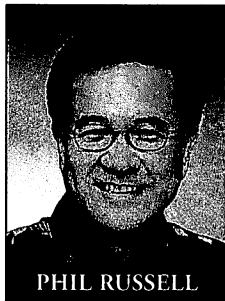


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends:

On behalf of the McKinley High School Foundation, its volunteer board of directors, and all of you who are a part of our McKinley family, I'd again like to personally thank each of you for your generous support for our alma mater.

Each of us, in our way, plays a critical role in the future of McKinley High School and – most importantly – in the growth and development of our students and graduates. And one organization that speaks and acts for all of us in this development is the McKinley High School Foundation.

Just look at what we've accomplished together recently.

Our 36 scholarships awarded to members of the Class of 2004 are 36 more opportunities to recognize and help youngsters who may never have had the chance to continue their education. I hope you had a chance to see the full-page advertisement celebrating these awardees that ran in a September issue of *MidWeek*, thanks to the sponsorship and generosity of Duane Kurisu of AIO, LLC

We've made important strides in our ongoing program of fiscal responsibility also. After serious consideration, we have selected and retained a professional investment manager to help stabilize and maximize the growth of Foundation funds and help oversee our related activities. Over time, this will ensure that your Foundation's objectives and financial capabilities will be ready to help future classes in perpetuity.

In addition, effective communications continues to be a critical part of our overall commitment to you. Entheos Interactive (David Kasumoto '90) is currently hard at work creating a Foundation worldwide website scheduled to be online in the first quarter of 2005. When completed, the website will bring all of us together literally at the touch of a button. In addition to being able to provide news and information about special events and Foundation programs, we plan to expand the web services over time to include on-line donation capabilities.

Finally, here are some important reminders for 2005.

Don't forget to mark Jan. 29 on your calendars – that's the Annual Alumni Brunch and Fundraiser to honor Sid Kosasa of ABC Stores and celebrate his induction into the McKinley High School Hall of Honor. The event is sponsored entirely by the McKinley High School Alumni Association, our sister organization. I have my ticket and look forward to seeing you there.

Our Foundation Tribute Dinner, held every other year to honor respected graduates or long time McKinley supporters, is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19. Plans are already underway to incorporate a new and exciting format and program for this year's dinner. Watch for additional information on this great event and fundraiser in an upcoming newsletter.

I'd like to leave you with this thought from an anonymous author:

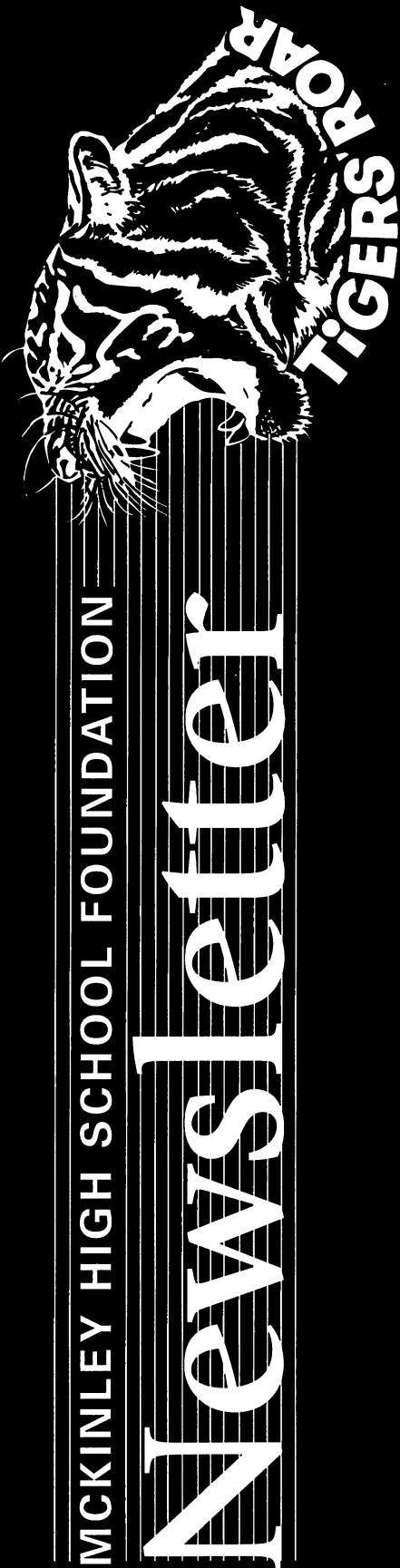
*The good we do is never lost,
Each kindly act takes root,
And every bit of love we sow,
In time will bear rich fruit.*

We wish you happy holidays and a healthy and enjoyable new year.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Russell".

Phil Russell
President



MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL 140 YEAR BIRTHDAY!!

The following was comprised by some of the teachers at McKinley, including Ms. Dianne Sugihara, Ms. Gaile Sykes and Ms. Barbara Kakuda.

McKinley High School was officially established in 1865, as the Fort Street English Day School by Maurice B. Beckwith. In November 1869, the English Day School moved from the basement of the Old Fort Street Church to a new stone building on the corner of Fort and School Streets. The Fort Street School later moved to the Princess Ruth's Palace in 1895 and was renamed the Honolulu High School.

In 1907, Honolulu High School moved to the corner of Beretania and Victoria Streets. The school's name was then changed to President William McKinley High School, after President William McKinley, whose influence helped bring annexation to the Hawaiian Islands to the United States.

A statute of President McKinley was commissioned for \$8,000. Completed in New York, the bronze eight-ton statue was shipped to Honolulu and dedicated on February 23, 1911.

With growing enrollment, a new and bigger school was necessary. In 1921, the present site on King Street was acquired through territorial condemnation. In 1923, the school was moved from the Beretania Victoria site to its present location. McKinley High School is proud to be listed on both State and National Register of Historical Places.

At this time, McKinley had no auditorium and through the efforts of the McKinley Parent and Teachers Association, a building drive was formulated. In 1927, the Marion McCarrell Scott Auditorium was dedicated. This new auditorium was then the largest theater in Hawaii.

In 1920, McKinley began the publication of the Daily Pinion. Fluency in written communication was developed in the publications classes that the Daily Pinion, a school newspaper published daily and made possible with the assistance of the McKinley print shop.

The school's swimming pool was the students' pride of the 1920's because they played an active part in its construction. Armed with picks, shovels, and determination, the students began the excavation for a pool in 1923. Construction was halted due to lack of funds.

Students solicited funds from the Honolulu business community and collected the necessary \$12,000 to complete the pool. The pool was completed in 1926 and was named in honor of the late Honolulu Mayor Fred Wright.

The appointment of Dr. Miles E. Cary in 1924 as principal opened a new era of leadership. In 1931, Dr. Cary introduced the "core" program, integrating English and Social Studies classes, to McKinley's academic program. It was an immediate success and by 1933 the 3,000 students of McKinley were actively enrolled in the core program. The

school cafeteria and road encircling the front mall are named after Dr. Miles E. Carey.

The Second World War proved to be a challenge for the students of McKinley. They wanted to do their part in the nation's war effort. A savings bond drive was conducted, and the students responded by buying over \$200,000 in bonds and stamps.

The overwhelming success of the bond drive instigated a new project, purchasing a fighter-bomber for the U.S. Air Force! Students again raised over \$333,000 in war bonds to cover the cost of a Liberator bomber. In February 1944, the plane, christened "Madame Pele," was presented to the U.S. Air Force.

August 14, 1945 – the war was won! Veterans' School was begun on campus to help the McKinley young men who had left school for the war. One hundred and five veterans came back to McKinley and finished their education.

The Korean War, begun in 1950, interrupted the peace. Again, McKinley boys volunteered their lives for their country. The 1950's were also a period of readjustment. The core program ended and another chapter of the school's history was brought to a close.

In the 1960's McKinley met the demands of a progressive society. Educators instituted new methods in teaching science, mathematics, and the foreign languages. With the addition of new and revitalized curriculum, the students had an opportunity to choose from a wider range of subjects in preparation for their post-high school education. McKinley continued to be a comprehensive public high school in Hawaii.

Just as McKinley's curriculum expanded, the facilities also increased from the original four buildings. In 1959, the Social Studies building was added and named after Chief Justice Wilfred Tsukiyama.

And, in 1961, the award winning design of the Miles E. Carey Cafeteria was completed. With growing interest in the music program, the music building was added in 1962.

In 1964, the students of McKinley petitioned and lobbied the State Legislature for a gymnasium. Their efforts paid off as a gymnasium was built in 1964 and is aptly named the Student Council Gymnasium. In 1965, the football field was named the William Wise Field. William Wise coached the football team to the Interscholastic championship title of 1947.

The school colors, black and gold, were selected when McKinley High School was very young. Gold was chosen for McKinley's close association with Hawaiian royalty. Not only was the school started during the reign of Kamehameha V, but also Honolulu High School, the predecessor of McKinley High School, used the palace of Princess Ruth for a school house.

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In searching for a color to compliment the gold, black was agreed upon. Part of the reason for the selection was that many McKinley graduates continued their education at Princeton University, whose colors are also black and gold. The nickname, "Tigers", was possibly derived from the close association with Princeton.

Other cherished aspects of McKinley's history is the Code of Honor written in 1927 by student Mun Chee Chun. The code expressed the high standard of behavior, which McKinley students tried to maintain. The original plaque of the code is proudly displayed in the main foyer of the Administration Building.

Commencement Exercises are traditionally held on campus. Beginning in the 1930's, the growing enrollment in the student body made it increasingly difficult to hold an indoor graduation. For this reason, it was suggested by a faculty member that the ceremony be moved outdoors on the front of the Administration Building on the first Sunday of June. This tradition is still honored today.

A tradition firmly upheld by all McKinley students is the respect given to the oval area surrounding President McKinley's statue. No one is allowed to walk on the grassy oval. Only a graduating senior is allowed this privilege of crossing the oval on his or her Commencement Day.

In 1923, a contest was held to choose a school song. Of the many excellent entries, the song written by Edward Himrod, then advisor of the Daily Pinion was chosen. "Hail McKinley, Hail" was chosen as the school alma mater and was set to music by Walter Maygrove, McKinley band director.

Singing "Black and Gold" during the last three minutes of each football game began in the late 1950's. Dr. Richard Lum, the band director of McKinley, used it to boost the pride in the team. Though the song had been sung since the 1920's, establishing this tradition was especially loved by the students.

This tradition continues and the "Black and Gold" is traditionally sung at all spirit rallies, athletic games, class reunions and Commencement. "Black and Gold" is so well known that it is often mistaken as the school alma mater.

Since it's beginning, McKinley has always produced leaders and forerunners for Hawaii. But she has also produced men and women who are not famous, yet who are a vital part of the life of these Islands. Prior to 1986, photographs of distinguished alumni were hung in the hallway of the Administration Building in no formal or organized manner.

In 1986, the faculty and alumni formalized and implemented the Hall of Honor recognition program. The Hall of Honor recognizes McKinley's outstanding alumni who have brought honor to the school and community through their achievements and contributions. Today, this program continues as distinguished alumni are recognized with a formal induction assembly before faculty and students.

Perhaps the most outstanding McKinley tradition is the school spirit and pride, which has sparked campus life. We have a proud tradition....fund raising by students and teachers for a swimming pool, forming a human chain to pass rocks from the campus to Punchbowl to help build the lookout, collecting coconuts for trees to be planted at Ala Moana Park, and baking cookies for American soldiers during World War II.

These traditions have made McKinley students and alumni proud to be Tigers. Though our school has been modified with the times, our spirit and pride remain constant.

McKinley High School has contributed to the growth of our state and our nation. Our alumni have poured into the mainstream of American life in times of peace and stress.

It was best put by Teichiro Hirata, principal of McKinley High School during its Centennial Celebration in 1965:

"Yet, by far the greatest contribution McKinley has made and will continue to make is in her graduates, nameless in many instances, who served their respective communities in honest human endeavor. The day-to-day average citizen who provides goods and services, provides the best for their families with the sweat of their brow, who respects law and order, and who furnishes their sinew of war in times of international conflict. This is McKinley's claim to greatness. Like Cornelia, mother of Roman Gracchi, McKinley echoes:

"These are our jewels. I give them to my country."

President William McKinley High School continues to respect her past and build towards the future.

FOUNDATION WILL HONOR MCKINLEY'S 140 YEARS.

The Foundation is making plans to honor our alma mater. The history of McKinley runs deep; it is the most time honored educational institution in the state. Our legacy continues through the outstanding alumni that we continue to pro-

duce. In our next newsletter details will be revealed and it promises to be an exciting event and we hope that you will make plans to be there. Tentative date is October 19, 2005.

RECIPIENTS WRITE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES

Following are letters from previous recipients. As part of their scholarship rules we ask the recipients to keep in touch with the Foundation. From time to time we will share some of their letters with you. It is heartwarming to know that the Foundation has made an impact on their lives.

Dear Members of the Foundation:

Aloha! Well, my first year is done! An exciting, adventurous journey of discovery that I approached with determination (and a bit of apprehension). I've had a wonderful experience so far, and I continue to thank the Foundation for all of their support in helping me further my education at a prestigious academic institution.

During my first year at Columbia, I strove to challenge myself and to explore as many opportunities as I could. Finding myself in one of the greatest and most vibrant cities in the world, I was blown away by all the different activities and experiences New York had to offer. It was only a quick hop on the 1/9 subway line from Columbia down to Times Square and Broadway! I've been a long time theatre and drama fan, and I had many exciting nights filled with incredible music, dancing and choreography. I also sought to become involved in extracurricular activities. I joined the Columbia Undergraduate Psychology Society (a field I've been interested in since high school), and eventually became elected to serve as Secretary for the organization for the next academic year. A friend of mine who lived in the same dorm also encouraged me to join kendo, the Japanese sport of fencing. He had practiced the sport when he attended school in Japan, and got me interested in the activity, and so both of us joined the Kendo Club, founded just this year.

To continue and develop my musical interests, I also joined the Columbia University Marching Band, and had the chance to meet a diverse bunch of people with musical

talent and a fun-loving spirit. We traveled around to the other Ivy League schools during football season and cheered on our athletic teams. Even with all of these activities, I did not neglect my academic studies. Columbia is regarded as a top-notch academic institution and I made sure I got the most I could out of it during my time there. I took classes I had previous interest in, like Philosophy and Psychology, and even a couple I had never been exposed to before, such as Italian classes and skiing and snowboarding for P.E.! I ended up taking 18 credits my first semester, garnering a Dean's List academic distinction, and enrolled in 21 credits the second semester, seeking to explore as many of my interests as I could. I must say that my first year at Columbia was an enriching and rewarding experience, with the proper balance of academics, extracurriculars, as well as the activities New York had to offer. I hope to have an even better year at Columbia when I return in the fall!

Once again, I sincerely thank the McKinley High School Foundation for all the support they have given me and continue to give me. Five thousand miles away from Hawaii, in the midst of freezing, blustering snow, it's comforting to know I have people cheering me on back home. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Oscar Loui
Proud McKinley Alumnus

Dear McKinley Foundaton:

Thank you once again for your support and help through the Four-Year McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship. This year has been one of many changes. My roommates and I have just moved into a bigger apartment with a nice deck to enjoy the summer months here.

I have registered to graduate June 2005. I am sad that this will be my last year as an undergraduate but I am excited for what lies ahead. This August I am taking my MCATs. I am currently planning to apply to medical school at UW, UH and other universities. I am very interested in oncology and would like to specialize in oncology in medical school.

My course work this year has been very rewarding. I am finishing up my last quarter in Russian and I am also finishing up the Biochemistry series. Russian has been a rewarding

challenge. It is so different from the Asian languages that I am use to studying. But it has been fun and has given me an insightful view into a different culture. Biochemistry is one of my favorite subjects. I am learning about so many kinds of things about the human body that amazes me. In addition to those classes I am doing undergraduate research for a year at the Bornstein lab. We are working with the trombospodin protein and for my project I am purifying the protein from cells.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Sandra Au

MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

A glimpse at what makes them so special and why we are so very proud of them. As you read the following you may get a feel of what our scholarship committee experiences. Larry Takumi, chair of the scholarship committee wishes we could help even more students. Choosing the recipients is a difficult task. Each recipient is deserving in his/her own right. Each one has a special quality – some have had to overcome more than others – and all will go on to do great and highly recognized things in life. We wish all of them the best, as we know that they will make us proud and that they will always hold McKinley near and dear to them. Proud Tigers!!



Lori Ann Fong

It is easy to understand why the Scholarship Committee chose Lori Ann Fong to be the recipient of the Alexander & Baldwin Robert J. Pfeiffer Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. When reviewing her application, the uniqueness and the high level of her maturity comes shining through. Many of her teachers rank Lori Ann as being in the top 2-10 percent of their career. Her tennis coach, an Iolani Graduate, stated that he saw tremendous potential for growth in Lori Ann. As Co Captain for the girls varsity tennis team Lori showed that she is capable of being a great leader. She has the ability to bring people together toward the ultimate goal of teamwork – an asset that will most certainly guide her for the rest of her life. Lori Ann is attending Gonzaga University in Seattle, Washington where her major is Pharmacy.



Shoko Watanabe

Shoko Watanabe is the recipient of a 4-year Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. Shoko was Vice-President of the Math Club her senior year; she was the High Scorer of the school for three years. Shoko was also a member of Student Government serving as Class Treasurer and Class Vice-President.

A Peer Education class helped Shoko make up her mind that she would dedicate her life to helping others. The class was discussing teen suicide, something that no one wants to think about. However, Shoko realized that the depression she sometimes felt was the lack of purpose to live. Not knowing the reason why a certain being exists is like being denied of its identity, this is something Shoko contemplated. She came to the conclusion that she could use her talents and hands to help others, which is why her career choice is Christian Ministry at Oral Roberts University.



Chung-Hao Liao

Chung-Hao is the recipient of a 4-Year Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. At McKinley Chung-Hao was a very valuable member of the Math Team, served as Vice-President of the Mandarin Club and according to his advisor Ms. Meg Uehara, a true asset to the Japanese Club. His pleasant disposition was an inspiration to other members of the club. In his senior year he took 2nd place in the Banner Competition.

Chung-Hao says that the one person most responsible for his success is his grandmother. He has many fond memories of her as he grew up; she was the one person who he would tell about his many accomplishments. He looked forward to going home and sharing with her the day's achievements. As time passed, his grandmother's health deteriorated and eventually she was hospitalized. Her smile and words of encouragement were a source of motivation for him to try harder and to strive to be the best he can be. Her passing away had a huge impact on him and now the memories of her smile are enough to continue his efforts for academic success. Chung-Hao is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is majoring in Computer Science.



Allison Uchima

Allison is the recipient of a 4-Year Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. At McKinley she was a member of the National Honor Society during her Junior and Senior years. She was also a member of the French Club and a member of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians. She not only took piano lessons but also performed for four years while a student at McKinley. She also volunteered her time at the Liliha Public Library and for the Aloha United Way.

Mrs. Sharrie Lee, Allison's French teacher, writes that: "Allison is one of the finest young people with whom I have ever worked with in my thirty-four years as an educator. She arrives at the threshold of her college career offering outstanding qualities. Her academic strength, sterling character and strong intentions portend an immeasurable potential, which will clearly bring to fruition any career choice." She goes on to say that Allison is a wonderful young lady who will contribute to not only her choice of institution of higher learning but to our society as well. We could not have said it any better! Allison is attending Pomona College in Claremont, California. Allison is still deciding what her major will be.



Karen Shinkawa

Karen is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. While at McKinley, Karen led a very active life. She was a member of the Math Club, McKinley Orchestra, McKinley Chamber Group, Math Team, McKinley Theatre Group II, Commencement Committee and a member of the National Honor Society. She also was a Student Helper at Kaahumanu Elementary School during her junior and senior years.

Although Karen has many interests her "true love" is music. She says that musicians' true teachings come from their performances. During performances musicians wear looks of extreme concentration – but beneath that look of concentrations is the sincere look of devotion and dedication. Karen herself, plays the violin and strives to be the best she can be and hopes that her violin will continue to be an integral part of her life. Karen is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Education.



Jeanette Wong

Jeanette is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Jeanette served as Senior Class Treasurer during her senior year. Jeanette's teachers write that she is very friendly, pleasant, respectful and sweet. They also wrote that Jeanette has a quiet confidence and is very grounded. Jeanette, like most bright and intelligent students budgets her time wisely. She is a honest team player and always is willing to help others.

Jeanette writes that she strives to be healthy and will work hard to succeed. She has chosen to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Food Science/Nutrition and Management.



Chak Shing (Jackie) Chan

Jackie is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,500. At McKinley, Jackie was a member of the Math Team for three years. He served as Treasurer and Co-Captain in his senior year. He also was a member of the National Honor Society and served as Treasurer in his senior year. Jackie tutored Math Club members for three years.

As one might demise, being a part of the Math Team inspired Jackie to be the best that he can be. His first year was not successful and he wanted to give up, however with encouragement from his coaches, he decided to stay on the team. Because of hard work and determination, his math scores increased dramatically in his junior year. Twice he was the school's highest scorer out of seven meets. Because of this performance,

he was elected co-captain for the following year. Jackie says that being a co-captain was not easy, because of disagreements among team members, but he knows that serving as co-captain helped to make him a better leader in the future. Jackie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Mechanical Engineering.



Kit U. Jeong

Kit is a recipient of the Patsy Young Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Kit is one of those students who immerses herself in school and gets involved in activities. Kit was a member of the Science Club and served as President her senior year, she was a member of the Math Team and was School High Scorer at the OML Meet II in 2003-2004. She was a member of the Math Club and was the Uni-Club Representative. She was a member of HCAC – Youth Christian Fellowship and the National Student Summit on Ocean Issues.

Kit's family immigrated to the United States when she was a freshman. With the desire to succeed instilled in her, Kit read books at the library to hone her English skills. The most valuable treasure that Kit gained was that she realized any achievement must come through hard work; nothing is impossible if you keep trying. Being educated in the United States has made her realize that she has the potential to achieve higher accomplishments. Kit is attending the University of Washington at Seattle where her major is Mechanical Engineering.



Sheryl Lun

Sheryl is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Steve Hirano in the amount of \$1,500. Sheryl was a member of the Japanese Club, National Honor Society, Leo Club, Marine Science Club, Cross Country Team and the Mun Lun Chinese School where she graduated at the top of her class. She also volunteers at the Kapiolani Medical Center.

Sheryl's teachers write that she will be a very successful young lady because she is a hard worker and very responsible as well as a delight to work with. This was probably most evident when she took up the challenge of a friend and joined the Cross Country Team. Naively thinking that she was in good shape soon gave way to the realization that she would have to work extra hard to even keep up with the other members of the team. Even though she thought about quitting, she stuck it out and learned a valuable lesson in life – if you work hard enough you can achieve anything! Sheryl is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is studying Graphic Communications/Design.



Jessica Mau

Jessica is the recipient of the Jack Tsui Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. Jessica was an involved student at McKinley, she was a member of the Tennis Team, Yearbook, where she served as Editor her junior & senior year, Leo Club, Marine Science Club, National Honor Society and also was a student aid at Kaahumanu Elementary School and a volunteer at Kapiolani Hospital. She attended the Mun Lun Chinese School and graduated in the top three.

Jessica says that being a member of the Black & Gold yearbook staff was one of the biggest challenges she faced. It is an extremely time consuming position and requires a lot of stamina. At the end of her junior year, she made the decision to give up the yearbook and concentrate on academics. When the yearbook advisor announced that this was his last year and if they couldn't find a teacher to fill the position the yearbook would be cancelled for the coming year, Jessica knew that she could not let that happen and she continued on the committee. She learned a valuable lesson that teamwork and communication are vital to the success of a yearbook or for that matter many other things in life. Jessica is attending Gonzaga University and is majoring in the Medicine.



Jennifer Slusser

Jennifer is a recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,250. While at McKinley Jennifer was a member of the Leo Club, (Uni Club Representative), Spanish Club where she served as Secretary, and Commencement where she served as overall chairperson and the Peer Education Program.

Jennifer's teachers write that Jennifer is very bright and motivated. Although she is very quiet and shy she has always accomplished her goals and doing her best at any given task, including speaking in front of a class. Jennifer says that one of the hardest obstacles that she has had to overcome in her life if growing up without her father in her life. As a single parent her mother has worked hard to ensure that Jennifer and her sister strive to be the best that they can be with strong morals. Jennifer realizes that you cannot change the hand life deals you, but instead make the best of what you have – you can be successful. Jennifer is attending the University of Southern California; she has not yet decided what her major will be.



Channpreet Singh

Channpreet is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. At McKinley, Channpreet was a member of the Student Body Government serving as the second Vice President and also a member of the McKinley Theatre Group II and was Team Captain of the Speech Debate Team.

When Channpreet entered high school she was filled with optimism and hopeful attitude. She joined the McKinley Theatre Group II where she learned that she had a language disability. She had a lisp that she would have to work very hard to overcome if she were going to win any of the speech tournaments. The following year she also joined the debate team to improve her speaking skills. Like many of us, Channpreet learned that if you want something badly enough you can achieve it if you work hard. It was with this strategy that Channpreet and her partner took first place in the state tournament and went on to compete in the National Speech and Debate Tournament held in Atlanta. Channpreet is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Medicine.



Mohammed Ansari

Mohammed is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. At McKinley Mohammed was a member of the Leo Club and the Japanese Club. He is also a member of the Muslim Association of Hawaii. During the application process for scholarships Mohammed's father became very ill and was hospitalized for several weeks. Because of the huge financial and emotional strain of his father hospitalization Mohammed was forced to miss a lot of school. However, he made up his classes and continued to excel academically. Many of his teachers rank Mohammed in the top 2 percent category of their careers.

Mohammed is attending Arizona State University where is studying Computer Science & Software Engineering.



Tse-Pei (Theresa) Tang

Theresa is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Theresa was an extremely active student while at McKinley. She was on the Tennis Team for four years and was captain for the JV team, a member of the Mandarin Club, she served as treasurer, Leo Club, Senior Class Secretary for Student Government, JROTC and manager for the JV Basketball Team. She also volunteered at Queen Kaahumanu and at KCAA preschool.

Theresa writes that one of her most challenging experiences at McKinley was being selected as a Commander for the King's Guard competition held at Farrington High School during the first week of March. She felt very unqualified for the position as she lacked the experience

and the commanding voice to compete. However, she practiced every moment she could and even taught her parents all forty-six commands so they too could help her practice.

Theresa is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major will either be Education and/or Travel Management.



Irwin Lau

Irwin is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. While at McKinley Irwin was a member of the Japanese Club, here he won 2nd place in the Banner Competition his senior year. He was a Secretary for the Chinese Club and a member of the Math Team. He also volunteered as an A Plus Junior Leader.

Irwin says that one of life's most difficult challenges has had to deal with the loss of his mother. Going to school and working as well as learning to drive helped him to concentrate on the task at hand. He is grateful for his good friends that have helped him to meet life's challenges and in particular one friend who encouraged him to do well in an art class. Not being very artistic he felt that it was a challenge that he wanted to master. Taking art helped him to make the decision that he would not pursue Engineering. Although he is undecided about what his major will be he credits art with helping him to make an important decision. Irwin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



Linda Park

Linda is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Linda was very active during her time at McKinley. She was President of the National Honor Society her senior year, 1st Vice President of the Study Body Government, a Honolulu District Council Representative, 3rd Place winner at KZOO Japanese Speech Contest, Chairperson for the Homecoming Bon Fire, a member of the Special Events Committee and President of her Freshmen Class. She also volunteered at Queen Kaahumanu Elementary School and Queen's Medical Center.

Linda says that she was traumatized as a young girl when she nearly drowned while swimming at McCully Pool. Realizing that nearly everyone has a phobia or fear to overcome, Linda has worked on conquering her fear since the near drowning happened. She has gradually gotten to the point that she will enter the water but still has difficulty putting her head under water. She knows that this incident has had a direct influence on how she approaches other difficulties in life. She strives to meet them head on and conquer them to the best of her ability. Linda is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Real Estate and/or Business Administration.



Judy Lee

Judy is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. As a student at McKinley Judy was a member of the Law Enforcement Explorers Program where she did more than fifty hours of community service. She also was a member of the Cross Country Team and the Track Team. Judy volunteered at Kuakini Health System and Queen's Medical Center.

Judy told the story of how when she was young her father insisted that she and her older sister memorize the multiplication table. He would get them started by reading out each and every multiplication line from one to nine in a Chinese singsong voice and they had to practice and memorize it. It was not as easy for Judy as it was for her sister. There were many days when she became frustrated and angry at her father for making her do this. However, one day it just clicked and it became easy for her. Soon she was able to conquer long division and discovered that math was not so bad after all. She would like to thank her dad for helping her to understand concepts way ahead of time. She knows that this has benefited her greatly. Judy is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she has not yet chosen a major.



Carolyn Lee

Carolyn is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel Inouye in the amount of \$1,000. Carolyn was truly busy at McKinley. She was Historian for the Spanish Club, a member of the Special Events Club, an active member of the Banner Committee (winning 1st place her junior and senior years), Editor in Chief of the School Newspaper her senior year, reporter for the School Newspaper her junior year and was also Student Body Recording Secretary her senior year. Carolyn also volunteered at United Methodist Church Food bank.

Carolyn writes of an experience of her and her sister and brother attempting to reach Goat Island off the coast of Oahu. It was a scary experience and even though it is only about _ mile from the sandy shore of Malaekahana Bay Beach Park, it seemed like one hundred miles. That single experience comes to mind as she looks across the Pacific Ocean and contemplates what life will bring her. She knows that the leaving Hawaii will be hard but yet she welcomes the experience of learning new and exciting things on the mainland. Carolyn is attending Seattle University where she has not yet chosen a major.



Roger Chelliah

Roger is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel Inouye in the amount of \$1,000. At McKinley Roger was a member of the Leo Club, Marine Science Club, Computer Club, Math Club and the Mandarin Club. He also volunteered at Kahala Community Park and the Olivet Baptist Church.

I think that each of us has someone special in our lives that make us a better person. For Roger that person was his uncle. He remembers his seventh birthday very clearly. He arrived at his uncle's home expecting to hear a loud "Happy Birthday", only to discover his uncle was at work on a military base. He remembers that his uncle allowed him to "drive" a jet. He now knows that the jet was on automatic pilot. But as he puts it "who cares? It was my birthday and I was having the time of my life all thanks to the best uncle in the world". He tells this story because when he was ten the person he admired the most was taken away from him. He described his uncle as the pinnacle of a man and he made every day better just by being there. Roger says that the lack of his uncle's physical presence should not stop brightening his days. The memories he has of him are enough to last the rest of his life and for that he is grateful.

Roger is attending DeVry University in Phoenix, Arizona where he is majoring in Engineering.



Golden Lawrence

Golden is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel Inouye in the amount of \$1,000. While attending McKinley Golden was a member of the Spanish Club, Academy of Travel and Tourism, Track Team, Basketball Team and Football Team. Golden served as captain of the JV Football Team is sophomore year. One of Golden's teachers writes, "Simply put, Golden is a joy to have in the classroom. He gets an A+ for effort. He is honest, diligent and inquisitive, he has the innate ability to grasp ideas and solve problems". His teachers rank him at the top ten per cent and two percent of their careers.

Golden wrote that attending McKinley as a freshman was scary and he was very nervous. Like many of us he was hesitant to ask for help in class. After not getting such great grades in math the first semester, he begun to stay after school and get extra help, he also started to ask questions when he didn't understand something. He feels his freshman year taught him a lot about how time management and hard work can really help you succeed in what ever you do. What he learned his freshman year helped him the last three years, his grade point average went up, he did well in the sports he participated in and he takes pride in that.

Golden is attending Eastern Washington University where his major is Business Administration.



Quang Ngu

Quang is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. At McKinley Quang was a member of the Banner Committee, Mandarin Club, McKinley Math Team, McKinley Swim Team, Secretary the National Honor Society and President of the Senior Class. He also volunteered at the Kahala Summer Fun and Mother Rice Preschool.

Perhaps sometimes in life we need to have someone to compete against in order to be successful ourselves. This is exactly what Quang discovered. He got to know Jane Doe when they were both sophomores as they shared a SAT Preparation class. Jane Doe was an excellent student who did exceptionally well in all of her classes. In contrast Quang did not take school very serious. She was the first person that Quang had met who was so scholastically successful and invoked a competitive spirit in him.

He challenged himself to do as well as she did and although he maintained a grade point average of 3.8 & 4.0 he knew that he could not top Jane Doe because of her previous years of excellence. So Quang decided to hone in on his leadership skills and ran for class president and won!! This gave him more confidence and he knows that it will help him be successful in life.

Quang is attending Pitzer College where he is majoring in Engineering.



Nha Nguyen

Nha is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. While attending McKinley Nha was a member of the Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra. He received varsity letters in Judo and Riflery.

Nha says that one of the more challenging undertakings in his life was the decision to take up judo. Having always being rather sedentary physically and spending more time on schoolwork left him physically out of shape. A friend convinced him to give judo a try and he has not regretted that decision. Taking that first fall on the mat was, at first, very intimidating. As time went on Nha discovered that a physical challenge is not only good for the body it is good for the mind also. He credits judo with helping him to mature mentally and physically and this in turn has prepared him to take on more challenges in life whether they are academics or athletics.

Nha is attending Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin where he is majoring in Biochemistry and Biomedicine.



John Ly

John is a recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. While attending McKinley John was a member of the Leo Club and volunteered at the Hawaiian Humane Society.

John says one of the most challenging and terrifying times in his life was when his father was hospitalized for two weeks. During the time his father was ill he felt the responsibility of helping his family. His father's one wish for John was to keep up his good grades and to study hard at school. Knowing that this was the one thing that he could do for his father he buckled down and worked hard at his academics. John feels very fortunate that his father recovered and all is back to normal. He says that he has found new respect for his friends who have lost one of their parents. John considers them to be the strongest people in his mind.

John is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Computer Science.



Sarah Lee

Sarah is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. At McKinley Sarah was a member of the Banner Committee, Winter Prom Committee and she served as President of the Leo Club in the year 2003-2004. She also volunteered at Kaahumanu Elementary School and KCAA Mother Rice Preschool.

One of Sarah's life altering experiences actually came to her through a friend who had a child out of wedlock while still in school. Sarah stood by her friend and would visit her as often as she could. While others gossiped about their friend, Sarah saw a different side of her friend who had grown independent and strong in facing her own hardship. Choosing to be supportive and not critical of her friend helped Sarah see the big picture, something we can all learn from.

Sarah is attending the University of San Francisco where she is majoring in Business Administration or Engineering.



Simran Singh

Simran is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Simran was extremely busy at McKinley; she was Editor in Chief of the Pinion (School Newspaper), a member of the French Club, Leo Club, Choir, Banner Committee, and Special Events Committee and was Executive Treasurer for the Study Body Government. Simran also volunteered at the Humane Society, American Red Cross, Read Across America, St. Pete & Paul Youth Group, was a dancer for V.I.P. Dance Company and also performed Indian Dances for Milan.

Simran felt that her writing skills were not that great. She worried that her writing skills would keep her from going to the college of her choice. That thought coupled with being Editor in Chief of the Pinion catapulted her into action. She knew that she would have to dive right in and get more practice writing. She took an ENG 100 at Honolulu Community College through the Running Start Program. This class taught her how to write various types of papers. Learning everything from narratives to MLA format research papers. Simran, like many other McKinley Students, who take advantage of the Running Start Program, was greatly helped by the class she took and thus made the job of being Editor in Chief less daunting.

Simran is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is one of the following: Finance, Journalism, Political Science or Law.



Kevin Li

Kevin is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. During his time at McKinley Kevin was a member of the Bowling Team, Leo Club, Math Club and Computer Club. He also participated in Math Tutoring after school hours.

Kevin writes that the one thing he feels helped to get him on the right track was his cousin Leo. Leo came to stay with his family just before starting his freshman year at McKinley. Two years older than Kevin, Leo was also more gregarious and outgoing. Leo had a desire to meet new people and encouraged Kevin to do the same. It took almost two years before Kevin was comfortable meeting new people. This opened more doors for him and he feels that it will enable him to be successful in the future.

Kevin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa and majoring in Engineering.



Nhi Hoan Quach

Nhi Hoan is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. While at McKinley Nhi Hoan was Club Secretary for the Mandarin Club, Chairperson for Class Committees, Acting Commander for the JROTC Unarmed Drill Team, Treasurer & Club Representative for the Saber & Chain, Senior Class Vice President and Operation & Training Officer for the JROTC. She also volunteered at the Food Bank and the Sierra Student Coalition.

Nhi Hoan says that one of the hardest challenges she had to overcome was being selected to be Commander for the JROTC Drill Team for its last competition the Kings Guard. Feeling that she wasn't qualified to be selected, she questioned if she could meet the challenge and not let down her teammates. She immediately started practicing long hours to prepare for the competition. She especially wanted to succeed for the

seniors who wanted to have the 1st place trophy one last time. She is extremely proud of the team, because they were victorious and brought honor and glory back to the halls of McKinley by taking the 1st place trophy home with them. She knows that this experience has helped to make her a better person and more ready to meet new challenges.

Nhi Hoan is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa as a Liberal Arts major.



Billy Cheng

Billy is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. At McKinley Billy was a member of the Math Club, Leo Club and the Math Team. He also tutored math after school.

Billy's family immigrated to the United States looking for a better future. Billy says when he was younger he resented the fact that his mother did not pick him up from school immediately. Instead he attended after school care and was picked up at 5:00 p.m. As he grew older he began to realize that by being on his own so much actually made him more independent. He had to learn to make good decisions on his own. He soon realized that by having to be independent will actually be most helpful to him as he enters college and after. He has learned, by the example his parents have set, that hard work does pay off and he is grateful to them for that.

Billy is attending Gonzaga University where his major is Engineering.



Lisha Liu

Lisha is a recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Two Year Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

At McKinley Lisha was a member of the Chinese Club. Lisha also was a student aid at Kauluwela Elementary School. Lisha was a McKinley High School cafeteria cashier and did volunteer school service work.

Lisha's family immigrated to Hawaii three years ago. When Lisha arrived at McKinley High School she knew very little English. It was frightening for her to be in a foreign land and being expected to learn the language and to do well academically. This is a task that many of us would find overwhelming. However, Lisha quickly picked up the language and begun to excel academically. Lisha gives a large part of her success to the teachers at McKinley. In fact she says that their patience and kindness played an integral part in her aspiring to graduate and go on to a higher institution of learning.

Lisha is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Graphic Design.



An Thuy Nguyen

An is a recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Two Year Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. While at McKinley An was a member of the Spanish Club, Leo Club, Vietnamese Club and the Academy of Finance. She also did volunteer work at St. Teresa's Church.

An faced perhaps more challenges than any of the other scholarship recipients. She became pregnant at the age of seventeen and made the decision to keep her baby, a daughter she has named Jasmine. Being a pregnant teen was, most certainly, a difficult time for An. She came across ridicule and gossip. She is now grateful that she has Jasmine in her life as she is an inspiration for An to do well.

An is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Nursing.



Jocelyn Borje

Jocelyn is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. While Jocelyn attended McKinley she was a member of the Hawaiian Club assisting in the Club Banner and fundraising. She also volunteered at Queen's Medical Center.

Jocelyn says that her mother is her role model. While her mother never graduated from high school according to Jocelyn she is talented and the hardest worker she has ever met. When she was a freshman at McKinley Jocelyn learned about the YWCA Culinary Art Program, which allows a student to have a paid internship. The Culinary Art program allowed Jocelyn the opportunity to work at three different restaurants and also gave her extra money so she could help her parents financially. The program teaches students many things, but perhaps one of the most important teachings is that of time management. Jocelyn says that learning to manage her time with school and work was difficult but perhaps the most useful tool of all.

Jocelyn is attending Hawaii Business College where she is majoring in Medical Administration.



Michael Rangel

Michael is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. Michael was a member of the Football Team and the Paddling Team when enrolled at McKinley. He also worked as a Summer Fun Junior Leader for four years.

Michael writes that one of the biggest hurdles he has had to get over was in his geometry class. He struggled through the class – the equations were just numbers and letters to him. He came to the realization that if he was going to pass the class he would need to buckle down and get help. Although it took a lot of extra effort on Michael's part he went to see the teacher and asked for not only help, but also extra work so he could understand the equations. Michael's hard work paid off, he passed that class with a "B". This one success has helped him to see that there is not anything we cannot do in life if we put our mind to it. He is grateful to the teachers who give of their time to help students succeed.

Michael is attending Honolulu Community College where he is majoring Electronics or Accounting.



Leona Uehara

Leona is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. At McKinley Leona was a member of the Band where she played the flute, a member of the Japanese Club and a part of the Cheerleading Squad her freshman and senior years. She also was a Junior Leader with the Summer Fun Program.

Leona recalls that when she was eight she and her father climbed the Diamond Head Mountain Trail. The first time they attempted the trail Leona had to be carried up halfway by her father. She was determined to make that trek on her own, not only for the personal pride, but to make her father proud of her. When she accomplished the feat, she remembers feeling so very proud of herself. She remembers that she was happier still because her father was proud of her too.

Leona is attending Kapiolani Community College where she has not yet selected her major.



Bernadette Domingo

Bernadette is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. At McKinley Bernadette was a member of the Leo Club, Treasurer for the Spanish Club and Leader of 2nd Violins for the McKinley Orchestra. Bernadette was also a member of the Health Occupation Class and volunteered at Queen's Medical Center.

Bernadette says that when she finally got a job of her own at McDonalds she realized why her parents taught her "money does not grow on trees". Before her job she would have to ask her parents for money if she wanted to go out or purchase something. She resented it if they did not give her the sum she asked for. Now she realizes that earning money is difficult and takes a lot of hard work, to spend it foolishly gets you nowhere. She is now grateful to her parents for helping her learn the very basics of good money management.

Bernadette is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Nursing.



Wendy Kumabe

Wendy is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. Wendy was a member of the Japanese Club and volunteered at the Hawaii Humane Society while she attending McKinley.

Wendy wrote that her family was faced with a number of tragedies in a very short time. First her grandmother on her mother's side of the family passed away. Then just six months later her grandfather passed away. As if this wasn't enough her grandmother on her father's side of the family passed away. It seemed unfair that their family lost so many members in such a short time and Wendy was a bit resentful. However, time does heal and with the help of friends and family she now realizes that the best tribute she can give her grandparents is to succeed in all that she attempts.

Wendy is attending Kapiolani Community College where she has not yet decided on a major.



Abel Werner

Abel is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750. At McKinley Abel was Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team for two years, Captain of the Football Team for three years, Captain of the Junior Varsity Basketball Team, Team Captain of the Varsity Football Team, Team Captain of the Junior Varsity Wrestling Team and a member of the Junior Varsity Basketball Team and the Junior Varsity Track Team. He also volunteered at St. Theresa's Church for three years.

Abel writes that growing up in Mayor Wrights Housing is a challenge in itself, but to be half Caucasian was another obstacle. His mother is also a single parent raising Abel and his two brothers on her own. Abel says that in the eighth grade that he knew that he needed to turn to sports for his success, while some of his friends chose to sell drugs for quick money Abel chose the path of hard work. Abel has worked hard to prove himself and he has accomplished much.

Perhaps it is fitting that Abel is the last recipient we are writing about in this issue. To say that he has gained the respect of his peers and teachers is an understatement. Let me quote some of the things that Abel's teachers & coaches say. Athletic Director Mr. Neal Takamori writes: "Someone extraordinary comes along once in a lifetime. If we are lucky enough to cross paths it is our good fortune. I truly believe that Abel is such a person. I have had the pleasure to work with him in sports, counseled him, and observed him throughout his years and rate him among the very best that I have worked with over my 30 years in Education." Pastor Mark Morimoto writes: "A leader leads by his performance. Abel has done that superbly. A leader also leads by example. Great leaders do that. This is where Abel shines. He is always encouraging, always supporting and exhorting his teammates. Once during a game, the water boys forgot the water for the defensive players in the huddle. Who runs and gets the water and takes it to the defense? Abel Werner. That speaks volumes to me. A leader also leads with his words. After a fumble, Abel is the first to go up to that player to encourage him. After a missed kick, he is there. And the examples go on and on." Keith Amemiya, The Executive Director of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, commented, "I am so impressed with Abel's personality and character".

Abel is attending San Joaquin Delta College where he has yet to decide on a major.

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