**, environmental planning and community outreach, U.S. Navy
- **Todd Pang**, president, Caring Manoa
- **Amanda Pump**, chief program officer, Child & Family Services
- **Edwin Quan**, vice president, Bank of Hawaii
- **Laura Sanders**, executive director, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association
- **Jeremy Shorenstein**, planning and development manager, Kamehameha Schools
- **Kristopher Speegle**, owner, Nakoia Kai Insurance Professionals
- **Kapiolani Street**, project engineer, Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.
- **Reyn Tanaka**, vice president, WKF, Inc.
- **Ronald Tran**, CEO, WCIT Architecture, Inc.
- **James Twigg-Smith**, agriculture division manager, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies LLC
- **Dean Uyeda**, senior vice president, First Hawaiian Bank
- **Alexandra Wroe**, vice president, Queen's Health Systems