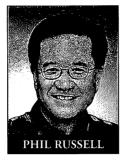


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I am privileged to have been able to serve as president of the McKinley High School Foundation for the past two years. With my time as president coming to an end, it is incumbent for me to pass the gavel to a new president. But before this happens, I want to tell you how much it has meant to me to work with each of you help further the aims of our dynamic Foundation, to have guided the Foundation in service to our alma mater, and to have had the opportunity to continue the fine

work of our previous presidents.

The past two years have been extremely productive. We set new records for the number of scholarships awarded each year (38 in 2005 and 50 in 2006) thereby reaching and assisting a larger percentage of McKinley students going on to college than ever before.

The Foundation, thanks to your efforts, put on "A Taste of McKinley," a most successful and enjoyable fund raiser. We also established an endowment program, guided by professional management, to ensure that grants and scholarships will be continued in perpetuity through sound investment gains and earnings.

The Foundation also achieved a financial milestone this year when we became the beneficiary of a planned giving gift called a Charitable Remainder Uni Trust or CRUT. We anticipate that this will be the first of many positive gifts to come from generous alums who have achieved a measure of success and who appreciate giving our outstanding graduating seniors a helping hand for higher education. Many times today, financial assistance from the Foundation is one of the biggest difference makers between students being able to go to college or not.

It is important to reiterate that the Foundation remains heavily dependant on your donations, representing approximately half of our annual revenues. With that in mind, we ask for your continued kokua. Rest assured, your support for the McKinley High School Foundation is deeply appreciated by the Foundation Board, students, teachers, and school administrators.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the board has elected Carl Takamura ('62) to serve as your next president. Carl's day job is Executive Director of Hawaii Business Round Table and he has been an active member of the Foundation Board for many years. He is dedicated to providing great leadership and energy in the coming two years. Joining Carl are new board members Gary B Chang, Hitoshi Hida, Sandra Kim, Nelson Oyadomari, Danny Takanishi, Annie M.H. Chan, Hoala Greevey, Paul Saito, Walter Sabati, and Jaydene Viernes.

In closing, I want to recognize and thank outgoing board members Allen Kajioka, Dorothy Matsuo, Lester Nakaichi, Eugene Imai, Shirley Akiyoshi, Eugene Kaneshiro, and Gary Mijo for their hard work, dedication and commitment. Again, thank you for the opportunity to have been a part of the McKinley High School Foundation leadership. Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!

Aloha,

Phil Russell President

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MESSAGE FROM CARL TAKAMURA, INCOMING PRESIDENT



Aloha,

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past President, Phil Russell, for his hard work and leadership. As all of us know, an organization is only as good as the people behind it, and in the case of the McKinley Foundation, that includes the officers, the members of the Board of Directors and our hardworking executive director, Charlotte Nekota, all of whom give so generously of their time and resources. I extend my warmest aloha to the outgoing members of our Board and welcome the new members. I look forward to working with them to help the Foundation to continue to grow and prosper for the sake of the McKinley ohana.

In June, we bid aloha to Principal Mr. Milton Shishido who recently retired after many years of dedicated service to our public school system; and recently we welcomed incoming Principal Ms. Ann

Sugibayashi who comes to McKinley with a wealth of experience in leading successful schools, including serving as a McKinley Vice Principal under now State Superintendent Pat Hamamoto . We are looking forward to working closely with Ms. Sugibayashi and her staff to educate and nurture the outstanding students of McKinley High School.

As you read this newsletter, please take note of the contributions made by the class of 2006. What an outstanding and remarkable tradition that Ms. Barbara Kakuda has established. Teaching students to give back so others will benefit – she and the class of 2006 are to be commended.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as your generous support of the Foundation and its important work (we have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience). You may also call the Foundation at 536-3832.

Thank you for your continued support and Aloha for McKinley.

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Carl Takamura

CLASS OF 2006 UPHOLDS THE "TRADITION"

For the past four years graduating seniors from McKinley High School have been reaching deep into their pockets to give back to the Foundation. These young men and women, under the wings of Ms. Barbara Kakuda, are truly an inspiration to all of us. One third of the class of 2006 donated over \$1,000 to the Foundation. This becomes more remarkable when one understands the personal sacrifice that these students made. Many of them are from single parent families and most likely gave up a night out to donate to the Foundation.

In a letter sent with their contributions, they state: "The success of McKinley High School's Athletic teams, Robotic Team, Speech and Debate, Math Team, History Day, Science Fairs, and other activities were made possible by the funding of the McKinley High School Foundation.

The Foundation plays an important role in the high school chapter of our lives. Through their continued monetary support for McKinley's various organizations and activities, the student body is able to reach and achieve our educational goals and develop our personal strengths.

The McKinley High School Foundation has also been very generous in giving thousands of dollars in scholarships to McKinley students each year. Their enduing effort to enrich the lives of students at McKinley High School is commendable. As students, we are beneficiaries of this generosity. They continue to encourage and support a strong McKinley High School."

The Board of Directors are sincerely grateful to them and to Ms. Kakuda for giving back to their alma mater. A huge Mahalo!!

PHIL RUSSELL PASSES ON THE BATON!

At the Board of Directors meeting held on June 14th many changes were made on the Board of Directors.

One of them being the election of Carl Takamura as President, he replaces Phil Russell who has been serving as President for the past two years. Under Phil's leadership the Foundation accomplished many things, including leading a committee that spearheaded our first ever "Taste of McKinley" in 2005. It was a huge success because of

Phil's tireless work, and was attended by many McKinley alumni. The Foundation has grown immensely the past two years – increasing our Scholarship Program to 50 recipients for the year 2006.

Phil will continue to be an active board member who consistently gives of not only his time but also contributes financially. We wish you the best Phil and sincerely thank you for all of your hard work and support.

ARTICLES

ALOHA TO BOARD MEMBERS

Also at the June 14th meeting the following board members have retired as directors:

Shirley Akiyoshi class of 1963 Eugene Imai class of 1963 Allen Kajioka class of 1954 Eugene Kaneshiro class of 1963 Dorothy Matsuo class of 1946 Gary Mijo class of 1960 Lester Nakaichi class of 1954 Charles Nishioka class of 1939

Serving as a member of the board has many rewarding experiences. It can also be time consuming and we are thankful for the time and effort put in by the above members. We bid you aloha and mahalo for your hard work.

ALLEN KAJIOKA ON ADVISORY COUNCIL

If you were to poll any of us that have been involved with the Foundation, in any way, to name the one person who has always been there with wisdom and fantastic ideas – it would undoubtedly be Allen Kajioka. Known for keeping the best records, having the most feasible plan and for his energy, Allen Kajioka has been a pillar of strength since the Foundation's start in 1989. Because of Allen's insight the Foundation has not only grown financially but in ways that cannot be measured in dollars. His business

sense and his honesty have gained him a reputation that is not only deserved, but also to many of us who know him well, understated. Allen will join Dr. Richard Kosaki, the cofounder of the Foundation – and a person who mirrors Allen, on our Advisory Board. While we will truly miss him at our monthly meetings – we know that we can count on him in a time of need – because that is what Allen is all about. Mahalo Allen for all that you do.

MEET THE BOARD

Again at the June 14th meeting the following were elected to join the Board of Directors:

Annie Chan class of 1971 Gary Chang class of 1972 Hoala Greevy class of 1994 Hitoshi Hida class of 1964

Sandra Kim class of 2000 Nelson Oyadomari class of 1980

Walter Sabati class of 1975 Paul Saito class of 1976 Danny Takanishi class of 1977 Jaydene Viernes class of 1978

We welcome them and know that they will bring new energy and ideas to the Foundation.

RAYMOND YOSHIHIRO AKA

We are saddened to report that Raymond Yoshihiro Aka, class of 1939, passed away January 5, 2006. Mr. Aka was born in Wailuku, Maui where his parents worked on a sugar plantation. When he was in the 3rd grade his family moved to Okinawa. He and his brother were left behind in Okinawa while his parents and siblings moved back to Hawaii. In January 1935 he returned to Hawaii and enrolled at McKinley, graduating in 1938.

In 1941 he was drafted into the army two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1946 he went to Japan and was assigned to the Japanese Liaison Office. In 1947 he was transferred to the Government Section as a federal government employee. It was an interesting an enlightening period of the Japanese political process. He had the privilege of taking part in important meetings and meeting many Japanese political leaders, some of whom later became prime ministers.

He was affiliated with the military assistance type of organizations as a language specialist and a liaison officer from the inception of the establishment of the National Police Reserve in 1950 until his retirement in 1989. In 1986 he was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon from the Emperor of Japan, for his work strengthening United States – Japanese relations. Upon his retirement the Japan Defense Agency compiled a 194-page booklet entitled, "Shizu San, Aka San, Arigato, a Reminiscence of 42 Years in Japan".

50 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!

This year 50 graduating seniors were the recipients of Foundation Scholarships – this is remarkable considering that 346 students graduated from McKinley. One in every seven students received a scholarship! This could not have been done without the help of all of you – thank you! The scholarship recipients are listed below – their profiles will be in the next newsletter.

Nghia Nguyen: **Robert J. Pfeiffer Scholarship** in the amount of \$4,250

JunWen Zhong: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500

Jasmine Le: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$2,500

Sara Le: Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500

Lisa Zhou: Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500

Helen Park: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Jack Tsui in the amount of \$2,000

Cindy Trinh: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

Ying Jia Huang: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

Sarah Li: Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

Kevin Lim: **McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship** Honoring Senator Daniel K. and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$1,500

Dorothy Kwok: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

Pauline Wu: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

May Ng: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Patsy Young in the amount of \$1,500

Phuong Dung Do: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Steve Hirano in the amount of \$1,500

Michael Fujiuchi: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship from Ellen Chang class of 1934 in memory of Alice, Nancy & Albert in the amount of \$1,000

Melanie Uchima: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship from Cherry Sakakida in memory of Richard Sakakida in the amount of \$1,000 Leon Chan: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Christie Pang: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Jane Park: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abe and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000

Jumy Tang: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,000

Tiffany Medina: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K Inouye in the amount of \$1,000

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Elisa Lim: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Mei Shiang Ning: McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata in the amount of \$1,000

Andrew Hargrove: Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

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RECIPIENTS WRITE

Part of the requirement for multi-year recipients is to submit an annual report to the Foundation – when we have the space we like to reprint them in our newsletter; following are letters from recipients.

ALLISON UCHIMA, CLASS OF 2004

The commencement of another summer inevitably signals the opportunity to evaluate the lessons and experiences of the past academic year. A comparison of my recently completed college sophomore year with my freshman year reveals striking contrast between the two.

One of the primary differences between my first and second years at Pomona College was the change in my housing situation. When I was a freshman, I was fortunate to have a room to myself; last year, however, I had no choice but to share a double room with a roommate. Because I fiercely value my time alone and the ability to retreat into a personal haven, sharing a space with someone was no easy task. Adding to the difficulty was the fact that, before the weekend the dorms opened, my roommate and I had not met. The first few weeks, living with a mere acquaintance, were taxing. Circumstances generally did not improve, primarily because the two of us were accustomed to dissimilar routines, ranging from disparate waking and sleeping hours to different work habits.

Another salient change from one year to the next was the difficulty level of my classes. Most of the courses I enrolled in during my freshman year were introductory and imparted material with which I was somewhat acquainted; while demanding of my time, they presented not much more of a challenge otherwise. In contrast, many of the classes I took during last fall semester required substantially more effort on my part to keep up with their schedules. A course on philosophy kept me on my toes because I was unfamiliar with the information the instructor presented. A couple of literature classes necessitated a sizable amount of

time spent reading every night. Class assignments kept me busier than I ever recalled being before. In the end, I managed to successfully complete these courses and was rewarded with more knowledge and satisfaction than I had been with the previous, more straightforward classes.

All the changes from one year to the next, combined with the fact that many of them were not for the better, resulted in my decision last semester to take a break from Pomona. I enrolled at the Hawaii Pacific University so I could know what it was like to go to a local school. My academic schedule proved to be a bit taxing in that my course on introductory biology met at 7:30 in the morning—and I must admit that arriving punctually for that class was the hardest part of attending HPU. This biology course, however, was led by one of the most knowledgeable and personable professors I have ever met, and I consider my time with him well-spent. I also took my first Japanese language class and was fascinated by all there was to learn.

Ultimately, my experience in going to college both at home and on the mainland has taught me that Pomona is the better fit for me, regardless of how difficult it is to leave my family for what still occasionally feels like an unfamiliar place. The last semester has served as a personal reminder that I will undergo numerous kinds of difficulties no matter where I am, and that persisting at Pomona will continue to be a heady and fulfilling adventure.

LORI FONG, CLASS OF 2004

Living away from home has opened my mind in many ways. My suitemates, whom are very diverse in personality, have taught me how to deal with people of different backgrounds

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and different values. Being in a suite where liberals and conservatives clashed over social issues such as abortion was a situation which opened my mind to the reality that people can really get riled up and defensive in what they believe, causing conflict. I have learned that even though everyone does not share the same point of view, respect is still due. It does not mean that friendships cannot be forged because we got really close to each other. The university that I attend still deals with issues concerning discrimination, which I was surprised to hear the extent of its existence on campus. Even though my conservative roommates were kind and welcoming toward me, it unsettled me to hear them dismiss these cases as events being blown out of proportion. However, it was important to hear their say and move on while not dwelling too much on what they thought.

Being away from home has given me the experiences that improved my maturity level. It taught me self-disciple in making myself study as well as staying on track and following through with my scheduled tasks. I have learned to become more independent and to look out for myself. An example would be being consistent with my laundry and eating right. Overall, I become a more self-sufficient and responsible person. I've also learned how to open to people and to be more outgoing.

While being a full-time student, I was employed at the School of Education Graduate Admission. My responsibilities were to answer the phone, send out inquiries, make copies, and enter information into the school computer system. I also created new records and

identification numbers for interested students. My job has taught me the importance of keeping up an image in a professional environment. This job gave me communication skills in relaying information within the office and to interested graduate students. Working with student applications, the office taught me a little about the admissions process and how competitive graduate programs are. This gave me insight of what to expect when it is my turn to enter a graduate program. In this setting, it was important to get things done on time because the customers were future students stressed out with turning things in before the deadline.

I have just completed my second year as a biology major at Gonzaga University, I am pursing biology because of my interest in life and in what science can do for people. I feel that what I am studying can bring good changes to people's lives. After earning my bachelor at this school, I hope to enter a pharmacy program and earn my doctorate in medicine. Medicine has always interested me because I have a curiosity with how chemicals influence the body. I want to know how and why the body responds to certain stimuli. I want to do everything possible to alleviate pain and suffering in patients. I would like to prevent long-term discomfort, which I believe can be done through medicine.

My concern in health leads me to maintain a conscious healthy lifestyle. One way of doing so is by staying with my hobby of tennis. I enjoy improving my skills as an athlete. As a mental sport, this strengthens my focus and helps me deal with frustration. I enjoy going against stronger opponents, and I always have fun playing.

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