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Johnson Controls promotes green learning with gift for scholarships & equipment

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Kapi'olani CC Chancellor Leon Richards, Honolulu CC student Skye Rhoden, Johnson Controls' Judith Mouton and Honolulu CC Chancellor Erica Lacro

HAWAII - Johnson Controls, a global multi-industrial company, recently awarded a \$57,895 grant to the University of Hawai'i. Their gift supports student scholarships for the UH and Johnson Controls Fellows Program, HVAC scholarships, and equipment for Honolulu CC's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology (RAC) program.

Vice President for Community Colleges Dr. John Morton said, "Sustainability is an important goal but also an important value for the UH Community Colleges. Our work with Johnson Controls, Inc. has helped move us forward in reaching this sustainability goal. We thank JCI for their continued support and partnership, and for this generous gift in support of training the future workers in Hawai'i's green industries."

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Chancellor of Honolulu CC Dr. Erika Lacro added, "This generous gift will help Honolulu CC keep important programs such as Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology current with industry standards. Students will train on innovative equipment to help move the future of Hawai'i's workforce to be more responsive with its energy needs." Lacro continued, "The JCI Fellows program is offered across the UH System to engage students in all types of sustainable practices. These scholarships will aid students throughout their educational journey through to graduation."

In 2011, UH and Johnson Controls launched the Fellows Program to prepare students for jobs in the growing green sector while identifying and cultivating students to lead sustainability efforts on their respective campuses. To date there have been more than 20 Fellows educated by Johnson Controls employees who have coordinated activities such as renewable energy training summits, Earth Day celebrations, and peer-to-peer sustainability education.

"We're training students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers, making them career-ready for jobs in sustainability and energy-efficiency industries," says Judith Mouton, program director, Higher Education, Johnson Controls. "While learning about sustainability, they're gaining valuable business leadership skills."

Johnson Controls' gift also benefits Honolulu CC's RAC program by funding scholarships and the purchase of new equipment to better prepare students for jobs in refrigeration and A/C installation, repair and sales.

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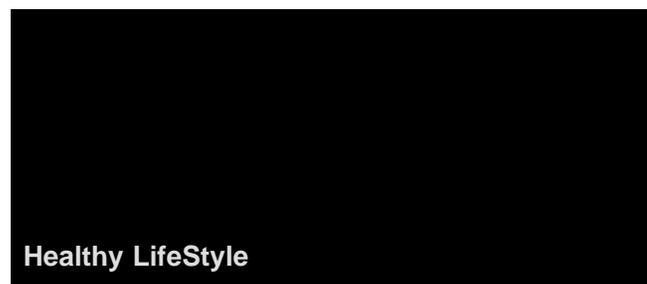
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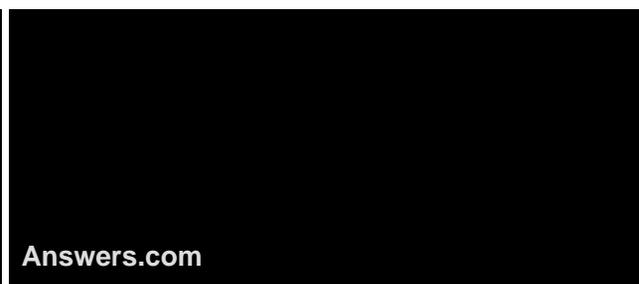


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