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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

WHITNEY ARAGAKI
2022 Hawai'i Teacher of the Year
2022 National Teacher of the Year Finalist

On behalf of the citizens of the County of Hawai'i, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Whitney Aragaki, named **2022 Hawai'i Teacher of the Year** in December and chosen as one of four finalists for the **2022 National Teacher of the Year**.

Whitney holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Swarthmore College, a Master of Science in tropical conservation biology and environmental science from the University of Hawai'i Hilo and is currently pursuing a doctorate at UH Manoa's College of Education in curriculum and instruction.

Whitney teaches biology and environmental science at Waiākea High School, her alma mater. Her innovative approach to teaching supports student learning through a lens of abundance that honors place, people, and cultures.

We acknowledge and commend Whitney Aragaki for her passion for education and commitment to excellence that reaches far beyond the four corners of her classroom.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth".

MITCHELL D. ROTH
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