2024

PFD

EMPOWERING HAWAII'S FUTURE CIVIC LEADERS

Partners for Democracy
Building Leaders in Hawaii

About

WHO WE ARE

Partners for Democracy is a civic leadership program sponsored by Pacific Resource Partnership, Hawaii's leading labor-management organization representing over 6,500 working members from the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters and more than 200 contractors who employ Hawaii union workers.

OUR MISSION

We identify and support current and future leaders who are willing to participate in the civic process and find solutions to the critical issues facing Hawaii. We empower these leaders with the training, tools, resources, and support necessary to develop and implement forward-thinking public policy that ensures Hawaii's workers and families can live and thrive in the place they call home.

OUR VISION

By cultivating enlightened, proactive civic leaders who will challenge the status quo and champion real solutions to address the most pressing issues we face, we can ensure Hawaii remains a place for everyone who lives here, not just the privileged few.

WHAT WE DO

We offer a best-in-class learning experience that teaches current and emerging Hawaii civic leaders the art of developing and executing successful political and public policy advocacy campaigns—through classroom instruction, issues awareness programs, networking and relationship building opportunities, and hands-on work study.

On the cover: **Kirstin Kahaloa,** PFD Cohort I graduate and State House Representative, Kona District. **Dane Wicker,** PFD Cohort I graduate and newly appointed Deputy Director of DBEDT. *Employment affiliations are provided for identification purposes only.*

HAWAII IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES HERE, NOT JUST THE PRIVILEGED FEW.

The Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Partners for Democracy is a leadership training program that teaches current and emerging Hawaii civic leaders how to develop and execute successful political and public policy advocacy campaigns.

CAMPAIGN CURRICULUM

The campaign curriculum will focus on political campaign fundamentals, including best practices in budgeting, fundraising, communications, field work and voter contact programs. It is designed to provide candidates with real-world opportunities to create materials for their political campaigns and culminates with a group exercise to write an actual campaign plan.

Partners for Democracy
Building Leaders in Hawaii

The Program (Continued)

ISSUES CURRICULUM

The issues curriculum will offer participants an opportunity to gain a greater understanding and perspective of important subjects and current issues impacting our communities. It will include expert speakers from the public and private sectors, field trips, and panel discussions that provide an opportunity to engage in open discussions between program participants and invited speakers.

The 2022 Partners for Democracy graduating class.

CONTACT

For questions, please email us at:
hello@partnersfordemocracyhi.com
www.partnersfordemocracyhi.com

Partners for Democracy
Building Leaders in Hawaii

WORK STUDY PROGRAM

At the conclusion of the program curriculum, exceptional program participants may be eligible to apply for a unique opportunity to further campaign and advocacy learning through a paid work study experience. Work study opportunities will be tailored for each selected participant and will range from short internships to longer, full-time work projects.

TIME COMMITMENT

The 9-month program curriculum will begin in mid-June 2023 and conclude in March of 2024. Courses will generally be offered once a month over a 2-day period (primarily Fridays and Saturdays), in-person on Oahu. Participants are expected to attend each course module and be fully engaged during each session.

★ ★ ★

FORWARD-THINKING PUBLIC POLICY SOLUTIONS
THAT ENSURE HAWAII'S WORKERS AND FAMILIES CAN
LIVE AND THRIVE IN THE PLACE WE ALL CALL HOME.

Partners for Democracy
Building Leaders in Hawaii

How to Apply

OVERVIEW

Partners for Democracy is open to any current Hawaii resident who is interested in running as a candidate for public office, managing campaigns for candidates seeking office, as well as managing public policy advocacy campaigns and community organizing efforts.

★ ADVOCATE APPLICANTS ★

For Hawaii residents who are interested in managing campaigns for candidates seeking office, managing public policy advocacy campaigns, managing community organizing efforts or running as a candidate for public office after the 2024 election cycle.

★ CANDIDATE APPLICANTS ★

For Hawaii residents who intend to run as a candidate for public office in Hawaii during the 2024 election cycle.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Partners for Democracy will accept applications from mid-April through mid-May 2023. Applicants may be contacted to schedule a virtual or in-person interview in May with final selections announced in late-May.

Apply at:
www.partnersfordemocracyhi.com