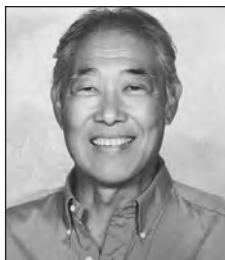


# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



NEAL TAKAMORI

As we get ready to bid aloha to 2015 we look forward to a new year with many exciting events in the making. McKinley High School is celebrating its 150 years of "Pride and Tradition" and many of the planned functions are open to the loyal alumni and friends of McKinley. **Please note a summary of some of the events in this newsletter.**

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the outstanding work that the McKinley Band Director, Donna Hesch, has done for many years. All that hard work has culminated into the band being selected to participate in the 2016 Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall. We are so proud of this accomplishment and invite all of you to share in helping this special recognition become a reality by contributing to their on going campaign to raise funds. The Foundation is assisting them by accepting contributions for this event, please make note on your remittance envelope that you want your contribution to be applied to the McKinley Band and we will apply it to their fund.

We are very proud of our fifty-six scholarship recipients. This year as part of their application process, they were to submit an essay about a risky experience that they took on or a disappointment that they faced and how they handled the situation. The cost of higher education continues to rise and being able to give financial assistance to our graduating seniors is very gratifying to the Board of Directors, a very sincere mahalo to our scholarship chair Brian Maeshiro and his ever ready assistant Reiko Lin. They work tirelessly to get the applications to all of the scholarship committee during a very tight application schedule. Also thank you to the scholarship committee members who read each and every one of those applications. The selection process is always heart wrenching and if we could we would give scholarships to all who applied we would.

If you had thought about naming a chair in the auditorium and missed our promotion during the McKinley Million Campaign, we want to let you know that this is an ongoing campaign and we will honor requests as they come in. Please visit the school and view the McKinley Foundation Donor display. The enclosure recognizes the generosity of many individuals and corporations.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo challenge. We are always amazed at the generosity of the "Tiger" alumni. There is such a special camaraderie that binds all of us together and we should never lose that pride. From the bottom of our hearts – thank you!

Finally, as we enter this holiday season I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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

Aloha,

Neal Takamori  
President

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## MEET THE 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

As part of the application process the students were to submit an essay in 500 words or less on one of two topics.

1. Think back to a situation in your life where you had to decide between taking a risk and playing it safe.
2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced a failure or disappointment.



### Xiaoyuan Zhou

Xiaoyuan states that her own pride turned into a major disappointment. As a member of the Math Team she was confident that she understood the content and could do all of the problems when they were competing. What she didn't count on was the variety of problems given to her during the competition and says her own arrogance and self confidence proved to be the downfall for the entire team. Her score for the competition was a zero. She learned that humility and consideration for others are two crucial qualities to have when working as a team. Although disappointed in herself she has chosen to not let the experience impact her negatively but instead use it as a lesson well learned for future actions. Xiaoyuan is attending Vanderbilt University where she is a pre-med major. She is the recipient of the Alexander & Baldwin, Inc./Matson Inc./ Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.



### Yueqing Lin

Volunteering at Kuakini Hospital was a life changing experience for Yueqing, previously she had volunteered at Arts at Mark's Garage. Arts at Mark's was busy and fast paced and she had a variety of responsibilities. Her first day at Kuakini was quite the opposite; she was assigned to one-on-one visits with the elderly. Her feeble attempt at conversation did not garner any response and left her thinking she wanted to quit and go back to Arts. Her mother strongly urged her to stay at Kuakini, taking her mother's words seriously; she went back with a different attitude. She put a smile on her face and engaged in what at times was a one sided conversation with the elderly patients. Soon she was actually looking forward to the time spent with them. She states "these wise individuals may not have much time left and the best thing that I can do for them is to embrace their positivity and respectfully accept their knowledge". Yueqing is attending the University of San Francisco majoring in pre-med. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$4,000.



### Si Hou Lon

College application season was a life changing time for Si Hou, decisions – decisions, does he participate in QuestBridge National College Match (NCM) or apply to a college via early decision. NCM is a program where low-income high school students can send applications up to eight partner colleges instead of doing early decision. NCM is highly competitive with a much lower acceptance rate than early decision. He chose to do the NCM even though it was the biggest risk for rejection. Imagine his ecstatic delight when he got an email saying he had been accepted. He was one of the lucky 551 out of over 15,000 to be accepted. This experience has taught him sometimes one must put caution to the wind and go for the ultimate dream. Si Hou is attending Williams College where his major is medicine. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$4,000.



### Lawrence Kwok

Like so many students before him, Lawrence's experience on the FIRST robotics team was life changing. In the beginning he was optimistic about contributing to the team in a positive way. He soon felt like he was more of a hindrance than a help to the team. The electrical leads in the team took him aside and gave him a talk. They told him they were impressed with his effort to participate and that everyone has a learning curve. He came to the realization that being part of a team means you set aside your own desire to stand out and embrace the concept of togetherness. He looks back and says people fail, but by trying again and again, we eventually make our failures a success. Lawrence is attending Vanderbilt University majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$4,000.



### Bonnie Pang

One of Bonnie's greatest fears was public speaking. When asked to try out for the Ignition Mentor Program she was reluctant and convinced she could not do it. In the end she said she would give it a try. Her first interview was in Hirata Hall where she gave a one minute speech that seemed more like an hour. When she was accepted as a mentor she embraced the experience. Fast forward to her senior year, again in front of a room full of classmates, PowerPoint clicker in hand, she was nervous but yet it was different. Calmer with the practice that in some strange way makes perfect she sailed through her senior project presentation and inside thanked the Ignition program for instilling that new found confidence. Bonnie is attending Vanderbilt University where her major is pre medicine. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$3,000.



### Benjamin Bui

Benjamin, like Si Hou Lon, decided to take the big challenge of attempting to be accepted in the QuestBridge National College Match (NCM) program. This was indeed a risk because he could have taken the safe route, apply to the University of Hawaii and apply to enough scholarships to fund his way through college without putting his parents in financial ruin. QuestBridge has a very low acceptance rate, according to Benjamin the acceptance rate to attend through the NCM program to Williams College was 18 percent. He took the risk, and he was accepted! A proud Tiger who makes us all proud! He is attending Williams College majoring in Biology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Ken and Nancy Wong Yee in the amount of \$2,500.



### Alexander Wong

The one life changing experience for Alexander happened while he was a sixth grader at Washington Middle School. Homerooms were grouped together to form teams that would play each other in intramural sports once a week. Flag football happened to be one of those sports. Never having played football he had no clue how to catch or throw a football. To his great surprise he wasn't half bad at throwing that ball. His teacher, Mr. Bunch, said that he was one of the best passers out there. Alexander says that small compliment was the catalyst that turned his life into a very different direction. His love for football grew and when the McKinley coach came to his Middle school with an opportunity for 8th graders to join the McKinley football team he attended the meeting and decided to take the leap and try out for the team. He says that to say football changed his life would be an understatement. Alexander is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



### Sean Choi

Being bullied was something Sean dealt with while a freshman at another school. He became so introverted that he stayed in class during recess and left only for his next class. His posture became stooped and he said the comments the bullies made were like wrecking balls. Then his sophomore year he transferred to McKinley, instead of being bullied he was welcomed and not one person made mention of his appearance. When a friend suggested they try out for the Cross Country Team, he reluctantly agreed. Though he could not run 200 meters without stopping to gasp for air, he stuck with it and discovered a love of running. As a bonus he lost 20 pounds and gained a huge amount of self confidence. Sean is attending the University of California Los Angeles where he is a Biology Major. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



### Kyle Chan

Joining the Robotics Team as a freshman was a life-changing experience. He absolutely loved it and became immersed in the program. The next year, his sophomore year, the program lost 80 percent of the team because they were graduating seniors. When it looked like the team was in real jeopardy, Kyle approached the team advisor and asked if he could take on the role of captain. The advisor agreed and Kyle poured his heart and soul into the program. His leadership paid off when in the 2014 Hawaii Regional the team was undefeated with an 18-0 record. The team was acknowledged as the 21st best team in the world by popular vote. He learned about the true value of teamwork, communication and dedication – he says this will benefit him for a lifetime. Kyle is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



### Asayena Viengmany

A once in a lifetime experience for Asayena came when she was in the 5th grade. She and a classmate were chosen to be participants in a program called Pueo. The program chooses two students from each public and private elementary schools to attend summer classes at Punahou to help the selected students get accepted to colleges. This meant that she would be giving up her summer fun for the next seven years. She accepted the offer and it proved to be life changing. It has broadened her horizon greatly. She made many new friends and gained self confidence. Given the choice today she would not even hesitate (which she actually did when she was 11) but wholeheartedly jump at the chance to be a part of the program. Asayena is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Biochemistry. She is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



### Lin Song

If this newsletter had more space we would love to print Lin's essay about a lifetime experience in its entirety. If we did you would be stunned to know that she has only been in America since her junior year at McKinley. She has embraced the English language with a vengeance and her writing skills could be matched with the best. She studies 200 words a day and practices one hour a day with her pronunciation. Even with all of that she managed to excel in academics and has gained a new found confidence. Lin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in finance. She is the recipient of the Jack Tsui Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



### Jin Ling Yan

Being the only member of the Cross Country team to not make the cut to qualify for the state finals was devastating. Even her close friend didn't realize how hurt she was to not make it. When everyone else joked that she was the only one who didn't make the cut, he joined in with them. This one event made her think about past failures and began to feel that she was not good enough for anything. Emotionally drained she broke down and cried telling her parents how she was feeling, all without hesitation – something unheard of in her Chinese family. They embraced her and did not ridicule her, she felt embraced in their unconditional love for her. She was able to smile again and knows that good and bad happens to everyone, but we must always look on the positive side of life. Jin Ling is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is a Psychology major. She is a recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



### Allison Wong

Given the task of being in charge of building a robot for a VEX competition Allison felt tingly and had butterflies in her stomach. When Mr. Lau, her team advisor, gave her the news she didn't think she could be the leader. Working many late nights and countless hours on the perfection of their project consumed her. There were constant changes and it was only the day before the competition that their robot was completed. Unfortunately they did not win the competition and placed second to the last. Feeling like she had let the team and McKinley High School down she walked away with a heavy heart and a fear of competing. Failure can be a great motivator and it proved to

be just what the team needed – at the next competition their robot came in first place. To quote Allison, “Failure builds character”. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Mechanical Engineering. She is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



#### **Zhihui Yan**

A Chinese immigrant, arriving in Hawaii when he was in the 6th grade, has been an experience that he has learned to embrace with the good and bad. His biggest challenge was the language barrier – only knowing his alphabet on his arrival was a huge detriment. He didn't talk to others; he didn't participate in any activities and didn't want to learn the English language. Having been an A student in China was his stimulation to do well in America. He wanted to show the people who teased them that he was smarter than they were that he could succeed and be accepted in this strange new land. Thinking back to the students who teased him he is actually grateful to them – they gave him the drive to be better. Zhihui is attending the University of Hawaii where he is majoring in Civil Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Raymond Yap in the amount of \$1,500.



#### **Anh Dang**

Being on the losing end of a sports game can be devastating. Feeling that you have let your team down by what you consider not your best performance is even harder to accept. Her father's love for sports was passed down to Anh and her love of tennis inspired her to join the tennis team at McKinley her junior year. With hard work and lots of practice she was ranked number two on the team. They had a great season and only lost to Roosevelt in the second to last match of the season. However, they placed only third in the division and were denied the chance to defend the title. She felt responsible and thinks if she had put more effort into her match they would have succeeded. Looking back she wants to be able to think that she gave the team everything she could and be happy with whatever the outcome. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Dentistry. She is the recipient a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Patsy Young in the amount of \$1,500.



#### **Shumin Wu**

Not one to take risks, Shumin struggled with the decision to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses. She was terrified of bringing home a report card with C's on it. She was proud of her high GPA and wanted to maintain it, yet she knew that the AP courses would be beneficial to her and in the end decided to take a leap of faith and enrolled in AP. Even though she did not get A's she got a respectable grade and realized that she had more potential than she thought. She says that the risk she took was one without confidence, yet it allowed her to become a more confident individual. Shumin is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Medicine. She is the recipient of the Jeanette Lee Kawamura Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.



#### **Fanny Wang**

Fanny turned her fieldwork experience at Makiki Christian Preschool from a disappointment to a positive constructive experience. She was delighted to have as a mentor her former principal from middle school, who shared with her mentors what a responsible, hard working student Fanny was. Thinking she was doing the right thing Fanny took under her wings a four year old student who had attached herself to Fanny and was her constant companion. Only after the former principal took her aside and told her that this child had a dependency problem with others and that Fanny was interfering with the mentors attempting to make the child more independent. This made Fanny look at herself in a different light – instead of lamenting on the criticism she decided to take the high road and learn from the experience. She also says it helped her to accept constructive feedback in a mature manner. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is a Nursing major. She is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



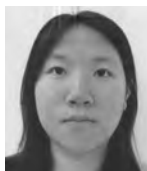
#### **Kevin Nguyen**

Kevin's decision to take an AP Chemistry along with his AP English, AP Psychology and Pre-calculus turned out to be one that he nearly regretted. Not truly calculating how much time and effort would go into that decision proved to a workload that at times was overwhelming. Used to getting straight A's he dropped down to straight B's – while some of us might think that is pretty darned good, Kevin did not. He now looks back and at first thought if he had not added AP Chemistry to his class schedule he would have maintained the straight A's, but then he thought about it and says he learned a lot within the year and that's all we can ask for in education. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Computer Engineering. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Mark Andrew Buenafe**

Being reluctant to volunteer to be in charge of an event was something that Mark Andrew looks back at with regret. He realizes if he had made a commitment at the start of the Barbecue, an event to help seniors bond and share a few laughs with each other, the event would have been better planned and more successful. He ended up taking charge two weeks before the event and he cannot help but think that if he had stepped up earlier it would have been even more successful. This has given him the realization that he must have a stronger sense of responsibility. Mark is attending California College of the Arts where his major is Graphic Design. He is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Irene Tsang**

Not getting a great grade on a test in her World History class actually became a positive lesson for Irene. After completing the test she thought she didn't do that badly, when she got the results back it was an eye opener. She realized she would actually have to read the chapters in the text book – they were long and the font was small. But read it she did, and every time she wanted to give up her thoughts would go back to that first test and she would be inspired. It paid off; she got an A on the next test. She learned that if you want something, you have to work hard for it. Even if you don't like doing something, you still have to do it if you want to achieve your goal. Irene is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Electrical Engineering. She is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Colt Dante**

Colt was extremely close to his mother even closer to her than his twin brother. There was so much more that he wanted to share with her, his most inner feelings about life and how special she was to him. However, this was not meant to be, she passed away before he could tell her all that he wanted to. He knows that she is out there somewhere rallying behind him, supporting him and his decisions and most of all has unconditional love for him and his twin. He used to fear rejection and when he looks back at the wonderful example his mother instilled in him he only sees the positive. Colt is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Second Language Skills. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Mahealani Wilson**

Mahealani credits her aunt and her grandfather for turning her around. She wasn't doing her best in school, she was hanging around with the wrong crowd and her home life for her and her sister was not going well. When things got so bad she didn't think there was hope, her aunt stepped in and took her in. She taught her by example and Mahealani blossomed under her care. She soon had the motivation to get good grades so she could go onto college. She wanted to also be a good example for her younger sister and the best way to do that was to be successful herself. She is forever grateful to her aunt and grandfather – they are her heroes. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Social Anthropology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Hiu Ku Au**

Hiu Ku joined the McKinley Robotics Team as a freshman and says it was life changing. Her friend convinced her to join and when Hiu Ku alienated her self from that friend she said it was the biggest mistake she made in her life. She felt that her friend, who was a leader on the team, disrespected her and the other teammates. She is ashamed to admit that she quit the team because of her misguided assumption that her friend was not being fair. She looks back now and realizes that she was wrong and has attempted to make things right with her friend. It has given her the knowledge that in the future she needs to be more tolerant and understanding. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Architecture. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Milton Shishido in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Shayedee Taclay**

Getting a job was not as simple as Shayedee thought it would be. At the end of her junior year she decided to apply for a job. This was somewhat out of her comfort zone because she considers herself to be an introvert. Applying actually turned out to be the easy part – the job interview proved to be another story. After going through several interviews she finally landed a job. She says that the challenge of being a working student is one she had to overcome but the whole process gained her experiences that will be of use in the future. She is glad she took the risk. Shayedee is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is in Finance. She is the recipient of the Shiro and Jean K. Matsuo Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



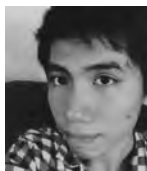
### **Ariana Akiu**

Applying to Kamehameha Schools and not getting accepted was a huge disappointment for Ariana. Her sense of dejection soon turned into a sense of pride. As she walked the campus of McKinley, she saw the beauty in the campus and the historical buildings. She says the lunch may not have been a buffet but it got the job done when she was hungry. She is so happy to be a proud McKinley alumna and is ready to take on whatever the future brings, grateful for such great beginnings. Ariana is attending Seattle University majoring in the medical field. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Natajia Swift**

Natajia always played it safe, never taking a risk – doing what was expected of her and never reaching for more. Then it came to applying for college, should she go to the mainland, the University of Hawaii or Kapiolani Community College? In her heart she knew the mainland was too far away and as she puts it I knew where I could go but not where I wanted to go. After speaking to Ms. Inaba about her plans, Ms. Inaba brought up Chaminade and their wonderful nursing program. She is so proud that she took that risk and is happily enrolled at Chaminade and pursuing a career that she has dreamed about. Needless to say Natajia is attending Chaminade majoring in nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.



### **Qicheng Zhou**

Failing his first calculus test when he was a senior was a pivotal moment for Qicheng. He was so proud when he enrolled in calculus. It was a proud moment because he told himself "I made it". After the test he was feeling down and sad, he had never done this bad on a test. He knew that he would have to ask his teacher for help and would have to regrow. So swallowing his pride he went to his teacher for help. The plan worked and he brought his grade

up and said he learned so much by his failure. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Mechanical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Stanley Seki in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Arnold Shek**

Arnold loves robotics; he is fascinated by technology with math being his favorite subject in school. Being a part of the Robotics team at McKinley was a perfect fit. Yet it was that fit that became a memorable failure for him. After a competition he was not completely satisfied with his robot's design. He decided to dismantle it and put it back together, with a new competition right around the corner he ran out of time to fully build and program the robot. This led to abysmal results and embarrassment at the competition. He says learned his lesson from this ordeal. He now focuses on individual components that need improvement and gauges his time appropriately. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Hidemasa Mitsui**

Hidemasa's greatest disappointment goes back to his freshman year at McKinley. He had just transferred from Japan and was still adjusting. His GPA was 3.0 far off from what he knew he was capable of achieving. It was a wake up moment and he now takes nothing for granted and studies hard if he does not understand an assignment. Even though for the past three years he has had a GPA of 4.0 he still regrets that 3.0 his freshman year. So now he treasures the experience and says he will keep it in mind to motivate himself in the future. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of the Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Raymond Yang**

Raymond says his greatest failure would have to be his interactions with other people. At times he feels as he is misunderstood and because of this over compensates for what he considers a flaw. He is extremely helpful to others and his Chemistry Honors, AP Chemistry and his Science Olympiad coach, Namthip Sitachitta says he is a detailed oriented student as well as being genuinely kind and pleasant to be around. His teacher in his Principles Engineering class, Jon Furukawa, states that Raymond works well with his peers and is destined to be a great engineer. Raymond is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Civil Engineering. He is the recipient of the Class of 1954 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Laila Khong**

Always a person who liked to be challenged Laila says that the one experience that stands out for her throughout her time at McKinley was the decision to take AP courses instead of the regular courses her senior year. She also decided to take a leap of faith and run for student government. She did this because as she looked back at the past three years she had not been involved and proactive in school. It was arduous juggling her classes, extra curricular activities and a job but she persevered and says it has made her a better person who will, in the future, continue to take more risks. Laila is attending Creighton University where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Class of 1994 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Chris Li**

Chris was so excited to be attending high school, she dreamt that she would excel and get good grades and be involved in extra curricular activities. Before long reality set in and she was disappointed that the classes were harder than she anticipated. She says that even though her freshman year was difficult, it helped her organize her goals and priorities. Getting good grades was important but Chris says stressing over good grades can block you from learning. Chris is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. She is the recipient of the McKinley Class of 2014 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Skylynne Ly**

Skylynne states that her biggest disappointment came from her own stubbornness not to listen to the advice of others who knew better than her. In her junior year she took two AP classes while also taking pre calculus. Her confidence soon dwindled when she realized that she had taken on too much and her grades began to drop. It took another two quarters before reality set in and she buckled down to bring up her grades and self esteem. She now knows more than ever that her success in her senior year was due to the lessons she learned in her junior year. This is a lesson she plans to carry through her lifetime. Skylynne is attending San Jose State University where her major is Aerospace Engineering. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship Honoring the Wong Family in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Silvana Mae Bautista**

Bullying can have a lasting and dramatic effect on someone. Silvana was bullied relentlessly in middle school. If she had gone to the high school in the district where she lived, the bullies would also be in that school. With the support of her parents she applied for admission to McKinley. She knew that she would know no one, but yet it was a risk she felt was necessary. At McKinley she made new friends, took part in extra curricular activities and began to enjoy what she was doing. She had no further experiences with bullies and like many "Tigers" made great memories. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is an English major. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Raven Robles

The decision not to add one more AP class to his already very busy schedule ended up being a decision that was best suited for him. Raven was torn over adding AP English Language to his academic schedule as a junior. It was tempting, he would receive a college credit and it was hard to turn that down. It was also a decision that he would soon embrace – while making out his schedule he had calculated how much time and energy an AP class can take and came to the conclusion he would not be able to devote the time needed to do well. He now looks back and knows that he made the right decision for him, and says that it will be a life long lesson to never take on more than you can handle. Raven is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Computer Science. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Su Huyn Jang

Su Huyn biggest disappointment came when as captain of the Cross Country team she had to curtail her participation because of shin splints (leg injury). She was upset with herself because although she could run the races she had to do so at a much slower pace than her normal speed and she also felt that her injury could have been preventable. This did not sit well with her because she prior to her injury she had been the fastest girl on the team. With the support of her coaches and trainers she was able to rehabilitate her leg. Su Huyn is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Psychology. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Yunmi Kim

The experience of joining a club at McKinley was something that Yunmi felt was not conducive to her academic schedule. She knew that it would help her grow in a many ways but felt getting good grades was more important. Then in her senior year she realized that soon she would not be seeing her friends after they all went off to college. This one thought spurred her into action and she joined the Book Club and was chosen to be the secretary. She also enrolled in an academic elective, News Writing, it proved to be a perfect fit because she has had several of her articles published. She is extremely grateful for the experience and says it has helped her to make decisions on her own. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Biochemistry. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Xiao Ting Pan

Having to take a class for students that do not have English as their first language didn't sit right with Xiao Ting. But when she went to her first class she discovered that some of her Chinese friends were in the class too and it was a comfortable fit. Then she came to the realization that when she was with her friends they only spoke Chinese and did not attempt to better their English. She went to see her counselor and asked if she could switch the class to Japanese. Because she had been taking the English class in Middle school she was allowed to make the change. It was life changing for her, not only did she learn Japanese she also improved her English. She is so grateful for the experience that she looks at it as being the best experience at McKinley. Xiao Ting is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is the Travel Industry. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Richard Kosaki in the amount of \$1,000.



### David Chuang

David says that McKinley High School is one of the greatest experiences of his life and for his entire life he will never forget it. One of his favorite experiences was playing on the football team for three years. In his senior year he gave up football to work at Starbucks, a decision that was not reached lightly. In fact he doubted himself when his former teammates were practicing in the summer. But he also embraced the experiences he has learned at work. Good customer services, handling money to setting reservations and much more. He feels that working has given him a head start on gaining more knowledge about the real world. David is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Nursing. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Misty Tran

Being diagnosed with autoimmune disease when she was a junior turned out to be a horrific experience that awarded Misty a new found self confidence and hope for the future. At a time when she should have been concentrating on her classes and extra curricular activities, Misty had to focus on her health so she would be able to graduate with her classmates. To help her she wrote down her goals and how she was going to achieve them. This helped her become healthier and gave her the motivation she needed to succeed. She is grateful that she is slowly getting her health back to where it was before her diagnosis. She is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Entrepreneurship. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Sabrina Hallabay

Making a risky decision that Sabrina does not regret was to join the Track Team her sophomore year. Even though she had a full schedule she felt that it would be a great experience because previously she did not do any physical activities. Running was extremely difficult and she had to practice non stop. When it came to qualifying for the States Competition she knew she had to step up her game. Taking the advice from her father she didn't let any pain take over her body – she just ran pumping her arms and controlling her breathing until she passed the finish line – with 62 seconds she qualified for the States. Making the decision to run was very rewarding and will be an experience that she will look back on as one of her best. Sabrina is attending Chaminade University where she will be majoring in Business. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### **Clarissa-Leigh Paguirigan**

Disappointing her supervisor at work was an experience that Clarissa-Leigh has turned into a positive one. With a long line of customers and six trainees, Clarissa-Leigh's shift leader asked her to make the drinks for customers. She did great until her fifth customer; she accidentally made him the wrong drink. Her shift leader put her back to scooping ice cream and she felt deflated. Knowing that she had let her shift leader down she decided to stay after work and learn everything she could about making drinks. Her manager was extremely impressed by her commitment to do a good job. She says that was life changing because she learned a valuable lesson; one can always improve their selves to better understand a subject and most of all to ask for help if you need it. She is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major will be Nursing. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Wan Zhen Cao**

Hiking with her brother helped Wan Zhen overcome a fear of heights, it was a very scary experience but yet one that she is proud to have accomplished. When the trail got narrow and only large boulders lay in front of them Wan Zhen almost slipped and fell. She was so shaken up she didn't think that she could go on, her brother told her if she wanted to quit it would be alright, after several minutes she made the decision to continue to the summit. When they reached the summit she felt refreshed with the wind blowing in her face. Wan Zhen is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Accounting. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Joe Miao**

Joe's big disappointment came when he was in Middle school. Like many of his peers he was enthralled with online multiplayer games. Not fully understanding the consequences of having to pay with real money, he began to go through his allowance very quickly. His parents became concerned with the number of hours and the amount of money he spent playing the game. He knew he had disappointed them and was afraid to face them, however instead of being angry they talked to him about the addictiveness of some games. They made him delete the game and he is grateful for how they were sincere in their caring for him. This is a lesson he has learned for life and says he will think twice before getting wrapped up in a non productive activity. Joe is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Psychology. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Chelsea Corpuz**

Chelsea was very disappointed when she did not get accepted into the University of Hawaii at Manoa and COP (College Opportunities Program). When she got the rejection letter she waited a couple of days before sitting down and talking with her mother. Surprisingly her mother became her strongest advocate and instead of being disappointed with Chelsea she helped her set goals to boost up her confidence. It took some hard work and soul searching but soon she was once again on the right track and eager to move forward. She learned that negative thinking will do no good and from that day on she will to always try to look on the bright side of things. Chelsea is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Medicine. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Scott Trigonis**

Scott faced a dilemma and had to make a tough decision. While going to school he also worked five days a week. Many of those work days were during the week and as a result his grades began to slide. Not wanting to disappoint his boss even though he knew he had to cut back his work hours Scott put off making the decision. Finally he found the courage to meet with his boss and ask him to cut back on his hours. He now only works weekends. This has given him more time to concentrate on his studies and bring his grades up. Scott is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Genetic Study. He is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Michelle Xiao**

Michelle says that her big disappoint was her apathy towards school. She became so engrossed in her social life that she let her grades slide to the point where mediocre was satisfactory. When she got the lowest GPA in her entire years of education it was a wake up call. She knew that in order to reach her goals she would need to do some serious studying. She states that pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional and that is something that she always keeps in the back of her mind. Michelle is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Radiological Sciences. She is the recipient of a McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Alvin Wu**

Alvin decided to take up bicycling for the healthy benefits. Even healthy things can go awry if we let overtake our life. Soon he was bicycling for hours a day, sometimes up to ten hours a day. He realized the risk he was taking when one night bicycling with his friends they were going down a steep hill on a very dark street. A car could not see them and turned in front of them. Scott hit the back of the car and flew off his bike. His injuries would have been life threatening if it were not for the fact that he was wearing a helmet. He now advocates for everyone to wear a helmet while biking. Alvin is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in Travel and Tourism. He is the recipient of the Class of a 2011 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.





### Samantha Li

Samantha was truly disappointed in herself when she failed Algebra 2. She wished she could have taken during summer school but it was not offered. Math had never been her strong subject and she found it hard to find the motivation to do well in class. Her junior year she repeated the course and this time instead of struggling by herself she went to the teacher for help. She studied harder for tests and was thrilled that she easily passed and felt that she had really learned the subject. Samantha is attending Honolulu Community College where her major is Early Childhood Education. She is the recipient of a 2011 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Jeremy-Ryan Tongpalan

Running for vice president of student council as a freshman was a very disappointing experience for Jeremy-Ryan. Inspired to run for student council during the "Welcome Back" assembly the first week of school he enthusiastically turned in nomination form. He was disappointed to lose to a girl who was much more well known than he was. It took him sometime to collect his thoughts and gather the self confidence he needed to move on. He did this by joining clubs and organizations that he was passionate about. He says that this helped to strengthen his humility, integrity and point of view. Jeremy-Ryan is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in Travel Industry Management. He is the recipient of a Class of 2014 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Manny Batinga

Not placing in the top three for a dance competition was a real disappointment for Manny. He and the other members of the school's dance club, Honozulu's practiced daily and trained hard for the competition. When they didn't even place in the top three of the contestants Manny was so distraught he almost gave up dancing. He overcame his anger by reading the following quote: "Holding onto anger is like drinking poison, hoping the other person will die". That quote made him realize that his anger would not solve anything. Instead he decided to remember the fun and camaraderie that he and the team members had, memories that will last a lifetime. Manny is attending Honolulu Community College with a major in Fire and Emergency Response Education. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Mitchel Joy Dela Cruz

Mitchel Joy entered the third grade with limited English language skills. Her parents came to Hawaii from the Philippines for a better life for their family. It was a new experience for her and she was too shy to ask for help from her teacher. Without anyone to confide in except an older cousin, who had many of her own obligations, Mitchel Joy finally got the courage to ask her teacher for help. This was an experience that will always be fresh in her mind. With that teacher's help she made new friends and began to read books as well as watch PBS Kids to improve her English. She will be forever grateful for that experience. She is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Hao Ming Guo

Hao Ming says he is a "play it safe" kind of a guy. People say that "Big risk, big reward" and that was not his type. So when it came to his senior year and he had to register for classes he thought he could play it safe and not take any AP courses or he could step out of his comfort zone and take AP Literature. In the end he took the risk and enrolled in AP Literature. His problem in the past was like many of us, procrastination about finishing a project. This time was different from the beginning he finished assignments on a timely basis and was thrilled with the outcome. Hao Ming is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is in the Medical Field. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Quy Pham

Sometimes when the obvious is facing you directly, one doesn't anticipate the outcome. For Quy it was a planned excursion with his friends to hike the Awaawaloa Trail, better known as Mount Olympus. Early on a Saturday morning they started their trek, the trail was very muddy and slippery from a rain fall the day before, which was red flag number one, a little further up the trail it started to drizzle red flag number two. His friends thought they should turn around, Quy wanted to keep going. In the end he went along with his friends and played it safe by turning back. He was disappointed that they could not reach the top but on the way down it started pouring down rain so he was grateful for that decision. Quy is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Exercise and Sports Science. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Davide Vincent Rigor

Failing a class as a freshman at McKinley was Davide Vincent's biggest disappointment. He was angry at himself for not working harder in the class. Worse yet, it was an elective class and one that he should have passed with flying colors. That was a huge wake up call for him and he vowed that he would not ever let that happen again. He buckled down and the following years he improved immensely. Davide Vincent is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Computer Science. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Lreunrith Thepsenavong

Diagnosed with an inherited health problem when she was a young child is Lreunrith's one disappointment experience. Occasionally she would be hospitalized and needed to make up her school work. As she got older she practiced a healthy lifestyle diet to maintain good health. She also began a regular exercise program with good results. She also took workshops at the hospital to learn more about her condition and how she can help to control it. This experience has given her the passion to do well in all she attempts. She is attending Kapiolani Community College majoring in Hospitality and Tourism. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.

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# CARNEGIE HALL BOUND!!

An unbelievable honor has been bestowed on the McKinley High School Band. Under the direction of Donna Hesch the band has had much recognition for their outstanding performances. However, none has been so humbly received as being selected to play at Carnegie Hall in March. We are so very proud of them and all that they have accomplished. The cost for this trip will be high and they have been fundraising since they received the good news. The Foundation will be assisting them in anyway that we can. If you want to help the band please use the recipient envelope enclosed and indicate that you wish your contribution go to the "Band to Carnegie Hall".



The Gala fundraiser dinner will be held on April 28, 2016 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Funds raised will benefit our band, which will be playing at Carnegie Hall, various school programs and scholarships.

## MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL IS 150 YEARS OLD!!!

McKinley High School is celebrating its 150 years of "Pride and Tradition" with varied activities this school year, 2015-2016. Please support these activities and go to: <http://www.mhs150years.com/> for more information.

1. Thanks to many supporters, the very successful McKinley High School 150th Celebration Golf Tournament was held on September 24, 2014. The fundraising Golf Tournament was sponsored by Na Hoaloha McKinley, a group of McKinley alums and friends.

2. **McKinley's 150th Anniversary Lu'au/Lighting of the M** was held on Friday, September 25, 2015. The ono Hawaiian food catered from Pomaika'i Ballrooms with Classic Hawaiian entertainment from our very own McKinley alumni, spanning generations (from the class of 1946 through to our current students) provided a "chicken skin" experience for the over 800 attendees. Guests could grab a paint brush and add a few of their own strokes to a large mural our art club students prepared. The Tiger Locker store also sold the limited edition of McKinley 150th logo merchandise. At 7:30pm guests walked over to the baseball field for our traditional homecoming lighting of the M and a special fireworks display created especially for this event.

3. **Friday, January 29, 2016 - Hall of Honor assembly-special 150th Anniversary Edition.** This year, McKinley will be inviting back all of our Hall of Honor recipients to this special assembly. **The cumulating activity of the day will be the Dedication and naming of the library for Senator Daniel Inouye.**

4. **Friday, February 26, 2016 - McKinley Tiger Pride and Tradition Day--honoring our alum from HPD, HFD, and the National Guard** A day just for the students at McKinley to be immersed in McKinley's 150 years of pride and tradition. A day for student engagement with an outstanding variety of entertainment and activities.

5. **Saturday, March 12, 2016**  
**MHS 150th Community Fair**

10:00am-5:00pm

Purpose is to appreciate McKinley's past, highlight the present (programs, etc.), and dream about the future. The Fair will include:

Community

Food trucks (including Aloha Plate, who won Food Network's Great Food Truck Race)

- Community booths
- Craft Fair
- Farmer's Market
- Plant Sale
- White Elephant
- Silent Auction
- Performances (from McKinley's past, present, and future students; as well as local entertainers)

Students and Kids

- Keiki Attractions (including rides, slides, bounce houses)
- Activities (including balloon animals, face painting, and henna)
- Dodgebow (a modern mix of dodgeball and archery)

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- Dunking booth
- Coconut tree climbing game
- Game booths (hosted by various feeder schools and McKinley's clubs/organizations)

#### McKinley

- Showcases of McKinley's various departments, programs, and clubs
- Merchandise (McKinley apparel, accessories, and other paraphernalia)
- Interactive showcase of McKinley's history
- Alumni booth

6. **March 6, 2016** - McKinley's Band will be participating in the 2016 Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall. Please help defray some of the costs of this momentous event with your generous tax deductible donations. Send your checks to McKinley HS Foundation with a note "Band to Carnegie Hall".

7. **April 28, 2016** - The final culminating event of the year will be a GALA fundraising dinner to be held at the Sheraton Waikiki on April 28, 2016. Funds raised will benefit our band, which will be playing at Carnegie Hall, various school programs and scholarships. The theme of the Gala is "From McKinley to Everywhere", showcasing some former students that made tremendous contributions to the state, nation, and world.