

Andrew & Merle Hashimoto Scholarship in Biological & Ecological Engineering

Andrew Hashimoto received his PhD in Ag. Engineering from Cornell University. In 1986, with the support of his wife Merle, Andrew joined OSU as the department head of Bioresources Engineering, which is now Biological & Ecological Engineering. He was the department head until 1995 when he became OSU's vice-provost of academic affairs. Andrew went on to various positions, including Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering professor and Director of the Western Insular Pacific Sun Grant Subcenter, before retiring from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2015. Andy and Merle were both educators who know the positive impact of a good education on an individual's and society's well-being. With the cost of higher education continually rising, they wanted to do what they could to help students with financial need to be able to afford a college education by providing an endowed scholarship for students in BEE.

NATURE OF THE AWARD

The award shall consist of a cash award given to an undergraduate student enrolled in Ecological Engineering. The amount of the award will be dependent upon the annual income from the Andrew & Merle Hashimoto Scholarship in Biological & Ecological Engineering that resides with the OSU Foundation. The name of the recipient and the year of the award will be inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering.

DONOR

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The recipient must be enrolled in the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering as their academic major or be advised in BEE with a minimum GPA of 3.00 or cumulative HS GPA of 3.5 for incoming Freshman and have financial need. The recipient must be enrolled as a full time student the term in which the award presentation is made.

SELECTION

The Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the recipient. Selection will be made based on demonstrated leadership ability and a minimum GPA of 3.00 or cumulative HS GPA of 3.5 for incoming Freshman and have financial need. Preference for those residing in Hawaii and/or from single parent homes and/or first generation students.

PROCEDURES

The first award was presented in 2018. It is presented at the annual Biological & Ecological Engineering Spring Awards Banquet. A student may apply for this award or be nominated by a fellow student or faculty member of the Biological & Ecological Engineering Department. A

nomination packet will include a resume of the nominee, a letter of support from the major advisor, a copy of their most recent university transcript and no more than two letters of support.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLICITY

Announcement of the award and the name of the recipient shall be facilitated through the Biological & Ecological Engineering Department.

Andrew & Merle Hashimoto Scholarship in Biological & Ecological Engineering Recipients

2019 Marjorie Cheng-Leever & Eric Villalpando

2018 Logan Adams