

Outstanding Volunteer Awards

The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes what is best in a volunteer including service to something beyond oneself, a willingness to contribute time and effort without pay, and a donation of time and effort beyond one's normal responsibilities. The awardees lead by example and by demonstrating the qualities that bring out the best in others.

Thanh-Lo Sananikone

Thanh-Lo currently serves as the Vice President of Development for the EWCA Executive Board and has been responsible for raising funds for student scholarships and alumni conferences. Thanh-Lo's leadership and support of the East-West Center Association is especially noteworthy for her outstanding work as the Co-Chair of the 2006 International Conference held in Hanoi, Vietnam. Over the years, she has also served as a Board member of the EWCA Hawai'i Chapter, the Friends of the EWC, and numerous non-profit organizations in Hawai'i.



Trudy Schandler Wong

Trudy helped to develop the Friends of the East-West Center (FEWC) to be a bridge between the Center and the community. The FEWC sponsors and supports programs and activities for EWC students and the general public such as the China Seminar and 'Ohana (Host Family) Program. Trudy's leadership and support of the Friends is especially noteworthy for her outstanding work as a host family for hundreds of EWC students over the past four decades.



Loretta Pang

Loretta is being recognized for her outstanding work as the Secretary Treasurer of the Association for eight years and her service on EWCA committees for mentoring, program review and scholarships. Loretta also serves on numerous community boards. She helped to foster international understanding at Kapiolani Community College where she retired as an Emeritus Professor of Chinese History at Kapiolani Community College.



Kok Kian Poh

KK provided outstanding leadership as the chair of the EWCA Executive Board for six years. He was an active leader of the Malaysia Chapter and chaired the successful 2002 alumni conference in Malaysia. KK's wise counsel has always been appreciated by his colleagues. He continues to assist the Malaysia Chapter and participates on the EWCA Executive Board.

