President’s Message

With the ending of the 2017-2018 school year the Foundation once again awarded scholarships to deserving McKinley Tigers. Since its inception, The McKinley High School Foundation has awarded over 1.4 million dollars to over 1,000 seniors. The cost of higher education has risen sharply in the past few years and thus it becomes harder for students to enter college with such a financial burden on them and their families. The members of the Foundation are keenly aware that for many students the dream of earning a degree from a higher institution is not attainable. That spurred the scholarship committee, chaired by Brian Maeshiro and Reiko Lin, to increase the minimum award given to the recipients starting this year.

As reported in our last newsletter the Foundation’s website is now completed. Please take the time to visit the site if you have not yet done so. The site address is: http://mckinleyfoundation.org.

We continue to encourage all to sign up for Amazon Smile (the McKinley Foundation receives a portion of the sales).

We recently welcomed three new members to the board of directors of the Foundation, they are Gary Nakamatsu, Class of 1960; Darlene Ogoshi, Class of 1983 and Lauren Mi-Joo Yoo Class of 1998. The board of directors are dedicated individuals who have the desire to carry on the mission of the founders of the Foundation, one of which is to recognize graduating seniors who possess the desire and potential to succeed as they enter higher institutions of learning. You will find a listing of all of the board members and the advisory council in this newsletter.

Lastly to replace the diseased (lollipop) Banyan trees fronting the McKinley statue, the Department of Education will continue planning Golden Trees.

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

Aloha,

Neal Takamori
President

Remembering Eugene Imai

We are saddened to report the passing of Eugene Imai. He passed away on January 28, 2018. Eugene was a member of the McKinley Class of 1963 and a member of the McKinley High School Foundation Board of Directors. His dedication to public service was evident in all aspects of his life. He served for 31 years in the United States Army National Guard and retired in rank as a Major General. He served as Senior Vice President for Administration at the University of Hawaii and as an Administrator for the State of Hawaii Departments of Agriculture, Education, Budget & Finance and Accounting and General Services.

He was most proud of being a McKinley Tiger and during his tenure on the Board of Directors for the Foundation advocated for the students and faculty. We send our fondest aloha to his family and extend our deepest sympathy to them. He was an inspiration to many people in his life time and his legacy and good work will carry on through them.
The McKinley High School Foundation has awarded scholarships to 48 graduating seniors from the McKinley High School (MHS) Class of 2018, totaling $77,750. Scholarships were given based on academic achievement, community service and financial need. One-hundred percent of the funds were raised by alumni and friends of MHS. Since the Foundation's inception in 1990, nearly $1.4 million in scholarships were awarded to more than 1,000 students.

- **Jessica Chau** received the Alexander & Baldwin, Inc./Matson Inc./Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship.
- **Yun Huen Cheng** and **Mella Liang** each received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee.
- **Vanessa Khamkhay** and **Aprille Tang** both received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo.
- **Melanie Lau, Connie Lu, Jahanavi Priya, Weng Tong Sou** and **Wilson Tadena** each received the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship.
- **Ke Er Liu** received the Kingo Hayashi, Mikako Hayashi and the McKinley High School Class of 1934 Scholarship.
- **Nikalani Swift** received the Steven & Lois Mihaylo Family Foundation Scholarship.
- **Kyle Raven Moraga** received the Cades Foundation Scholarship.
- **Valerie Eng** and **Jungwoo Park** each received the Carole Kai Scholarship.
- **Eva Wang** received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Patsy Young.
- **Carol Vo** received the Jeannette (Lee) Kawamura Memorial Scholarship.
- **Nhan Bui** and **Kevin Doan** each received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo.
- **Sharon Chen** received the Shiro and Jean K. Matsuo Scholarship.
- **Kloe Lum** received The Shigeru Okino Scholarship.
- **Anh Quach** received the May Lee Y. and Raymond W.L. Chung Scholarship.
- **Brandy Hitchcock** received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye.
- **Michelle Yim** received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Stan Seki.
- **Satoko Davidson** received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono.
- **Alyssa Payanal** received the Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata.
- **Lou Rae Robles** received the Island Insurance Foundation Scholarship.
- **Jackie Lam** received the McKinley Class of 1954 Scholarship.
- **Jada Almoguera** received the McKinley Centennial Class of 1965 Scholarship.
- **RJ Cabico** received the McKinley Class of 1966 Scholarship.
- **Suzie Park** received the McKinley Class of 1983 Scholarship.
- **Britney Chang** received the McKinley Class of 1994 Scholarship.
- **Michael Jake Sumaylo** received the McKinley Class of 2013 Scholarship.
- **Kiana Ogawa** received the McKinley National Honor Society Scholarship.
- **Darren Maluyo-Gilman** and **Kristine Angel Portigo** each received the Foundation Scholarship.
- **Joyce So** received the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Richard Kosaki.
- **Jayden Eastwood** received The Shigeru Okino Scholarship.
- **Shani Huang** and **Jacob Torres** each received the Foundation Scholarship.
- **Laulii Josefa** and **Angel Wu** received the C.A.R.S. Scholarship.
- **Summer Muramoto, Kathy Phan, Katrine Ann Salmansan and Huai Yu Zheng** received the McKinley Class of 1962 Scholarship.
- **Tevin Cayetano** and **Leslie Vu** received the McKinley Class of 1967 Scholarship.

The McKinley High School Foundation was established in 1989 to grant scholarships and other assistance to students and faculty, and to encourage scholarship and good citizenship among members of the McKinley High School community. The Foundation awarded the first scholarship in 1990, and has presented scholarships annually to outstanding graduating seniors from McKinley High School. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded nearly $1.4 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 students. For more information, visit www.mckinleyfoundation.org.
The Board of Directors

We welcome three new members to the McKinley High School Foundation Board of Directors. Joining the Board are Gary Nakamatsu Class of 1960, Darlene Ogoshi Class of 1983 and Lauren Yoo Class of 1998.

Lauren Yoo

Lauren Yoo is at The Aja Group, where she manages multi-concept restaurants with her family. Lauren is McKinley High school class of 1998. She attended Rutgers University in New Jersey and worked in New York City and Tokyo as an investment banker. Besides being on the Board of Directors of the Foundation she also serves as a board member in Palama Settlement, as a committee member in Entrepreneur Organization Hawaii (EO). She has a dog named Buffett and lives in Kakaako.

Darlene Ogoshi

Darlene is a member of the Class of ’83, they are in the process of planning their 35th Reunion! Her high school years were filled with wonderful memories and she is so fortunate that many of her classmates still get together often. While at McKinley, some of the activities she participated in were the Pep Squad, Social Board and Miss McKinley. After high school, she received her bachelor's degree in Nursing from California State University, Hayward, and her master's degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. She has been employed at Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children for the past 28 years and is currently the Director of Women and Newborn Services. Her children are an enormous source of pride: Keilia, is the VP of Marketing for a software company in San Diego, and her son, Quinn, will be starting his doctoral program in Biochemistry at the University of California, San Diego, this fall. She enjoys traveling to experience other cultures as well as volunteering time with a hospice organization.

Gary Nakamatsu

Gary is a member of the McKinley Class of 1960. He is Vice President of Hawaii Sales at Matson Inc. Gary also is the chair of the Matson Foundation, which was established in 2012. For the past ten years plus, he has attended the annual McKinley High School Awards Ceremony to present the Alexander & Baldwin Inc, Matson Inc., Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship to a graduating senior. His contributions to McKinley and the entire community are far reaching. He exemplifies the true meaning of a “proud tiger”. He has been a strong supporter of the Foundation’s scholarship program. We are delighted and honored to have him on board, with his depth of knowledge for foundations he is a welcomed addition.

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**Scoop Dee Doo**

Once again, the McKinley Chapter of the National Honor Society held the fundraiser “Scoop Dee Doo” with the Foundation being the beneficiary of their efforts. Leilani Okuda spearheaded the event with the students. One of the goals of the National Honor Society – McKinley Chapter is to raise awareness and make a contribution to the McKinley High School Foundation in appreciation for supporting many student programs and awarding scholarships to seniors. Through their efforts they raised $1,595.30 and donated the funds to the Foundation. A huge mahalo to the students and a special mahalo to Leilani for instilling in the students the importance of giving back.

**Board of Directors**

Have you ever wondered who comprises the Foundation’s Board of Directors? Here is the entire board as well as those who are on the advisory council.

**Advisory Council**
- Allen Kajioka, Class of ’51
- Bruce Nakaoka, Class of ’75
- Jackson Nakasone, Class of ’63
- Philip Russel, Class of ’63
- Stan Seki, Class of ’57
- Larry Takumi, Class of ’66
- Allan Yasue, Class of ’60

**Board of Directors**
- Alan Arizumi, Class of ’77
- Annie Chan, Class of ’71
- Gary W.B. Chang, Class of ’72
- Suzanne Chun Oakland, Class of ’79
- Adrian Dhakhwa, Class of ’94
- Lee Donohue, Class of ’60
- Brian Enoka, Class of ’85
- Ranold Fujioka, Class of ’73
- Darryl Fukuiji, Class of ’76
- Danny Graham, Class of ’61
- Jean Hagi, Class of ’57
- Ronald Hayashi, Class of ’62
- Milton Hirata, Class of ’71
- Susan Ichimasa, Class of ’63
- Dan Ishii, Class of ’69
- Paul Komeji, Class of ’80
- Keith Kurahashi, Class of ’69
- Reiko Lin, Class of ’94
- Brian Maeshiro, Class of ’75
- Mark Matsumoto, Class of ’77
- Gary Nakamatsu, Class of ’60
- Ben Nakaoka, Class of ’74
- Darlene Ogoshi, Class of ’83
- Alan Okimoto, Class of ’74
- Nelson Oyadomari, Class of ’81
- Paul Saito, Class of ’76
- Mary Suenaga, Class of ’80
- Susan Sumida, Class of ’63
- Dexter Suzuki, Class of ’69
- Neal Takamori, Class of ’64
- Carl Takamura, Class of ’62
- Huy Vo, Class of ’01
- Ernest Watari, Class of ’71
- Elijah Yip, Class of ’92
- Lauren Yoo, Class of ’98

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**Do we have your correct information?**

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

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Awards Night

Gary Nakamatsu and Jessica Chau

Ken Inouye & Brandy Hitchcock

Patsy Young and Eva Wang