

Patrick W. Naughton

Patrick Naughton has been a resident of Hawai`i since 1947 and grew up in Honolulu. His father was a UH professor of Chemistry and like all his siblings he, too, is a UH graduate. He received his commission as a lieutenant through the UH Army ROTC program and is a Vietnam combat veteran, twice being decorated for valor. Naughton holds a master's degree and a PhD in Geography as well as a master's degree in higher education.

Prior to returning to UH in 1980, Naughton taught high school in Jamaica and was an assistant professor at the University of the West Indies and Memorial University of Newfoundland. He worked as an academic administrator at various UH campuses for over 20 years. During this time he was the provost (now titled chancellor) of Hawai`i Community College in Hilo for nearly five years and spent 10 years as an administrator with the Office of the Chancellor for Community Colleges. While with the Chancellor's Office he was loaned to the DOE Superintendent's office to provide leadership for the School-to-Work program and also to the State Postsecondary Education Commission to coordinate a financial aid monitoring program.

After retiring from UH in 2001 Naughton moved to Montana for five years where he was the economic development director of a small county and then a fundraiser for Montana Tech University. He returned to Hilo in 2006 and was a very successful fundraiser for St. Joseph School for three years. He now runs a small nonprofit that provides tutoring for children with dyslexia and other reading disabilities.

Naughton has two adult children, both UH graduates. His son is a serving Army officer in Iraq and his daughter is a special education teacher in San Diego. He is actively involved in the Hilo community with the Lions and is a member of the Hawai`i Island Chamber of Commerce.