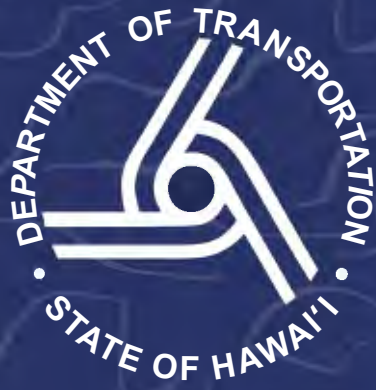




# **State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation**

## **2025 Summer Internship Recognition Summit**

**August 7, 2025**

**11:00a.m.**

**Hawai'i State Capitol  
Chamber Floor, Auditorium**

**11:30AM – 12:00PM**

**Lunch & Networking**

**12:00PM**

**Opening Remarks  
Governor Josh Green, M.D.**

**12:15PM**

**Welcome  
HDOT Director Ed Sniffen**

**12:30PM – 1:30PM**

**Intern Presentations**

**1:45PM**

**Awards & Closing**

# 2025 Summer Intern Presentations

## Administration Presentation

### **Kalaeloa Reef Laboratory for Coastal Infrastructure Resilience**

**Interns:** Marvin Arevalo, Minoaka Yen, Geordan Alferos

**Mentors:** Laura Kaakua, Genevieve Sullivan, Jaclyn Chong

## Airports Presentation

### **Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Vehicles (EVTOL) in Hawai'i**

**Interns:** Noah Ettlich, Logan Joe Soriano, Logan Buder-Nakasone, Winston Chung, Nainoa Hayashi

**Mentors:** Traci Lum and Stacy Paquette

## Harbors Presentation

### **Aloha Tower Centennial**

**Interns:** Chaz Tsang, Macie Tsang

**Mentor:** Julie Char

## Highways Presentation

### **Automation: Utilizing Intelligent Document Processing**

**Interns:** Brandon Chang and Jason Nichols

**Mentor:** Kara Yoshida

## Judges

Senator Tim Richards

Senator Sharon Moriwaki

Scott Fuji, Office of Senator Donovan Dela Cruz

Representative Sean Quinlan

Representative Chris Todd

Representative Jeanne Kapela

Representative Sue Keohokapu-Lee Loy

Representative Ikaika Olds

Brooke Wilson, Office of Governor Josh Green, M.D.

2025 Intern Cohort and Mentors

Administration

Geordan Alferos, ADMIN-DIR  
mentors Jaclyn Chong and Laura Kaakua

Marvin Arevalo, ADMIN-DIR  
mentors Jaclyn Chong and Laura Kaakua

Jordan Carley-Windeler, ADMIN-ENV  
mentor Colby Stanton

Kirsten Delapena, ADMIN-PPB  
mentors Robert Nishimoto and Alison Kunishige

Sophia Islas, ADMIN-PPB  
mentors Robert Nishimoto and Alison Kunishige

Landon Lee, ADMIN-STP  
mentors Robert Bondoc and Pradip Pant

Ryan Lu, ADMIN-CSS  
mentor Charles Kitsuki

Grace Monaco, ADMIN-DIRP  
mentor Shelly Kunishige

Makai Monaco, ADMIN-PPB  
mentors Robert Nishimoto and Alison Kunishige

Wayne Narvasa, ADMIN-BUS  
mentor Alan Hilton

Zachary Ng, ADMIN-DIRP  
mentor Shelly Kunishige

Toby Okoji, ADMIN-BUS  
mentor Alan Hilton

Chloe Petilos, ADMIN-PER  
mentor Kapua Kenui

Micah James Sales, ADMIN-PPB  
mentors Robert Nishimoto and Claudia Wagner

Mino'aka Yen, ADMIN-DIR  
mentors Jaclyn Chong and Laura Kaakua

Airports

Michael Abunimeh, AIR-AP  
mentor Candice Shintani

Cameron Bachman, AIR-AP  
mentor Candice Shintani

Manuel Berdon, AIR-EC  
mentor Adam Tolentino Aurora

Serenity Blakely, AIR-EC  
mentor Wes Shiroma

Patrick Borden, AIR-M  
mentor Marvin Moniz

Logan Buder-Nakasone, AIR-EP  
mentor Traci Lum

Noah Calbero, AIR-ED  
mentor Valerie Sasuga

Angelyn Chan, AIR-AP  
mentor Candice Shintani

Matthew Chee, AIR-ED  
mentor Valerie Sasuga

Evan Chong, AIR-EC  
mentor Brant Yamamoto

Winston Chung, AIR-EP  
mentor Traci Lum

Lucas Connaroe, AIR-ED  
mentor Diana Lee

Zachary Delapena, AIR-ED  
mentor Shaun Sato

Sam Doan, AIR-ER  
mentor Shu Ki Tsang

Noah Ettlich, AIR-EP  
mentor Traci Lum

Airports

William George, AIR-M  
mentor Marvin Moniz

Nainoa Hayashi, AIR-EE  
mentor Stacy Paquette

Phuoc Huynh, AIR-EM  
mentor Jake Shiraki

Aysa Jones, AIR-EC  
mentor Wes Shiroma

Gavin Kawaguchi, AIR-ED  
mentor Arianna Kirschenbaum

Christina Kawai, AIR-EM  
mentor Valerie Sasuga

Kara Kogasaka, AIR-EC  
mentor Wendy Cheuk

Reece Kosaki, AIR-EM  
mentor Jake Shiraki

Matthew Kurata, AIR-ORC  
mentor Malcolm Smith

Carter Murakami, AIR-E  
mentor Brant Yamamoto

Ethan Nakaoka, AIR-ED  
mentor Shaun Sato

Amber Nomura, AIR-AF  
mentor Karen Honda

Matthew Okamura, AIR-ED  
mentor Valerie

Sasuga Trevor Okinaka, AIR-ED  
mentor Valerie

Sasuga Antonio Ponce, AIR-E  
mentor Wendy

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Wyatt Luke Soriano, AIR-EC  
mentor Brant Yamamoto

Sakura Takahashi, AIR-ED  
mentor Arianna Kirschenbaum

Kristin Thomas, AIR-I  
mentor Amy Saito

Bryson Ting, AIR-EC  
mentor Daryl Yokomizo

Caleb Tiqui, AIR-OO  
mentor Debbie Saito

Kennadie Tsue, AIR-PM  
mentor Abby Lareau

Skyler Unebasami, AIR-ORC  
mentor Malcom Smith

Jose Tomas Velasco, AIR-AP  
mentor Candice Shintani

Kadin Watanabe, AIR-AF  
mentor Karen Honda

Sydney Whitley, AIR-AP  
mentor Candice Shintani

Anna Zheng, AIR-EC  
mentor Brant Yamamoto

Noah Zhou, AIR-ER  
mentor Shuki Tsang

# 2025 Intern Cohort and Mentors, Continued

## Harbors

Isaiah Basilio, HAR-EC  
mentor Letizia De Lannoy Kobayashi

Yash Bunga, HAR-ESRM  
mentor Steven Dale

Lora Horiuchi, HAR-EE  
mentor Joy Zhang

Alan Mo, HAR-ESRM  
mentor Julie Char

Jacob Nakasone, HAR  
mentor Julie Char

Resley Anne Ramos-Faylogna, HAR-O  
mentor Julie Char

Chaz Tsang, HAR-DEP  
mentor Steven Dale

Macie Tsang, HAR-DEP  
mentor Julie Char

Gabriel Vargas, HAR-EC  
mentor Letizia De Lannoy Kobayashi

Zhiling (Lucia) Xie, HAR-SF  
mentor Anne Sakamoto

## Highways

Zulfiqure Ali, HWY-P  
mentors Dean Matsui and Harlee Shim  
Huckso

Luke Alwood, HWY-M mentor Derek  
Takahashi

Erik Anderson, HWY-O  
mentors Dean Matsui and Harlee Shim-  
Huckso

## Highways

Emily Botelho, HWY-D  
mentor Brent Ching

Mya Cadiz, HWY-M  
mentor Ty Fukuroku

Alden Joseph Castillo, HWY-M  
mentor Derek Takahashi

Brandon Chang, HWY-S  
mentors Nathan Higa and Kara Yoshida

Wendel Dennis De Jesus HWY-D  
mentors Henry Kennedy and Andy  
Brinkerhoff

Blake Fisher, HWY-P  
mentor Jeyan Thirugnanam

Kai Gatting, HWY-P  
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Brandon Goehring, HWY-H  
mentor Annette Matsuda

Vanessa He, HWY-P  
mentors Dean Matsui and Harlee Shim-  
Huckso

Maximus Juan, HWY-M  
mentor Ty Fukuroku

Chase Kadooka, HWY-O  
mentors Bruce Kawakami and JoAnn Nakata

Kamuela Kamaka, HWY-O  
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## Highways

Ezra Levinson, HWY-P  
mentors Rachel Roper-Noonan and Dean Matsui

Matthew Low, HWY-S  
mentors Mary Anne Go and Cindy Ucol

Michelle Lu, HWY-S  
mentors Mary Anne Go and Cindy Ucol

Jalen Lum, HWY-A  
mentors Maaza Mekuria and Zero Wu

Christopher Maluo, HWY-P  
mentor Jeyan Thirugnanam

Isaac Mandaloniz, HWY-H  
mentor Annette Matsuda

Aeva Martin, HWY-D  
mentors Amy Sunahara and Justin Tadaki

Jahryck Muliagatele, HWY-D  
mentor Brent Ching

Jason Nichols, HWY-S  
mentors Nathan Higa and Kara Yoshida

Roel Adrien Pagdilao, HWY-S  
mentors Mary Anne Go and Cindy Ucol

Logan-Bishop Peters, HWY-D  
mentor Brent Ching

Grace Pu, HWY-P  
mentor Rachel Roper-Noonan

## Highways

Dante Pulliam, HWY-L  
mentor Brian Chang

Andrew Quinto, HWY-O  
mentor John Williams

Payton Tachino, HWY-P  
mentors Rachel Roper-Noonan and Austin Rose

Kaye Talioaga, HWY-S  
mentors Mary Anne Go and Cindy Ucol

Dylan Tawata, HWY-D  
mentors Henry Kennedy and Andy Brinkerhoff

Jizelle Makayla Ucol, HWY-O  
mentor Gerald Pang

Brian Valdez, HWY-L  
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Keaton Watanabe, HWY-S  
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