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***NAHB CAPS Educator of the Year 2016***

NAHB Hawaii National State Rep. 2016

NAHB Remodelers Board of Trustee 2016

NAHB CAPS Board Vice-Chair 2016

BIA of Hawaii Board of Director 2016

NAHB CAPS Designee Of The Year 2014

CAPS (Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist)

NAHB Primary CAPS & Universal Design/Build Instructor

CGR (Certified Graduate Remodeler)

**CGP (Certified Green Professional)**

ILS (Independent Living Specialist)

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## **Experience:**

I have been in the construction industry for over 29 years and a licensed General Contractor for over 8 years. I was my father's caregiver for 17 years after my mother passed; which gives me another viewpoint in this specialized area.

I earned my NAHB Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) in 2008, and became an approved instructor in 2011 and an instructor for the Universal Design/Build course in 2015. I have taught the CAPS course for about 5 years at the BIA of Hawaii. I made the decision to become an NAHB instructor because I wanted to share the information that only attending the CAPS courses gives you. The course is not strictly for contractors, but this educational course is beneficial to various allied professionals, such as architect, interior designers, physicians, nurses, occupational and physical therapist, medical equipment specialist, realtors, the public etc...

The number one reason industry professionals join and continue to be members of an HBA, is education opportunities; which is another pathway to increasing membership. As a CAPS instructor, my goal is to have the students have a real-world experience, rather than just hearing information from the student guide. I want them to understand why pathways are a certain width, why the degree of a slope is important to everyone that uses it, why floor transition must be a certain height etc....all this information sounds reasonable in class; but to physically experience it makes a larger impact to their comprehension and



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reasoning. This informational awareness as a certified aging-in-place specialist will benefit them, their company, clients, family, friends etc...

My goal is to educate realtors, contractors, architects; designers, OT/PTs and other allied professionals, so they increase their knowledge and understanding of AIP, UD and IL, which would be beneficial to their clients, family and friend's activities of daily living.

### **Awards and Honors:**

1. 2016 – Honored as NAHB CAPS Educator of the Year.
2. 2016 – Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society's "Na Lima Kokua" Award for a business that have contributed to the welfare of the elderly.
3. 2015 – BIA of Hawaii Renaissance Grand Award Winner in Kitchen Division (up to \$75,000).
4. 2014 – Honored as NAHB CAPS Designees of the Year.

### **Volunteer Service/Educator Experience:**

In 2009, I developed a PowerPoint presentation which I have given numerous times at no cost to various groups statewide such as AARP, non-profit senior groups/clubs, and public to professionals in the construction, real estate, healthcare field and departments in government (state and city & county) departments. As the result of being a very proactive CAPS contractor/instructor, there have been many opportunities for me to volunteer and educate others about NAHB CAPS.

List of items:

- 1) 2017 – Serve on the Board of Directors for the BIA of Hawaii as Special Appointee Builder.
- 2) 2017 – Serve as Education Committee Chair for the BIA of Hawaii.
- 3) 2016 – Currently serving as the vice-chair for the NAHB CAPS Board of Governors; and an SME (Subject Matter Expert) in revising CAPS I & II and developing the CAPS III course.
- 4) 2016 – Currently serving on the NAHB Remodelers Board of Trustees.
- 5) 2016 – Currently serving as NAHB State Representative (Area 14) for Hawaii.
- 6) 2016 – Currently serving as the Housing Domain Coordinator for the City & County of Honolulu AFC Implementation committee.
- 7) 2014 - 2015 – I served on the NAHB Education working group to help restructure the NAHB education program.
- 8) 2015 - I started instructing the CAPS courses at the Honolulu Board of Realtors building, fostering a professional relationship between them and my HBA (BIA of Hawaii).
- 9) 2015 – I participated in a roundtable forum at the IBS 2015 Remodelers Central on CAPS.
- 10) 2015 – Earned my NAHB CGR designation.
- 11) 2014 – Serve on the Board of Directors for the BIA of Hawaii.



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- 12) 2014 – Serve on the BIA of Hawaii Education Committee.
- 13) 2014 – Served on the housing committee for the City & County of Honolulu’s Citizens Advisory Committee, and implemented the CAPS course as part of the training for professional (contractor and/or allied professionals) to work on a City & County AFC projects. The final plan also mentions the NAHB and the BIA of Hawaii as sources for the CAPS courses.
- 14) 2014 – I served on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society.
- 15) 2014 – Co-Chaired the CAPS/OT roundtable at the 2014 IBS show.
- 16) 2012 – 2013 – Contributed to articles about CAPS and multi-generational living for the NAHB CAPS connection Magazine.
- 17) 2011 – Started instructing CAPS I & II courses for BIA of Hawaii.
- 18) 2010 – 2012 – Nominated and served on the State of Hawaii HFLTF (Homes for Life Task Force); which was to guide the State Legislature in finding ways to help seniors age in place and live independently at home instead of moving into nursing homes.
- 19) 2010 – Earned my CGP designation.