
Honoring
RICHARD OKUNA
Distinguished Alumnus



Hilo High School Class of 1961

Following graduation in 1961, Richard was called upon to serve active duty with the National Guard, after which he attended the University of Hawaii Hilo from 1962 to 1963. Richard then enrolled at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, from 1964 to 1966, when he graduated with a BBS.

Richard began his long and distinguished career in accounting in 1966 with the CPA firm of Ernst & Ernst in Honolulu.

He then moved back to Hilo in 1968 and joined the CPA firm of George Sakamoto. In 1970, Richard passed and received his CPA certification and became a partner with George Sakamoto and Herbert Nakayama.

In 1980, Richard started his own CPA firm in Hilo. He presently has five employees.
