President’s Message

Aloha,

In this edition of the Foundation newsletter you will find a brief glimpse of our scholarship recipients. Applicants for the scholarships were required to submit an essay, 500 words or less, about a personal challenge in their life and how they dealt with that challenge. Fifty-three outstanding “Tigers” were selected by the Scholarship Committee, led by Brian Maeshiro. We wish them, and all of the graduating seniors, the very best as they embark on their new journeys.

We salute the class of 1980 – under the coordination of Susan Eichor they have followed the footsteps of the class of 1994 in establishing a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior. In 2011 the class of 1994 awarded 3 scholarships. We also thank the class of 1945 for their contribution in awarding 2 scholarships. These generous contributions have allowed the Foundation to keep the number of scholarships given at the level that it is today. This is especially gratifying with the uncertain economic times many of us are facing. On behalf of all of the members of the Board of Directors Mahalo Nui Loa!

We hope that you will consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation before the end of the year. And, if you have not done so, please check our website at mckinleyfoundation.com. Contributions may be made on-line as well.

Finally, on behalf of the hard working, dedicated members of the Board of Directors of the McKinley High School Foundation, I want to wish you and your family much joy and happiness during this holiday season and a most prosperous New Year.

Aloha,

Bruce Nakaoka
President

Tammy Duckworth

A very special McKinley Tiger, Tammy Duckworth, attended the Awards Ceremony to present a laptop computer to one of the recipients. Tammy holds McKinley near and dear to her heart. She, along with thousands of alumni is so very proud to be a Tiger and thus willingly gives back. In 2007 the Foundation honored her at a Tribute Dinner. It was truly one of the most heartwarming events we have sponsored. The attendees were mesmerized by Tammy and her outlook on life and her sincere love for her alma mater.

The recipient of the laptop computer is Kimberlee Decosta – she won the hearts of the class of 1994 and they wanted Kimberlee to know that she will be able to succeed no matter what obstacles are placed in front of her. Tammy wanted to make Kimberlee’s pursuit of higher education easier by presenting her with her own personal computer to assist her in her studies. We wish Kimberlee and all of the graduating class of 2011 the very best as they embark on a new journey in their lives.

Planned Giving

As life’s circumstances change, so do insurance policies related to your financial planning. You can have the satisfaction of helping McKinley High School, its teachers and students in the future by gifting an insurance policy that’s no longer needed. If a donor transfers a life insurance policy to the McKinley High School Foundation, the gift is tax-deductible for gift tax purposes. If the donor pays subsequent premiums due on the policy, those additional premium payments constitute additional gifts that would also qualify for the gift tax charitable deduction.

In addition for the first time, IRA owners can give a portion of their retirement savings directly to charity without first counting it as income and pay income tax. In 2006 & 2007, holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are at least 70 1/2-years-old can make direct charitable transfers up to $100,000 per year.

For more information, please contact the McKinley High School Foundation at (808) 536-3832 or send in the short form below.

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2011 Scholarship Recipients

Cindy Le
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc, Robert J. Peiffer Community Scholarship $4,000

Julia Chen
Jack Tsi Scholarship $2,500

Chun-Yin So
Class of 1994 Scholarship $2,500

Shirley So
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Ewyinne & Kay Lee $2,500

Dan Truong
Hung Wu & Elizabeth Lui Hung Ching Foundation Scholarship $2,000

Vincent Yang
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Marta Chen
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Richard Chu
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Kai Hien Tran
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Raymond Yap $2,000

Lawrence Chu
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quan Wong Coo $2,000

Maria Behrens
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Steve Hinano $2,000

Akira Ishikawa
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Paty Young $1,500

Yue Shi Lin
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Oho $1,500

Bradley Suda
Carole Kari Charities Scholarship $1,250

Tiffany Tang
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Vincent Yang
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Joanne Chu
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Jeaneatte M.Y. (Lee) Kawamura Memorial Scholarship $1,250

Brenda Duong
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Brian Lu
Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata $1,000

Mei Lee
Class of 1946 Scholarship $1,000

Johnoton Nagasako
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Arthur Tominaga $1,000

Jessie Wong
Foundation Scholarship in Honor of Jesen & Lee Lee $1,000

Clementine Tran Tang
Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eric K. Lin $1,000

David Kim
Class of 2010 Scholarship $500

Chii Ming Au Yeung
Foundation Scholarship $500

Rai Kwon
Foundation Scholarship $500

Kanoo Jared Castillo
Foundation Scholarship $500

Kai Hong Xie
Class of 1996 Scholarship $1,000

Nicholas Sanchez
Foundation Scholarship $750

Howard Stu
Class of 1946 Scholarship $750

John Clayton
Class of 1945 Scholarship $750

Jeff Fernandez
Foundation Scholarship $750

Petu Lu
Foundation Scholarship $750

Zhen Feng Huang
Foundation Scholarship $750

Jessica Bugarin
Foundation Scholarship $750

Lesley Machigushi
Foundation Scholarship $750

Ryan Mays
Foundation Scholarship $750

Richard In
Foundation Scholarship $750

Brittany Balanay
Foundation Scholarship $750

Jordon Trice
Foundation Scholarship $750

Angela is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in pre-medicine. She is the recipient of the Class of 1994 Scholarship in the amount of $2,500.

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McKinley High School 2011 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

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If you have ever been a graduate student attending Law School, you are familiar with the term “embrace the C”. Shirley wrote that overcoming the fear that the bar was too low was a “C” is not the end of the world. In high school, she only concentrated on studies, often up until 2:00 am, studying to make certain she maintained her straight A record. There was no room for error. But the situation was different in university. She was still hard on herself but she learned to be more flexible. She was able to hold small conversations but when it came to the technical aspects of building a robot, finger-pointing and hand gestures ruled. After months of working together with his teammates, his English improved and his relationships with each other also improved. Dan says that overcoming his confidence was his biggest obstacle. Out of pure pressure he joined the McKinley Law Society. Each year the Law Society participates in the Hawaii Moot Court Tournament. He learned that he would be a “witness” in the upcoming tournament, studied his affidavit and practiced the role of the witness for hours. When his turn came, he was confident and excited. He spoke so well and was easily led into answering questions by his team. Nothing could have prepared him for being cross-examined. He was hesitant and unconvincing. Then came the five second incident. He realized that his bad acting was not helping the team and what he needed was confidence. That thought was only five seconds but it gave him the confidence to speak up and will take that confidence to succeed in life.

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Meet the 2011 Scholarship Recipients! All 53 of them!!

As part of their application process the candidates are required to write an excerpt on a personal challenge and how they handled that challenge. In their profiles we give a brief insight on their written excerpts.
Thu Hien (Tina) Tran

As a student where English is her second language, Tina felt like a failure before she even got started. However, she joined the Marching Band her freshman year and everything changed. Making it to the sophomore year was a big accomplishment. She realized that even though she didn’t have all the experience, she started to work hard and was able to continue her studies at the junior year level. Tina is attending Idaho State University where her major is Military Science. She is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of $1,250.

Brian Chen

Brian attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Pre-Medical. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of $1,000. Brian writes that as a first generation Vietnamese-Chinese-American, he found it difficult to relate to his acculturated culture. He found that the best way for him to educate himself was to learn what the cultural values were and how he could bring them into his life. He also felt it was important for him to learn about his heritage.

Joan Yang

Joan says that her biggest challenge was overcoming her shyness and her belief that she really wasn’t good at anything. Eventually she went to see a counselor and someone asked her to draw a picture for them, which was scary for her. Joan says that drawing helped her to get the skill level that warranted drawing for others. Then her senior year she joined Ignition, a program which was helpful to build her self-esteem. She states that the program helped her more than she helped the freshman. She had to learn to speak up, express her views, and let others see her and hear her voice as she could not be heard. Joan is grateful for the program because it gave her a sense of confidence that she never knew she had—she now feels she can achieve anything she puts her mind to. Joan is attending Seattle University where she is majoring in Psychology. He is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of $1,250.

Vincent Yang

Vincent wrote that it was in the eighth grade that, as he put it, finally took education seriously. Not only did he aspire to do well academically, he also was motivated to become physically fit, running home from school long miles every day helped him to keep up his grades. Vincent said that when he was in junior high, he loved to draw and he saw him the encouragement given to him to continue with his art. When he arrived at McKinley he took AP courses to challenge his intellect and four years later he states that he is a voracious reader, comprehensive in his own and a reader of better performance.

Nina Nguyen

Father was ten years old when her family immigrated to Hawaii from Thailand. She remembers the day they left Thailand as if it were yesterday. Not knowing how to speak English was probably the most difficult barrier for her. She states that she was either met with heartwarming or intimidating responses. Learning by watching how her parents embraced their new life made accepting this change much easier for Esther. Today she looks back and recognizes that her parents moved here to give her a better life and a better future.

Susanna Im

Susanna says that when she entered McKinley as a freshman she made the decision conscience that she would work hard academically so she could go to college. She not only took classes that challenged her but also enrolled in the North American Knowledge Bowl, in her junior year she decided that the best decision she made was to join the Knowledge Bowl. As a result, she was able to convince her parents so she could attend the program and they in turn were very proud of her. Students interested in pursuing a career in business. She credits the program for instilling a fantastic work ethic and even was able to attend Hawaii Pacific University and earned 3 college credits. She looks back at her four years at McKinley as the “shaping years”.

Brenda Duong

Brenda wrote that her most difficult challenge was her junior year at McKinley. She encountered a health problem that left her being absent for one month. She couldn’t complete her homework and always finished it later in the evening. Her mother had just opened a new business and while working several hours a week, she found out that her father (Brenda’s grandfather who lived in Seattle) was ill and she needed to be with him. Brenda covered some of her mother’s shifts at work and even took care of her. Her father improved and her grades point average. She looks back at that year as the most traumatic year of her life. While she was riddled with trials and tribulations it also was a year that helped to ready her for whatever lies ahead of her.

Bradley Suda

As a member of the McKinley 2010 Track & Field team Tiffany had a very unique challenge. She is a distance runner, because some freshmen come out to be distance runners they were not assigned a permanent coach. So basically, they were on their own. Tiffany had just joined the Marching Band her sophomore year, she took on the role of serving as a marching instructor. As time went on Tiffany was the only distance runner left, she managed to practice on her own and qualified for Eastern, OIA Varsity Championships and HSISA State Meet at Kamehameha School. She says that this has taught her an invaluable lesson – perseverance and dedication of the pay off.

Tiffany Tang

Tiffany is attending Idaho State University where her major is Military Science. She is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of $1,250.

Maria Behrens

When Akira was five years old her family immigrated to Hawaii. Her biggest challenge was he did not know English. He felt alone and did not try to learn the language. Then one day in elementary school, he was supposed to recite a sentence in front of the class – he panicked and cried. A fellow classmate spoke to him in Japanese and this made him realize he was not alone. He joined in the Marching Band in his life and changed his attitude. He also had a huge impact on what his future plans are – he plans to become a bilingual architect. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Architecture. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Patry Young in the amount of $1,500.

Akira Ichikawa

There was a very special moment at McKinley. A member of the Leo Club, FIRST Robotics Teams, Treasurer for the Chinese Club, her role as an Instructor Mentor and taking AP courses. Most of it would be quite exhilarating with such a busy schedule and Tina Shi Lee. However, one thing was on her radar – her complete mastering of “time management”. She states that she could barely keep up with her school work and was forced to figure out how to get the most out of the few hours that she possibly could. Yun Shi says we might be excited and limited by situations, but our potential and motivation are limitless.

Yun Shi Lin

Although Bradley was born in the United States, his family spoke Japanese at home so he felt like he was a foreigner. This lead him to dread going to school and during his elementary and middle school years, he did not like to improve his academic performance. Then along comes his freshman year at McKinley and something clicked! He found a new sense of maturity and focus. He is attending Creighton University where her major is Pre-Medicine. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of $1,000.

Nina Nguyen

Having always been very shy was a hindrance to Nina. When she was in Middle School she was assigned a project that would take her out of her comfort zone. Her project was to research the problem of homelessness. Her church was involved in feeding the homeless so she volunteered to join them. Her task was to hand out plates to the homeless for their meal. When her yearbook production teacher, Mr. Nakata, encouraged her to be the copyeditor of the yearbook staff she was thrilled. She needed to make certain that there were no errors and thus an outlet for tendencies for perfection. Nina is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Clinical Science. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of $1,000.

Angela That

Angela credits a friend she met in the eighth grade with helping her to accept who she is. Before meeting this friend, Angela was also shyness. She started to look her academically and her overall outlook on life. This friend taught her how to be comfortable with herself. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of $1,000.

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Matt Chen

Matt came to the realization that this challenge could not be conquered through normal means. He had to grow and mature. He had to learn to speak up, express his feelings, and let others see him and hear his voice. This friend taught her how to be comfortable with herself. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of $1,000.
Karen Zheng

Scholarship Recipients

Karen Zheng

Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Mei Lee

Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Karen Zheng understands one of life's hardest lessons – knowing to accept what comes our way and to still keep on trying to do our very best.

Mei is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Biology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Kai Hong Xie

Learning that she was moving to Hawaii from the Philippines in 2008 was Richelle's biggest challenge. Leaving her friends and family that were the center of her life was something that she could not envision. When she arrived here the cultural shock of her new environment was so great that she knew that she would have to take longer to overcome. Making new friends, learning the language and being homesick were huge challenges. After three years she is now used to her new life in Hawaii and is ready to embrace the opportunities that being here will bring her.

Richelle is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $750.

Howard Su

Howard writes that his biggest challenge, to date, has been learning to live a better life style. He knew that eating junk food and spending his time playing around was not going to a long and healthy life. He implemented a work out plan and cut out soda and other sweets that had no nutritional value. Working out also gave him self confidence and a "new lease on life".

Howard is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in the Culinary Program. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $750.

Richele Sanchez

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Chi Ming is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Accounting. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Zhen Feng Huang

Zhen Feng states that his one big challenge has been learning the English language. Coming from China three years ago was a pretty daunting approach for him and something that he had never been exposed to before. He found that if he continued to work at his new environment he would become fluent in English. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Jerrica Bogarin

Jerrica states that her biggest challenge is that she does not fully understand the English language. She still works hard every day - by writing words on note cards to study. Wanting to be an accountant she realizes that she needs to work harder and does not understand the language. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $750.

Kai Hong Xie

Kai Hong Xie is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Accounting. She is the recipient of the Class of 1954 Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

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Lesley Machiqui

Lesley writes that his biggest problem has been accepting his family situation for what it is and not to blame himself. His mother is a single parent and works hard to make a happy home for her family. When he was younger, Lesley did not always have the best diet. He was a picky eater and would only eat sweets that had no nutritional value. Working out also gave him self confidence and a "new lease" on life.

Lesley is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in the Culinary Program. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $750.

Jessica is attending the University of Washington where her major is not yet decided. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

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Ryan writes that growing up with only women in his family was a big challenge. He always felt like he had to be “the man of his family” and keep his sisters in line. He also put pressure on himself to do well in school so he would be successful after graduating from McKinley. His English teacher gave him the encouragement and confidence to apply for a scholarship and he was very happy when he learned he was the recipient.

Ryan is attending Honolulu Community College where his major is Carpenter and Welding. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Borns with a disability has Ryan's biggest challenge. He knows that this will be a life long challenge and he has worked very hard to achieve what he has done thus far. Graduating from McKinley has been a dream of his since he was in Grade 11. He has gained self confidence that will help him in the future.

Jason Guan

In the amount of $500.

That was all he needed – he worked hard and continued playing football. He was the starting receiver and defensive back for McKinley and made it on the junior varsity team. His coaches offered encouragement and told him he had a big heart and good work ethic.

Jordan writes that his one big challenge was coming to McKinley his junior year. He had played on Moanalua High School's football team for two years and was training for his third year when he found out his family was moving and he would have to stretch stills. So but yet as a very exerted, Jordan began to work out with the McKinley Tigers and is so very proud that he has been part of the football program. He is equally proud of being able to say he is a “McKinley Tiger”!

Brittany states that her biggest challenge was overcoming an injury to her knee when she was a junior practicing for the State Championship in Judo. Although the injury was not severe enough for surgery, it did affect her and she was determined because she was the second McKinley girl to become a four time State Champion and held with the State title and says that the experience taught her to never give up and always work to attain your goal.

Brittany is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is New Media Arts. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

When Jo Xin first came to Hawaii, she had a really hard time learning English and accepting that her family was going to be away from her. She has never been apart from her parents for her senior year where she could not speak the language and could not communicate with others, but has gained confidence by attending tutoring classes at church after school. For two years she worked really every day until her grades and communication improved so she no longer needed to go. While, at the time it was difficult she now looks back and realizes that the experience has helped to make her a better person - one who is not afraid to seek out help if it is needed.

Zhuoru is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Joining the McKinley Basketball Team was Hanna’s challenge. She writes that at first it was very difficult and many girls ended up quitting. While she thought about quitting she stuck with it – mainly because she loves basketball and also because she wanted to succeed. She played for four years and was Captain of the team. Her superiors state many of her qualities and they say she is the same thing – she has excellent leadership abilities and she knows she will succeed in whatever she chooses to do. Hanna is attending Southern Oregon College where she is majoring in Pharmacy. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

From when he was a young boy, Jason always had the dream of being a great football player – he wanted to be “the man of the team” in any sport he played. He also put pressure on himself to do well so he would be successful after graduating from McKinley. His English teacher gave him the encouragement and confidence to apply for a scholarship and he was very happy when he learned he was the recipient.

Jason is attending Eastern Arizona where his major is Elementary Education. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $500.

Kimmerle's family faced many hardships the past few years. This had an affect on her grades and her family and friends encouraged her to always work hard and try her best. She lost her father and brother to unfortunate accidents and while many people would say it is too much for Kim, she has continued to work hard to make a better future for her family.

Kimmerle is attending Honolulu Community College where she is majoring in Early Childhood. She is the recipient of a Class of 1998 Scholarship in the amount of $500.