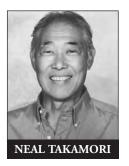
# NLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are excited to announce the completion of our "new" website. It has been a rather long process and could not have happened without the hard work of Reiko Lin, the Vice President of the Foundation and Colin Yu who designed and constructed the site we also thank Melissa Chang who is doing the Social Media. Both Reiko and Colin are graduates from the McKinley Class of 1994 and Melissa a 1983 McKinley graduate. A very big and sincere mahalo to all three of them. Please take the time to visit the site at:

http://mckinleyfoundation.org/

At the Board of Directors Annual Meeting on November 7th, we reflected back over 2017 with gratitude for the generosity of all of you. We are very aware that everyone has a choice on what non-profit to donate funds to, and the fact that you choose to give back to your alma mater is something that we do not take lightly. We can tell you that the recipients of our scholarship awardees share in our sentiments. They are truly grateful for the assistance, some of them would not be able to attend an institution of higher learning without financial help. So, on behalf of the Board of Directors and our scholarship recipients a very heartfelt thank you.

I also want to send a fond aloha to all the classes who have established scholarships in their Class names and the classes that donate residual reunion funds to the Foundation. It began with the late Robert Iwai, Class of 1954 who encouraged his classmates to ban together and establish the Class of 1954 Scholarship Fund. Some years when they held special events for their class reunions they would increase the number of scholarships. We also want to thank Aileen (Harada) and Carl Sato, class of 1962 graduates for establishing a scholarship.

We want to also give a shout out to Leilani Okuda, Advisor to the National Honor Society at McKinley and a McKinley Class of `83 graduate. For the past several years Leilani has organized fundraisers with the students to make them aware of the good works that the Foundation does. She encourages the students to give back and instills in them the importance of being a good citizen. Thank you, Leilani!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Holiday season and a most prosperous New Year. Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahikihou!

As always, we welcome your input and suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Aloha,

Neal Takamori

President

## MEET THE 53 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2017!!

As part of their application process, students were to think back to a situation in their life where they had to decide between taking a risk and playing it safe. The article below is a brief summary of their essays.



Lian Huang: Being a co-chair for the cultural exchange between McKinley High School and Kanazawa Commercial High School, McKinley's sister school in Japan proved to be a bigger challenge than Lian thought it would be. After brain-storming about what activities they should plan for the two-day schedule with the other co-chairs, they presented their ideas to their teacher and immediately got shot down. Slowly the co-chairs began to drop out, in the end it was only Lian left standing. But, as she states, she was the first to get back up. She analyzed the stack of emails and studied what the years prior had done, and eventually convinced her co-chairs to get back on board, they presented their ideas to the teacher and got the okay to go ahead with their plans. Lian says that she picked up valuable communication skills, foresight on macro

and micro management. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring Electrical Engineering. She is the recipient of the Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Matson Inc., & Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.



Frank Pang: Making the decision to give up Track & Field in his 2nd semester of his Junior year was something Frank wishes he could do over, he made this decision to concentrate more on academics. While it wasn't a total waste he did win 2nd overall at the School Science Fair and 3rd at the State Fair for his Systems Software. He elected not to play sports during his senior year also. This was even harder than sitting out his junior year. He realized that he really missed his friends and the camaraderie that they shared after games. He truly enjoyed their company and wishes he had tried to do both. He knows he can never go back for a do over, but he is taking this experience as a lesson learned and will weigh all options when faced with tough decisions in the future. Frank is attend the University of Southern California where his major is

Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$4,000.



**Derrick Luyen:** Derrick took a great deal of pride in having a very good grade point average. When he took AP Calculus AB, his junior year he found out that the class was much harder than he had anticipated. After not getting a good grade on his first test his confidence plummeted, and he struggled to keep up. He managed to get a B and knew that if he was going to pass the AP test he would have to really study. He spent hours going over problems and if he needed further help he asked his teacher. When it came time for the test he was more than prepared, he understood the material. He came to the realization that his teacher had purposely made classroom tests hard to prepare them for the AP test. He had a fantastic score on the AP test and credits his teacher for instilling in him the rewards of hard work.

Derrick is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$4,000.



Shannon Lee: Having played the piano for ten years Shannon sometimes felt that her piano teacher selected songs for her to play that were too easy. She did well at the many recitals that she participated in but really wanted to show that she was capable of a much higher level of playing. Each year her piano instructor holds a concert for graduating seniors, Shannon chose to play three difficult pieces. Practice went very well, and she was confident she would do good. At the pre-concert at Nu'uanu Hale, she and two of the other seniors played poorly. Shannon simply could not focus she missed notes and could not fix her mistakes. Even though she failed in front of an audience, she is proud of her achievements and has no regrets. She said that even when we fail we must pick ourselves up and try, try again. Shannon is attending the University

of Virginia pursuing a degree in Finance. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$4,000.



Vincent Tran: His senior year was a challenge for Vincent, his teacher recommended that he join Science Olympiad. Not sure of what Science Olympiad entailed and how members participated he was skeptical of joining. His advisor, Mrs. Yoo, encouraged him to join so he took the plunge and joined. He and his partner were placed into an event called "Anatomy & Physiology". They were confident that they would do well, however, when they got the test there were pages that they were not familiar with. They held out hope that if they thought the test was difficult other teams may have been just as challenged. Unfortunately, they did not place. They were disappointed but not deterred. Mrs. Yoo told them that there would be more opportunities to compete and even though she had high expectations of him, she

taught him to be humble in any situation. They studied hard for the regional competition and ended up coming in third place. After experiencing defeat and then moving on to improve and coming in third place taught him that no matter what obstacle he encounters, he needs to keep moving forward. Vincent is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Biology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$3,000.



John Lei: When John was only six years old he begged his mother to let him go to a Chinese Language school, mainly because the idea was intriguing to him. The old saying "be careful of what you wish for", came to be John's motto. After the initial novelty of the school wore off, he wanted to quit and begged his mother to let him. She refused and said he needed to be there until ninth grade which was the year that you graduated from the school. He regrets now that he did not do well in Chinese Language school and wants the chance to go back and excuse his behavior and truly study to learn the language. He now knows that when he faces a challenge he must do his best to overcome it and will not back down. John is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa pursuing an Engineering degree. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo &

Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



Calvan Liang: Calvan takes a great deal of pride in accomplishing a task to the best of his ability. This proved to be most useful when in his sophomore year his Biology teacher gave the class an assignment to create a display, model or some sort of visual that could be used to illustrate and explain cell mitosis or meiosis. Calvan decided, even though he only had three days to complete the project, that he was going to step it up a notch and created a third dimensional model of the four stages of mitosis. He made paper mache models and hoped they would dry in time for him to assemble them with the clay chromosomes he had made. His project was a success and the center of attention on the day it was due. Looking back, he

says he would make the same decision. The Biology project did not only give him pride in his hard work, it also challenged him on whether he would give up when a task seems too difficult. Calvan is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Computer Science. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Dong-Lee Huang:** In 2014 Dong-Lee took part in the National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) – an event where the goal was to write a 50,000 – word novel in the month of November. Telling herself that if she "won" this competition it would be the catalyst for her future. It would give her the confidence and the ability to continue to express herself in her writing and at the same time help others understand what other people go through. She did win the competition and it did give her the confidence she sought, and she is now flourishing. Dong-Lee is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she has yet to select a major. She is the recipient of Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Hiromu Rose:** Hiromu loves the game of soccer, playing hard as a member of the team, he looked forward to each game. In one game his team was losing 4-0 and they were all playing their best to score. Hiromu looked up and saw the ball in the air, he ran past the last defender and headed to the goal as the ball came down he saw the goalie right in front of him, he headed the ball into the goal and then everything went dark. He woke up in the hospital and was told he had a concussion and would not be able to play for two weeks. This was devastating to him and he vowed to get well and help out his team. Two weeks later he was back on the soccer field and just thankful to be well enough to play. This experience taught him that we need to appreciate each day because you never know what can happen in the blink of an eye. Hiromu is attend-

ing Harvard College where his major is Mechanical Engineering/Law. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



Maria Matsuki: Not having a Freshman/Sophomore Banquet in both of her freshman and sophomore years weighed heavily on Maria's shoulders. She feels that as class vice-president both of those years she should have done more to make certain the events happened. Fast forward to her senior year and when she was now student body president, having learned from past experience Maria worked hard not to have any failed projects. She took the time to include all of the student council members assuring them that their input was important and needed. She says she learned that building a strong foundation is strengthened by building strong relationships. Maria is attending International Christian University in Japan where she is majoring in medicine. She is the recipient of a Kingo Hayashi, Mikako Hayashi & McKinley Class of 1934

Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



Alvin Yang: Alvin wrote his essay on something that many of us most likely faced when we were seniors in school – should he ask someone to go to the prom? Being a person who usually kept to himself he contemplated all the things that could go wrong, if he asked someone and they said no what would he say? When he finally got up the courage to ask he worried that she wouldn't come to school that day. Well, she did attend school that day, he did ask, and she said yes! He was so happy, and it wasn't a horrifying or embarrassing situation, but he says he felt pressured to ask someone because his friends were the ones who pushed him to do it and although he had a great time and his date was wonderful in the future this experience taught him to make decisions for himself and not others. Alvin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa

where his major is Computer Science. He is the recipient of The Steve & Lois Mihaylo Family Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



Connie Cen: Connie says that her one big challenge has been trying to help her father quit smoking. When she would see him with a lighter in his hand to light a cigarette she would immediately go to him and ask him questions so that he would focus his attention on her rather than smoking. She even called the Hawaii Tobacco Quitline and ordered a set of nicotine patches and nicotine gum for him. This did help for a short time, but it was not permanent, and her father went back to smoking. E-cigarettes were no better and only made him want to smoke the real thing. She says that he has smoked for 35 years and she recognizes that nicotine is a powerful addictive substance that can be very hard to break away from. This has

inspired her to pursue a medical career and says she will continue to encourage her father to quit not only for her but most of all for his health. Connie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Medicine. She is the recipient of the Cades Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



Leo Wu: AP Chemistry class turned out to be a life learning lesson that Leo will keep in his memory for a very long time. The entire class had the assignment to put together chemicals to make certain colors. All went well with the exception of red, try as hard as they could none of them could get the chemicals to turn red. So, the class had to come and work on it after school. Frustrated at not getting the result needed, they all decided to use the chemical methyl red which was already red and added it to their solutions. That would have gone unnoticed if the teacher realized that she forgot to put out iron nitrate which is the chemical that makes red. She then knew that the entire class had obviously taken a short cut. They all got detention of cleaning the classroom. He says that he should have been more innovative and possible look in his text-

book or online to find the correct solution. Leo says that was a lifelong lesson he learned, and he will always strive to do the right thing. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Biochemistry. He is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Kevin Diep:** As a freshman on the McKinley Junior Varsity Division math team coming in second to Punahou was life changing for Kevin. He and his teammates reviewed math packets up until the last minute before the competition. Kevin was devastated after they lost to Punahou. He looked over his work and realized that if he had only gotten just a few more points his team would have won. He wanted to quit the math team because he had lost confidence in his work. In the end he stayed on the team, put more effort into focusing on more difficult problems and came to the realization success many times comes from working harder than the next person. Kevin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Astronomy. He is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



Quan Lac: Quan says that failure is a natural occurrence throughout life – profound for someone who has just begun life's journey. Losing in a judo tournament his sophomore year, Quan says that his judo coach gave him advice that he feels compelled to share with others. After the match his opponent walked off the mat to be greeted by his coach with smiles, Quan walked off to his coach who consoled him and took him outside for a talk. He told Quan "You didn't lose, learn from this experience, you only lose, when you did not gain anything from that match." This piece of advice stuck with him and motivated him to progress further not only in judo but all that he attempts. Quan is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Biology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Raymond Yap in the

amount of \$1,000.



**Quynh Vo:** Quynh writes that coming to Hawaii from Viet Nam when she was nine was hard. At the time she was young and didn't fully realize the hardships that would come from living in a country where she didn't speak the language. She worked hard in elementary and middle school, but when she arrived at McKinley she thrived, immersing herself in school organizations and joining the McKinley band all helped her become more confident and well-rounded. Looking back, she cannot imagine being anywhere else in the world. Quynh is attending the University of Portland pursuing a degree in Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Patsy Young in the amount of \$1,500.



**Trisha Mei Ramelb:** Not running to be on the Homecoming Court turned out to be a life changing experience for Trisha Mei. From the time she was a freshman at McKinley she had the dream of being on the Homecoming Court and figured that she had nothing to lose. But, she was also in the McKinley band for her entire time at McKinley and in her senior year held a leadership position, if she ran for the court she would be leaving the band in a bind. In the end she did not run for the court and chose to march with the band. As the band marched onto the field the crowd cheered loudly, and she instantly knew that she had made the right decision. Trisha says when you are in a position that requires responsibility on your part it is your duty to fulfill your job. Trisha is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Educational

Psychology. She is the recipient of the Daniel B.T. Lau McKinley Class of 1937 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.



Remi Dennis: When she was eight Remi and her mother moved from Japan to Hawaii. It was a difficult time for Remi. In the small town in Japan, because she was half Caucasian who spoke fluent Japanese people often made her feel like an outsider. Coming to Hawaii without extended family and having a hard time financially all helped Remi realize that only hard work and personal growth would bring her happiness and success. She put all her efforts in doing well to graduate with good grades. Remi is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where here major is a pre-medicine. She is the recipient of the Jeanette (Lee) Kawamura Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.



**Kathleen Rose Mallen:** Trying out for the McKinley Volleyball team when she was a sophomore was life changing for Kathleen Rose. During the week of tryouts, she worked hard and felt that even though she was not as proficient as the others, she had hopes of making the team. When the coach asked her why she had tried out she said it was because she wanted to experience something new and improve her fitness. She was heartbroken when she did not make the team. Looking back, she knew that the coach had made the right decision, she should have not set her sight on a goal that she knew little about. She realized that she needed to stop being critical of the things she could not do and focus positively on the things she does well. She says because of this experience she will strive every day to be a better individual. Kathleen rose is attend-

ing the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Travel Industry Management. She is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



**Donavan Albano:** Being asked what a leader was at the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders program made Donavan realize he was not a leader, he answered the question with "I have no clue." When a fellow classmate told him, you don't have what it takes to be a leader, he set out to prove him wrong. He joined Student Government and his team walked into a homeless shelter and interviewed families. Hearing their personal stories, he felt devastated. He and his team held a summit where they asserted to landlords in the community of the importance of providing housing to homeless families. Today the classmate who told him he did not have what it takes to be a leader are best friends. They have worked together to reach out to homeless teens and encourage them that they too can succeed. Donavan says that he came to the realization that being

a leader is not earned, it takes courage and initiative and it can be developed. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Cellular & Molecular Biology. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Brian Lu: During his junior year Brian and his AP US Government course classmates entered the Ninth Circuit Court Video Contest. They had no experience in making videos but had great ideas and Brian thought that would bode well for them. Unfortunately, their inexperience became their downfall. Use to doing everything on his own and not asking for help was a fault that Brian readily admits to. But, he knew if they were going to complete the project they needed all the help they could get. They asked family, friends and anyone else who was willing to step up and give them advice. Brian says that this experience changed his thinking about how he always declined help from anyone. He now knows that to be successful if you work cooperatively, problems and ideas could be brought up and solved efficiently. Brian is attending the

University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000.



Wendy Li: Pre-calculus class taught Wendy that hard work and persistence can pay off. She was overwhelmed in the beginning because she just could not grasp the concepts. Several classmates also had a hard time and ended up dropping out of the class. She thought about dropping out too, but then she thought that her other math teachers believed she had the potential to do well. She then knew that she needed to buckle down and regroup. She started to do practice problems and asked her teacher for extra help. She brought her failing grade up to a B the second quarter. The lesson that she learned was to never give up easily, don't think negatively – think positively. Wendy is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is pursuing a degree in Accounting. She is the recipient of a Foundation Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon

Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000.



Leilani Ly: Putting undue pressure and high expectations on herself was a huge problem for Leilani. While she recognized that goals are an important tool to achieve success, she had unreasonable and lofty ideas on what she could do. She overloaded her schedule with extra-curricular activities on top of her heavy academic schedule. The results were that her grades slipped, and she began to lose self-confidence. She credits her Biology teacher and good friends to get her back on track and says the lessoned learned was to not over extend yourself. She looks back and says what was the worse seven months of her life turned out to be the greatest experience of her life. She says that in turn she will now show kindness toward others because of the kindness she received. Leilani is attending Reed College where her major is Education. She is the

recipient of the Shiro & Jean K. Matsuo Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Melanie Rabago: Playing as an accompaniment alongside one of her classmates for the Solo & Ensemble Festival was Melanie's biggest disappointment. She was confident that she would be able to learn and play the piece well. Until two weeks before the performance, she became discouraged that she was not going to be able to learn the piece in time. When they performed in front of the judges she thought her friend did well. However, she dwelled on the fact that her performance was not as good. This bothered her for several weeks afterwards. Eventually she was able to accept the fact that the performance was in the past and she needed to move forward. Melanie says that she learned not to be over confident with your skills and that there is always room for improvement. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring

in Nursing. She is the recipient of the Shigeru Okino Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Hoi Ting Leung: For as long as Hoi Ting could remember her mother would tell her that she needed to do well in school. She says that her mother considered education the way to better yourself and be successful. Her mother was a single mother and finances were tight so Hoi Ting never had an allowance like her friends. This wasn't a concern until she was in high school and she wanted to be able to do things with her friends that cost more money than she had. She didn't want to ask her mother for money, so she applied for and got a job at Ala Moana Center. At first her mother was concerned that the job would interfere with her school work but, Hoi Ting was able to keep up at school and her mother is very proud of her. Hoi Ting is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Business Management. She is the recipient of a

Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.



Josephine Kaohi: When Josephine was in elementary school her father was in the military and stationed in Korea for part of those years. Josephine says that school in Korea is much harder that here, the pace is very fast and the expectation that you excel was even higher. Not fulling understanding the Korean language was hard and she does not have fond memories of elementary school. When her father retired from the military and they moved back to Hawaii she found that she wasn't as behind as she thought. To begin with she took the risk of reaching out to others for help. This proved to be a game changer for her. Her outlook on life and her ability to do well was a huge boost to self-confidence. She joined the McKinley Speech Team and discovered a talent for speech, something that her old self would not have thought impossible to do.

Josephine is attending the University of Hawaii in Manoa majoring in Biology. She is the recipient of Foundation Scholarship Honoring Stanley Seki in the amount of \$1,000.



Hoi Tung Wong: Growing up in China Hoi Tung's motivation level to do well academically was at an all-time low. He was addicted to computer gaming which distracted him to the point where he was willing to play hooky from school. When he was a sophomore his family decided that they would move to Hawaii. It was a long arduous process and involved endless documents with tedious questions that were difficult to answer. In the end he has able to come to Hawaii and enroll at McKinley, his father's alma mater. He looks back now and said it was worth all the frustrating steps that it took for him to come here. Wanting to make his father proud he studied hard. He is so grateful to be a "McKinley Tiger"! He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Biology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship

Honoring Dr. Ruth Ŏno in the amount of \$1,000.



Candace Yim: Speaking in front of an audience is something many of us find daunting. But for Candace it was beyond scary. She literally could not find her voice and her group leader would have to step in and speak for her. It was a situation that haunted her, and she knew that she needed to overcome this fear. So, sheenrolled in a program taught by Center For Tomorrow's Leaders, or CTL. She joined thinking it would help her get better at public speaking. In the beginning she saw little progress and in fact she thought she was getting worse. But a funny thing happened after two disastrous attempts at public speaking she began to feel at ease in front of an audience. She credits facing the problem head on by joining CTL and now has more confidence than she ever dreamed she would have. Candace is attending the University of Hawaii at

Manoa majoring in Ultrasound Technology. She is the recipient of a Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata in the amount of \$1,000.



**Thomas Yang:** Given an opportunity to earn extra credit points for a class the teacher gave them a game to play with the following scenario. There would be two types of players one green and one red. This game revolved around the Red Scare where Americans were paranoid of fellow Americans being supporters of Communism. Assigned to the green group he had a choice of staying in a small group of having a low chance of having a red player. He concluded that the entire class was green with no reds, so he chose to band as many people as he could get to get the most amount of points. He chose the latter to prove a point that suspicion causes distrust among groups. He convinced the group to join him in is thinking only to have one red player in the group making it seven greens and one red. They lost their opportunity to earn extra credit,

spited by one lone red. Thomas said that this taught him to more cautious when making decisions. Thomas is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where is major is Civil Engineering. He is the recipient of an Island Insurance Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



**Toshiko Davidson:** Living through a 7.1 earthquake had a devastating effect on Toshiko. Their home in Christchurch was damaged beyond repair. Her mother lost her job because of the earthquake and when she had the opportunity for a new opportunity in Hawaii her parents made the move here. Learning a different culture was hard and yet intriguing at the same time. She discovered that humans are diverse and extraordinary, which is why she wants to further her experience with other cultures. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Biochemistry, Theatre and Finance. She is the recipient of The McKinley Class of 1954 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



**Zixuan Ruan:** Living up to her parent's expectations has weighed heavily on Zixuan. When they moved to Hawaii her father's financial situation was not as good as it had been. Thus, Zixuan was not given everything she wanted, even school supplies were hard to come by. Her parents have instilled in her that the key to financial success goes hand in hand with education. They insisted that she study hard and going on to an institution of higher learning was not a choice – it was expected of her. Where she once resented the pressure they put on her, she is now grateful. She has come to the realization that they are correct, education is the key to success. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa pursuing a degree as a Dental Hygienist. She is the recipient of the McKinley Class of 1966 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Thong Giorgio Tran: Being a very competitive person Thong would make everything he did a competition. When he was in the 7th grade he started to play chess, in the beginning he was terrible at it. But true to form he practiced and one year later placed 3rd in a scholastic tournament in the open division. Then in his junior year he joined a school club, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) where one could choose an event to compete in. He chose physical therapy because of his interest in injury rehabilitation. It was his first time competing and he was named as the 2nd place winner in the event. The following year when the competition came around he did well with the knowledge test but when it came time for the physical therapy skill test he could not put a gait belt on his patient. He was devastated because he knew he

would not get an award. The following day a classmate from McKinley, one he had mentored, won and he was filled with joy for her. He said it was a very valuable lesson – put others above oneself without remorse. Thong is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Environmental Studies. He is the recipient of the McKinley Class of 1983 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Margaret Lu: Margaret says that realizing that mistakes and failures happens to everyone was a relief to her. Sometimes these mistakes or failures can happen daily. This is how she learned to overcome her fear of not doing well on a test even after studying hard for it. She would get discouraged and become overwhelmed by all the work before her and frustrated that she was doing her best with not the outcome she sought. She eventually concluded that wasting her time on past failures got her nowhere, she needed to learn by her mistakes and know that they will help her to improve as a person. Putting forth that concept gave her the confidence to succeed. Margaret is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Travel Industry Management. She is the recipient of the McKinley Class of 1994 Scholarship in the amount of

\$1,000.



**Daecheol Kim:** When he arrived in Hawaii he was confident that his language skills would enable him to converse with the locals. He soon found out it was way more difficult than he thought it would be. Even ordering food at a fast food restaurant or buying food from a local market proved to be a challenge. Being the resilient person that he is, Daecheol worked hard to improve his language skills by immersing himself in the American and Hawaiian cultures. At McKinley he joined the ROTC program and STEM workshops. These two programs gave him the confidence that helped him to do well. Daecheol is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of The McKinley Class of 2013 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



**Long Chen:** Long quotes Michael Jordan "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept trying". He holds on to that quote because when he tried out for the McKinley Basketball Team and felt very confident that he would make it because of his height, it was a blow when after being one of the last twenty standing he was told by the coach that he would not be on the team. Although he was disappointed he does not resent the coach. The coach gave him a chance to prove himself and he just came up a bit short. Long says that this lesson that he learned can be applied to anywhere else. One will never regret trying for something, even if it is not attained. Long is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Engineering. He is the recipient of the McKinley Honor Society Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Eddie Wen: Eddie had to decide on whether he would take a job or do a Senior Project. If he got a job it was a sure thing. He could start to earn money and save it towards his tuition for a higher education. However, if he did a Senior Project he would be able graduate with honors. The risk was not being able to find a fieldwork mentor within the four-month range. If he was not able to find one, then working on all of the previous paperwork would mean nothing. In the end he chose to do the Senior Project and completed it successfully. Looking back, he says he would still make the same decision because it was much more valuable than just earning money mindlessly. Eddie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Computer Science. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.



Joseph Nakamoto: At one-time Joseph hated the thing he loved the most – music. From an early age he learned to play the piano. It was a great experience and as a child he was an accomplished pianist. In the fifth grade he was encouraged to play the trombone. He loved it because members of his family had been playing the trombone for many years. In high school playing the instrument became stressful. He wanted to do well and worried so much about making good music that he lost the enjoyment of playing. Eventually he came to the realization that he needed to relax and enjoy what he loved, and it didn't have to be perfect every time he played. Joseph is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Music Education. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of

\$1,000.



**Sheron Guo:** Not trying out for the McKinley Volleyball team as a freshman and sophomore is something that Sheron looks back on and wishes she could change that. But in life many times there are no backs and so when a good friend encouraged her to try out as a junior she finally did. She made the white team (the white team players are not as experienced as red team players) and immediately fell in love with the game. She thanks her friend for giving her that extra boost to make the leap and try out for the team. Sheron says that now she would encourage all incoming freshman to try something new because it will only enhance your high school experience. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Business/Travel Industry Management. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation

Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Agasana Viengmany: Not telling her mother that she loved her weighs heavily on Agasana's shoulders. When she was a junior in high school her mother became very ill and had to spend several days in the hospital. Her family rarely told each other how much they cared for them, so she felt it would not feel natural to her mother if Agasana expressed her love for her. When her mother became unresponsive Agasana took solace in the fact that her mother knew how much she cared because she had spent many hours by her bedside. Agasana said that this experience has made her more open with her thoughts and feelings. She is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Radiology. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Richard Kosaki in the amount of \$1,000.



Ellen Pham: Ellen looks back at her time at McKinley as a truly great experience. This had to do with many factors but the one that stands out was being a part of Ignition her junior year. She chose to be a part of the social group and embraced it for all the fun and strong friendships she made. At the end of her junior year she looked back and said if I am so lucky as to be in Ignition again my senior year I would like to be a part of refresh. She was overjoyed when she got selected as a senior to once again be in Ignition, now came the tough decision to choose between social or refresh. Social would be the easy choice she knew it well and had bonded with others in that group. In the end she chose refresh. It was learning something new, but it helped her be a better person and even helped her with public speaking. Ellen is attending Kapiolani

Community College majoring in Business and English. She is the recipient of a Shigeru Okino Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Michelle Bonilla: Michelle states that her one regret is that she didn't expand her world more when she was younger. She had dreams but in her own words she was too frightened to explore or search ways to attain them. When she entered McKinley, she decided that she would take risks, succeed or fail she would make the effort to try something new or at the very least to be the best she could be at something old. She says that allowing herself to fail at something was better than not trying. Michelle is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Dianne Gabrillo: Going to New York for the Wind Band Festival was a huge challenge for Dianne. Deep down she really wanted to go but financially it was going to be hard for her. Every day she woke up with the trip on her mind and wondered how she would pay for it. She worked hard to save and put the money towards the trip. In the end she did go even though it was a financial sacrifice on her part. The experience was definitely worth it, and she said if she had to do it all over again she would in a heartbeat. She said if someone had just given her the money to go it would not have meant as much as her earning it herself. She is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Veterinary Medicine. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Hattachai Buttayotee: Hattachai writes that while playing on the McKinley varsity basketball team he learned a truly life changing lesson. The team was losing by twelve points and with only a few minutes left in the game they were ready to succumb to defeat. But then the competitive spirit in Hattachai suddenly woke up. For reasons he can't fathom, his emotions began to flourish through him and he started playing hard and had his best game ever. He even discovered he was able to make a three-pointer, something that he had never done before. The score became much closer and the team's mindset was in the winning mode. In the end they lost the game but Hattachai says what he gained was something that he will forever be grateful. He says that game gave him the confidence he needed to make other confident decisions in his life as well.

Hattachai is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Architecture. He is the Recipient of the McKinley Class of 1983 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Ye Dam Lee: Even though Ye Dam went to elementary school in Hawaii, during her second semester at Kaimuki Middle school her family moved back to Korea. While in elementary and middle school she felt out of place because English was her second language. When her family moved back to Hawaii and she enrolled at McKinley, she knew that she would have to work hard to improve her English language skills. She made the decision that she would speak to her classmates, something she had not done in the past for fear of being ridiculed, and from that day she began to reach out to others and now has positive thoughts about herself. She became involved in school activities and looks back at her time at McKinley as something she will always cherish. She is attending Honolulu Community College majoring in Cosmetology. She is the

recipient of the McKinley Class of 2011 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



Richard Borja: Being the steersman for the McKinley Paddling Team during the Oahu Interscholastic Association his freshman year was life changing for Richard. He knew his teammates were counting on him to help lead them to victory. The conditions were uncharacteristically rough, and he realized he was further away from the flag than he had realized. This one mistake set them back to seventh place missing the cut off for state championships by one. Disappointed in himself he went to each teammate and congratulated them on a job well done and tell them he was truly sorry for his mistake. Taking the initiative to apologize for his mistake made him realize that he had a strong character and leadership qualities. He has let that race become his lesson for other situations in his life. Richard is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Nursing. He is the recipient of the McKinley Class of 2014 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



Aldon Dela Pena Bermudes: When Aldon was in middle school he immersed himself in music, and says he secluded himself in the orchestra room. While enrolling at McKinley, his mother encouraged him to join a sport. After a small argument with his mother he finally agreed to enroll in judo. Even though he had many setbacks he stuck it out and he moved on to football his sophomore year. After that he joined wrestling and he continued with judo as a captain in his senior year. Aldon says stepping out of his comfort zone helped him grow in ways he had not anticipated and his glad his mother was so insistent. Aldon is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Psychology. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



Nicole In: For as long as Nicole could remember she wanted to be a doctor. She would read books and watch television shows about doctors. In high school she decided she wanted to go into the health academy. She chose courses Health, Health and Nutrition and Clinical Health. Imagine her disappointment when she did not enjoy learning the things like medical technology and anatomy. She came to the realization that she did not want to pursue a medical career. She says that from now on she will look to find something that she really enjoys doing and will not be so dedicated to a plan that she does not know what her next course of action will be if that plan is ruined. It is best to take multiple steps to ensure

success in the future. Nicole is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Natural Science. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



**Tiara Martinez:** As a freshman Tiara was completely happy being an average student. She thought C's were pretty good and didn't push herself to do better. Then during her sophomore year, she realized that if she wanted to pursue higher education she needed to get better grades. But, she credits getting a failing grade with having the most positive impact on her. After receiving that grade, she buckled down, whether it meant missing lunch or recess, going to Tiger Time or staying after school she was determined to improve her grades. It worked, she says she would not change that experience, it helped her grow as a person and to teach her that she is capable of far more than she realized. Tiara is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Nursing. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the

amount of \$750.



**Thanh Duyen Pham:** Moving to Hawaii from Viet Nam when she was fourteen was very difficult for Thanh Duyen. The language barrier was the hardest to overcome and this made learning subjects even more difficult. She kept to herself because she didn't understand what her classmates were saying and didn't want to be ridiculed. One day she went to the restaurant to meet her parents after their work. She saw them cleaning tables and the kitchen. It was like a revelation to her. They worked hard and came to Hawaii in hopes of her having a better life. She made the decision that she would work hard too and make them proud of her. She asked teachers for help, she talked more with her classmates and made friends – to quote her she said, "McKinley became my second family". Thanh Duyen is attending Honolulu Community College

where her major is Cosmetology. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



Jhon Adrian Daculiat: Jhon discovered self-confidence and leadership skills in an unlikely activity. Always being shy and not out going Jhon held back and did not join clubs or extracurricular sports. Then one day over the loud speaker came the announcement that try outs for cheerleading were being held. To this day he does not know what made him try out – he says it was an inner voice that said go, so he did! He made the squad and became a leader. It gave him the confidence to become closer to his siblings, become closer to his father and he made many new friends. It was life changing for him and he holds many fond memories of his time at McKinley. He is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Business. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



**Kaimane Ape:** Kaimane credits the program Wahi Kana'aho as putting her on the right path to success. She joined the program her junior year, and while it meant she wouldn't be attending school for one month during her time in the program. When the program ended she came away with a new sense of what she needed to do to succeed. She embraced her new-found knowledge by forging a strong relationship with her family. She also immersed herself in her studies and improved her grades dramatically. She says that she feels like a brand-new person and looks forward to the future. Kaimane is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Travel Industry Management. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



**Michel Sakaguchi-Paguyo:** Michel's family life has been in turmoil for many years. Her mother is a single parent and for several unforeseen reasons she now lives with her older sister. She is grateful to her sister for taking her in even though she has four of her own children. Michel works full time, helps her sister with her children and does chores around the house and still manages to get good grades at school. While she does not hold any resentment towards her family, she says that the experience has taught her to never feel sorry for herself and to never judge a book by its cover – you may be bubbly and happy on the outside, your smiles could by hiding the pain you feel on the inside. Michel is attending Honolulu Community College majoring in Medicine. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the

amount of \$750.



Lillyanne Frederick: As a youngster born and raised in Hawaii, Lillyanne was always somewhat embarrassed by her heritage, which was Micronesian. She had many friends in elementary school and didn't feel that others judged her on where her family came from. In fourth grade there was a cultural fair and the woman in charged gave Lillyanne's mother a flyer and asked if they would like to participate. Her parents talked it over and thought it would be a good way to let others know about their culture and foods from Micronesia. After hesitating until the last day to sign up for the fair, Lillyanne approached the lady and signed up. The day of the fair came, and her family set up their table with crafts and food from their homeland. She was surprised and happy that many people visited their table and asked questions about their culture.

Looking back to that day Lillyanne says that not everyone sees you the way you see yourself and you should never be ashamed of who you are. You should embrace it. Lillyanne is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is a Liberal Arts. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.

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Janice Lum Robert Tamura Auditorium Chair Claire (Oka) Uehara

In memory of Ed Kawakami

Class of '74

Ren Nakanka Jeanne Oshiro John Oshiro Rowena Rivera Arleen (Nishimura) Tamashiro In memory of Fern (Nishimura)

Kawazoe Class of '72 Class of '75 Darrell Chung In memory of

Gerry Horii Class of '80 Craig A. Fukuda Jocelyn Ige Brian Maeshiro Bruce Nakaoka Stuart Tanimoto

Diane Yamauchi Class of '77

Alan Arizumi Auditorium Chair Wendy (Kuhns) Higashiono Laraine (Koyama) Peterson Beverly (Kaya) Uchima

Class of '79 Clyde Iwamoto In memory of Carol Shinmoto

Class of '80 Jonathan Chock Judy Fsaki Rodney Park Mark Tokito

Class of '80 Scholarship Fund

Class of '81 Northrop Okuda

Class of '82 Hope Suzuki

Class of '83 Glenn Fuchigami Class of '83 Scholarship Fund Irva (Ouye) Fuchigami Class of '83 Scholarship Fund

Corrine (Yama) Murashige Class of '83 Scholarship Fund Leilani Okuda

Class of '83 Scholarship Fund In memory of Darren Hu & Raelynn (Uyehara) Ignacio both Class of '83

Stacy Yuen Class of '83 Scholarship Fund

Class of '84 Tom Arashiro

Class of '86 Gavin K Doi

Class of '90 Richard Lau

Class of '92 Elijah Yip

Class of '94

Hoala Greevy Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund Reiko Lin Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Cory Mitsui Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Andy Mounthongdy Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund Laurel Pfund

Class of 1994 Scholarship

Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund Colin Yu

Chair in the Auditorium & Class of '994 Scholarship Fund

Class of '04

Lindsey Fujikawa In memory of grandmother Aiko (Maeda) Fujikawa Nhi Hoan Quach In honor of Hu Quach & Van Truong

Class of '05 Sandy (Ma) Ly

Class of '06 Lancel Lavarias

Cindy Trinh Class of '07

Nicole (Kawamoto) Burns Mark Munar

Class of '10 Kylie Sato

Class of '12 Maggie Kwock In memory of Jean Kurihara

Class of '16 Amber Kim In honor of the National Honor Society

Class of '17 Joseph Abe Lian Huang Wendy Li Maria Matsuki In honor of the National Honor Society Hiromu Ryan Rose

Alvin Yang Andrew Yu

In honor of the National Honor Society

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Rosario Caratozzolo In memory of Amy Berglund **English Department** Carole Kai Charities & Great Aloha Run Scholarship Fund Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship Fund First Hawaiian Bank Foundation In coordination with Alan Arizumi Hawaiian Electric Robotics Team Patricia Hamamoto

Brian Ito In memory of Lt. Colonel Robert Iwai Class of '54 George Iwamoto Scholarship Fund & In memory of father Roy M. Iwamoto Class of '50 Randall Kau

In memory of Annie Ching Kau Gary Kosaki Auditorium Chair in memory of

Kazuo Kosaki Class of '44 & Ellen Kosaki Class of '49 Glenn Kosaki

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Jeanette (Lee) Kawamura Memorial Scholarship Matson Navigation Foundation In coordination with Gary Nakamatsu Class of '60 Tiffany Miyashiro

The Cades Foundation Scholarship Fund Laura Urabe

### **SCOOP DEE DOO!**

Under the direction of Leilani Okuda, made up of ten members, the National Honor Society-McKinley Chapter held Scoop Dee Doo, an ice cream benefit to raise awareness of the McKinley Foundation and to provide an opportunity for students to contribute toward scholarships.

Scoop Dee Doo was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 after school in the Miles E. Carey Cafeteria.

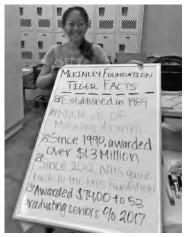
Our benefit would not have been possible without the assistance of retired Food Services teacher, Mrs. Janice

Shimokawa, and retired Student Activities Coordinator, Bobbi Kakuda (class of 1966). We are extremely fortunate to have the support of Mr. Mitch Arnold, Cafeteria Manager, teachers, friends and alumni.

Scoop Dee Doo was success as our hard-working members sold over 400 tickets and solicited donations for this project.

Leilani has been instrumental in making certain that the students are aware of the importance of giving back. She has encouraged them to become active in their communities, whether it be volunteering for a project or assisting financially these students have learned a valuable lesson from a caring advisor. Leilani is a 1983 graduate of McKinley and is a very proud Tiger teaching her pride of cubs to follow her paws! Mahalo Leilani, the students are very fortunate to have you as a mentor.









# **CLASS OF 1962**

On October 15, 2017 150 members of the Class of 1962 gathered at the Japanese Cultural Center of Honolulu, Manoa Grand Ballroom, for their 55th Class reunion. Board of Directors members, Carl Takamura and Ronald Hayashi, encouraged their classmates to contribute to the Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2012. They hope that other classes will follow in their footsteps and consider doing the same. The photo is the attendees singing the Black & Gold. We are truly grateful to the Class of 1962!





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# **ESTABLISHING OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

In the past few years many classes have established scholarships when planning their class reunions. As proud Tigers they want to pass on the legacy of McKinley, which has graduated so very many wonderful people who give back to the school and community. The cost of enrolling at an institution of higher learning has risen dramatically in the past few years, it is the Foundation's hope that the scholarships we award help to alleviate the recipients of their financial burden. We also want to thank Aileen (Harada) and Carl Sato, class of 1962 graduates for establishing a scholarship.

# **CLASS OF 1965**

The Centennial Class of 1965 has joined the other classes in establishing a scholarship and they are also naming a chair in the auditorium. A huge mahalo!

## CLASS OF 1958

The Class of 1958 has donated the balance in their Reunion Committee's fund to the Foundation, a very sincere thank you to all of the members of the Class of '58.

### Do we have your correct information?

Please help us update our data by sending us the correct information. You can either call the Foundation at 536-3832 or write us at:

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