First off, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for allowing me to serve as president to the Foundation. It is a privilege and an honor to be a part of this outstanding organization. Having been on the board since the Foundation’s inception I have seen first hand the wonderful impact that we have had on our many deserving graduates. The Board of Directors are hard working alumni from all walks of life, not only do they unselfishly give of their time, but are incredibly generous with their knowledge and financial support. They are the backbone of the Foundation and without their commitment we would not be successful. I want to personally thank each and every one of them for their contribution.

We are grateful to Carl Takamura for serving two separate terms as president. Under his leadership the “McKinley Million Campaign” was launched and because of the humbling generosity of all of our alumni and friends we were able to exceed our goal – for that we not only thank Carl but all of you. Mahalo!

“Tiger Pride” has been instilled in all McKinley alumni and when asked – where did you graduate from? It is with a great deal of pride that we answer McKinley! In this newsletter we salute the Class of 2015 – as they embark on yet another exciting journey. We would like to extend a very sincere thank you to our Scholarship Committee Chair Brian Maeshiro and his hardworking counterpart Reiko Lin on the selection of our scholarship recipients. They and the committee members spend many hours reviewing applications. A total of 56 Foundation scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2015 totaling $75,000. With the Class of 2015 the Foundation has now awarded over $1,175,000 to 802 graduating “Tigers”. Dr. Richard Kosaki and Stanley Seki, the founders of the Foundation, envisioned an organization that would assist graduating seniors with financial aid. We are so very proud to say that we feel confident that we have stayed true to that vision and with the success of the “McKinley Million Campaign”, we will be able to continue the good works of Dr. Kosaki and Mr. Seki.

Bruce Nakaoka, a past president of the Foundation, has written a great article about the Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education a statewide partnership led by the Executive Office on Early Learning, the State DOE and the University of Hawaii System. He gives us a bird’s eye view of where McKinley ranks in the State.

Once again Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo have issued a challenge for us to match their contribution of $25,000. Their commitment to helping McKinley graduates fulfill their dreams of higher education inspires all of us.

As always, we are grateful for your contributions and welcome your input. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Aloha,

Neal Takamori
President
Meet the 2015 Scholarship Recipients

On Friday, May 15th the McKinley Foundation awarded the following 56 graduating seniors scholarships:

Xiaoyuan Zhou  
Alexander & Baldwin Inc./Matson R.J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship - $4,000

Yueqing Lin  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee - $4,000

Si Hou Lon  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee - $4,000

Lawrence Kwok  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo - $4,000

Bonnie Pang  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo - $3,000

Benjamin Bui  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Ken & Nancy Wong Yee - $2,500

Alexander Wong  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $2,000

Sean Choi  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $2,000

Kyle Chan  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $2,000

Asayena Viengmany  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $2,000

Lin Song  
Jack Tsui Scholarship - $2,000

Jin Ling Yan  
Carole Kai Charities Scholarship - $1,500

Allison Wong  
Carole Kai Charities Scholarship - $1,500

Zhihui Yan  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Raymond Yap - $1,500

Anh Dang  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Patsy Young - $1,500

Shumin Wu  
Jeanette Lee Kawamura Memorial Scholarship - $1,250

Fanny Wang  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Kevin Nguyen  
Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Mark Andrew Buenafe  
Carole Kai Charities Scholarship $1,000

Irene Tsang  
Carole Kai Charities Scholarship $1,000

Colt Dante  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong - $1,000

Mahealani Wilson  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong - $1,000

Huu Ki Au  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Milton Shishido - $1,000

Shayeedee Taclay  
Shiro and Jean K. Matsuo Scholarship - $1,000

Ariana Akiu  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye - $1,000

Natajia Swift  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye - $1,000

Qicheng Zhou  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Stanley Seki - $1,000

Arnold Shek  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono - $1,000

Hidemasa Mitsui  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship In Memory of Lawrence Hirohata - $1,000

Raymond Yang  
McKinley Class of 1954 Scholarship

Laila Khong  
McKinley Class of 1994 Scholarship

Chris Li  
McKinley Class of 2014 Scholarship

Skylynne Ly  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring The Wong Family - $1,000

Silvana Mae Bautista  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Raven Robles  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

So Huynh Jang  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Yunmi Kim  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Xiao Ting Pan  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Richard Kosaki - $1,000

David Chuang  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Misty Tran  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Sabrina Hallabay  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $1,000

Clarissa-Leigh Paguirigan  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Wan Zhen Cao  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Joe Miao  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Chelsea Corpuz  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Scott Trigonis  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Michelle Xiao  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Alvin Wu  
McKinley Class of 2011 Scholarship - $750

Samantha Li  
McKinley Class of 2011 Scholarship - $750

Jeremy-Ryan Tongpalan  
McKinley Class of 2014 Scholarship - $750

Manny Batinga  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Mitchel Joy Dela Cruz  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Hao Ming Guo  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Quy Pham  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

David Vincent Rigor  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750

Lreuunrith Thepsenavong  
McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship - $750
A CHALLENGE FROM ABRAHAM & SHIN QUON WONG GOO

With the conclusion of our “McKinley Million Campaign”, which started with a generous contribution from Helen and Charlie Higa and their challenge to match their donation many alumni stepped up to the plate to help us reach our goal. This inspired Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo to once again challenge McKinley alumni to match their contribution. Back in 2003 the Goo’s issued their first challenge to the Board of Directors – hoping to have first time donors match their contribution. Amazingly we were able to do so with the hard work of the Board of Directors and all of you. McKinley’s alumni are not only highly successful but humbling generous. Here is a brief biography of Abraham and his wife Shin Quon Wong Goo.

ABRAHAM MEU SEN GOO

Abraham M.S. Goo and his wife Shin Quon Wong Goo have been long time and extraordinarily generous donors to the McKinley High School Foundation. Abe is a 1942 graduate of McKinley High School who went on to become president of Boeing Advanced Systems and Boeing Military Airplane Co. before retiring in 1989. Shin Quon is a 1945 McKinley graduate who received an undergraduate degree in Psychology from UH-Manoa and a graduate degree in Psychometrics from the University of Minnesota. A McKinley Foundation Scholarship has been established in their names. In addition, the Goos established an endowment for full scholarships to the University of Hawaii-Manoa for students pursuing a science major giving preference to McKinley students. Once again this year Abe and Shin Quon donated $25,000 to the Foundation Scholarship fund and has challenged others to match their contribution.

What motivates this couple to be so generous to the Foundation? Says Abe “I was very impressed with the students that I met on my visit. I learned that many were children of immigrants whose parents were not able to help these deserving students attend higher institutes of learning. I had the GI Bill to help me go to the University of Illinois, so I felt I should help those students that the Faculty of McKinley felt were qualified to go on to further education.”

Abe was born and raised in Honolulu, and now resides in Kent, Washington. Abe’s path to success was not entirely a straight one and reflects the conditions the country faced at the time for he dropped out of McKinley in his junior year to help in the WWII effort cleaning debris from the December 7, 1941 attack and later flying in B-17s as a radio operator. He returned to McKinley at the encouragement of Principal Miles E. Cary and worked at Hickam at night repairing airplanes. After graduating from high school, Abe went on to earn a degree in electrical engineering. Abe also has an advanced management degree from M.I.T.’s Sloan School of Business.

Abraham Meu Sen Goo

He started his professional career with Boeing in Seattle and worked on missiles systems, B-1 Avionics Systems, and technology systems for the B-2 and F22-A bombers and the Boeing Condor. In his retirement, Abe has served as Commander of the Kent American Legion (2004-2005) and Honor Guard Commander for the Burial Commitment Ceremony, Tahoma National Cemetery for the American Legion Post 15 from 1999 to present.

He and Shin Quon raised 3 children: Marilyn B. Goo Sill, retired Senior Scientific Software Integration Manager; Steven D. Goo, retired Vice President of Boeing aircraft maintenance and sustaining Organization and Southeast US AREA Manager, and Beverly S. Cardinal, retired Lt Colonel, US Army.

He and Shin Quon have two grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.
Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education is a statewide partnership led by the Executive Office on Early Learning, the State DOE, and the University of Hawaii System. The initiative seeks to improve Hawaii’s educational outcomes in an increasingly global economy and established a goal of 55% of Hawaii’s working age adults to have a 2- or 4-year college degree by 2025.

A 2012 study by UH, shown below, compared the College Attainment by Age Group among growing countries, US and Hawaii. The stats are alarming as US and Hawaii college graduation rates decrease while rising dramatically in other countries. We are not increasing our educational capital. This lagging performance cannot be what our grandparents, families and teachers worked to provide and envisioned for succeeding generations.

The Hawaii initiative set an interim goal of reaching a 71% college-going rate for public school graduates by 2018. In 2014, the college-going rate was 56%, up from only 50% in 2009. Numerous studies show that college graduates earn twice as much and are more productive citizens compared to those having a high school diploma.

So how does McKinley’s college-going rate compare to other urban Honolulu high schools?

Somewhat favorably, as McKinley’s college enrollment rate was 64% in 2014, up from 59% in 2009. This figure exceeds the statewide public school average, but trails that of several schools including Roosevelt (73%), Kaiser (74%) and Kalani (77%).

The 2014 results are encouraging but this is a snapshot of a late stage segment in the educational pipeline. The MHS Foundation endeavors to support those who persevere and succeed during their time at McKinley.

In 2014, 241 of 377 McKinley graduates entered 2 and 4-year colleges and the Foundation awarded 56 scholarships totaling $69,750, as depicted below. Since inception in 1990, the Foundation has awarded over $1 million in college aid to worthy MHS graduates.

If McKinley graduates have the desire to pursue their post high education, many will need financial assistance to keep that dream alive. Your support has never been more timely and essential. After all, the children of these newly minted McKinley graduates will one day represent a new starting point in the educational continuum.
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Alice (Tom) Lum

Class of ‘38
Akira Otani
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In memory of Bill Gee Class of ‘33
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Diane (Kitagawa) Douglas
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