

Chefs of Aloha



The 14th Annual Hawai'i Restaurant Association's Hall of Fame honored the 2022 Class of Inductees and the Chefs of Aloha on Feb. 28 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Proceeds benefited the Hawai'i Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

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ClimbHI LEI Event Returns to HCC, Outer Islands

ClimbHI, a Hawai'i workforce development nonprofit, hosted its 10th annual Leadership, Exploration, Inspiration (LEI) hospitality industry program April 5 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Approximately 500 intermediate and high school attendees, college interns and college students enrolled in classes with curriculum relating to the program were expected to attend LEI's first in-person event since 2019.

The free event's "Amazing Race"-style competition took students through multiple stations provided by participating Hawai'i businesses that described the hospitality industry. Included were career highlights, resident sentiment, the importance of the visitor industry and Hawai'i's cultural values. A luncheon led by high-profile speakers was followed by a career fair.

O'ahu's LEI program kicked off LEI Maui on April 8, LEI Kaua'i on April 14 and LEI Island of Hawai'i on April 26 and 27. Hawai'i businesses and organizations are

encouraged to participate in LEI events, which are sponsored by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. info@climbhi.org

CHG Names Newton VP-Sales

Hawai'i hospitality veteran Revell Newton has joined Castle Hospitality Group (CHG) as vice president of sales for CHG's three operating brands—Castle Resorts & Hotels, Castle Vacation Rentals Hawai'i and Chase 'N Rainbows.



Revell Newton

segments, and I'm confident he will lead our company's sales efforts to new heights."

"We're excited to welcome Revell to the Castle team," says Alan Mattson, president and CEO of Castle. "He has tremendous experience in and extensive knowledge of Hawai'i's various resort market

Revell's more than 25 years of hospitality experience includes serving as complex director of sales and marketing for Starwood Hotels & Resorts' four Waikiki properties and Kapalua Bay Hotel and Ocean Villas. Previously, he worked as general manager of the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, hotel manager of Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou and, most recently, as general manager of Aston Maui Ka'anapali Villas.

Poke Fest Hosts the Best



How many ways can you make and eat poke? Find out at the Kaua'i Poke Fest on May 28.

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The 2022 Kaua'i Poke Fest, hosted by Koloa Landing Resort at Poipu, will take place May 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., on the resort's Garden Lawn and in the Grand Ballroom.

The annual fest features a competition for local restaurants and chefs to showcase the best poke in Hawai'i, plus a poke demonstration with Sam Choy, the James Beard Award-Winning Chef revered as the "Godfather of Poke."

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Kaua'i Charity Walk, which supports local charities islandwide, ranging from food banks and family service organizations, to distance learning assistance.

"We are excited to welcome back residents and visitors to the Kaua'i Poke Fest this year," says Andy Evers, general manager of Koloa Landing Resort, whose 25-acre property features the Grand Ballroom that opens onto the lanai and the Garden Lawn that faces Kaua'i's south shore. The sprawling resort provides a welcoming atmosphere for festival attendees as they enjoy one of Hawai'i's favorite local dishes.

Tickets, room packages and applications to compete are available now. For questions, email info@kauaipokefest.com.