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## **Two College of Education Student Employees are Nominated for Student Employee of the Year Award; One Wins Top Award**

College of Education student employees, Ruby Ng and Marc Marquez, were nominated for this year's Student Employee of the Year (SEOTY) award. The awards ceremony was held at the Campus Center Ballroom on April 10, 2008. Ng, a clerical assistant in the Institute for Teacher Education and a psychology major, was a finalist in her category. Marquez, a computer clerical specialist for the Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG) and graphic design major, won in several categories.

A student employee since 2004 with Gail Tamaribuchi, Director of the ITE Secondary Program, Ng was nominated by the entire ITE Secondary faculty. She credits her student employment with her social, professional, and personal growth and preparation for a more successful future. Of Ng's performance, Tamaribuchi said, "Regardless of the task, Ruby has an uncanny ability to recognize the purpose of the task assigned and then figure out the best way to accomplish it."

A part of CRDG's technology support team since 2006, Marquez was nominated by Mark Yap, Technology Support Manager. Yap, who was a student employee of the year in 2000, said, "By putting in great efforts, Marc's quality of work is not only a good reflection upon himself, but to our department and ultimately the University as a whole." Marquez continues to devote his video production talents to COE events and other campus fundraisers and conferences.

Each finalist received a \$250 scholarship. Marquez earned another \$250 as his category's winner. In addition, he won the overall UH award, the overall State of Hawai'i award, and the regional award sponsored by the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators (WASEA) for a total of \$900 in scholarships and certificates. The SEOTY Program and Awards Ceremony was developed 22 years ago before a regional and national competition was put together by the WASEA and the National Student Employment Association.