Hawai'i's Citizen-Scholars of 2024

The Citizen-Scholar Awards celebrate their 20th anniversary this year.

During this period, the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, Hawai'i State Department of Education, and The Honolulu Star-Advertiser have joined to honor 840 outstanding seniors from public schools across the state and presented scholarships fast approaching \$900,000. * We do this to reward students for their achievements inside and outside the classroom, but also to recognize their roles as citizen-scholars, young people engaged in service to others, to volunteerism, and to building a better island community for us all. ***** Each Citizen-Scholar has received a \$1,000 scholarship to go toward his or her college endeavors. The top student from each of the four counties was awarded an additional \$2,500. Two top seniors, one male and one female representing the Class of 2024, received \$5,000 more. * The Citizen-Scholar Awards were established by the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association in 2005. Now marking its 20th year, this program's uninterrupted success is due to the generosity of HLTA's member-businesses, who support not only the Citizen-Scholar Awards but many other scholarship opportunities for high school and college students in the islands. In commemoration of this significant milestone year, **Southwest**

Southwest Airlines has graciously awarded a round-trip between Hawai'i and the continental United States to each of the honorees. * We are indebted to the HLTA members; the administration and faculty of the Hawai'i State Department of Education, who are responsible for teaching and producing these exceptional students; and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, a proud HLTA member that continues to bestow much-deserved recognition on the honorees. * Congratulations to the Citizen-Scholars of 2024. We join in wishing them the very best in their future endeavors and are confident they will be making many more contributions to our community in the



years to come.

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