

AIA HONOLULU PRESENTS
THE 7TH ANNUAL

5X5X5 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

2022 MENTORS

Emberly Valgardson
Superintendent, Nordic PCL
Lester Ng
Principal & Director of
Design & Sustainability, AHL
Matthew Ortiz
Artist, Wooden Wave
Scott Na'auao
Partner/Creative Director,
Welcome Stranger
Steven D. Wong, AIA
Executive Vice President,
Mitsunaga & Associates Inc.

Thursday Feb. 24th, 2022 at 5:30PM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The 5x5x5 Mentorship Program is a formal platform and social group for emerging design and construction industry professional to engage with industry leaders from diverse backgrounds.

Five learning groups will engage a new mentor every other month in a pau hana-style setting. The meetings will be conducted either virtually or in person, with the health and safety of our community in mind.

Registration is open to first 25 participants in the design and construction industry.

REGISTER AT AIAHONOLULU.ORG BY FRIDAY FEB 4, 2022

Annual Program Cost: \$50 (includes Kickoff Pau Hana and Five Group Mentoring Sessions)
registration limited to first 25 participants.

The Kickoff Pau Hana will be held Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:30-6:30PM via Zoom.

For questions, email Ina Wong at iwong@ahl.design

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MEET OUR 2022 MENTORS



Emberly Valgardson | Superintendent, Nordic PCL

Emberly is a detail-oriented individual who learns quickly and easily adapts to new situations. Her knowledge and successes with building information modeling provides the team the resources it needs to take planning to the next level. Her past exposure to the design field proves to be invaluable when collaborating with design professionals.



Lester Ng | Principal & Director of Design & Sustainability, AHL

With nearly thirty years of design and planning experience, Lester has provided planning, design concept, and architectural documents for residential, mixed-use, and master plans throughout Hawai'i, the Pacific Rim, and beyond. His worldly design experience positions him with a keen sense of human needs and desires for the physical spaces we inhabit.



Matthew Kawika Ortiz | Artist, Wooden Wave

Artist Matthew Kawika Ortiz, from Lā'ie, O'ahu, draws upon Hawaiian values and concepts to present them in a contemporary visual context. Ortiz seeks to create work that invites viewers to imagine alternative realities to our current society and environment; melding elements of the natural world with ideas of technology (both modern and ancestral), to create playful narratives around Mālama 'Āina values.



Scott Na'auao | Partner/Creative Director, Welcome Stranger

Scott Na'auao is a Hawaiian graphic designer and art director. Since 2006, Scott has designed award-winning brands across a variety of industries including retail, food and drink, non-profit, hospitality, and architecture. Based in Kāne'ohe, Scott is a partner of the brand identity studio called Welcome Stranger, and his work focuses on creating emotionally-driven design that is authentic to a modern Hawai'i.



*Steven D. Wong, AIA DBIA CQM
Executive Vice President, Mitsunaga & Associates Inc*

Mr. Wong started his architectural career in 1967 working at many prestigious architectural firms. In the 70s, he formed his own firm. Since 1985, he has been a principal at Mitsunaga & Associates, Inc. in charge of all of their major projects. Mr. Wong firmly believes that the practice of architecture is a service industry. Architects should be teachers, and good communication between the Architect and Client is of utmost importance.