

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CARL TAKAMURA

Aloha Friends and Supporters of McKinley High School

This issue of the Foundation's newsletter highlights the fifty graduates of the class of 2006 who received scholarships because of the generous support of community-minded businesses and people like you. The fact that more than two-thirds of new jobs require some postsecondary education and that an individual with a bachelor's degree will earn over 40% more in average life-time earnings than an individual with a high school diploma underscores the importance of your continued support of the

Foundation. I hope that you will take the time to learn about these students and take pride in their accomplishments.

McKinley is blessed to have an extended ohana that continues to care and give generously to the Foundation. This past June, we received a surprise gift from the Class of 1933. Following the celebration of their 71st class reunion on September 10, 2004, which was their last official reunion, the members of the reunion committee decided to donate the remaining funds in their account to the Foundation for a scholarship for a "worthy graduating McKinley senior". We are very grateful to the class of 1933 for their generous donation and, more importantly, for the love they have for McKinley and its students.

In 2001 a wonderful new tradition was begun in which the graduating seniors collect money to contribute to the Foundation to help provide scholarships for their fellow students. This year, members of the class of 2006 contributed over \$1,000 and we are enormously proud of their support of this great tradition.

I am very pleased to announce that the honoree for the Foundation's 2007 Tribute Dinner will be Major Tammy Duckworth (class of 1985), who was recently named the head of the Illinois Office of Veteran's Affairs. In November 2004, Tammy lost both her legs when the Black Hawk helicopter she was co-piloting in Iraq was shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade. After a long and painful recovery, Tammy decided run for the U.S. Congress as a democratic candidate in Illinois's Sixth District. Although she lost the election by a close margin, Tammy is determined to continue to serve her country and to fly helicopters again. The Tribute Dinner will be held sometime in the fall and further information about the specific date and location of this event will be provided in the near future. I urge you to make every effort to support this event and to meet a truly remarkable woman.

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

As always, we welcome your input. You may use the enclosed envelope or call the Foundation at 808-536-3832.

Aloha,

Carl Takamura  
President

## FOUNDATION TO HONOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH CLASS OF 1985

We are very pleased to honor Major Tammy Duckworth at our upcoming 2007 Tribute Dinner. Tammy was critically injured, losing both of her legs, when the Black Hawk Helicopter she was co-piloting was shot down in Iraq. She recently ran for the U.S. Congress as a democrat in Illinois. She lost by a close margin and was subsequently named by the governor of Illinois to head the Illinois Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Watch for further information regarding the dinner in the very near future. Please make plans to attend this very worthwhile event and meet this incredible Tiger who paid a huge price for our freedom. McKinley graduates continue to amaze us and we are truly proud of all of their good works. Tammy is just one example and we are grateful and humbled by her commitment to our Alma Mater.

### PAST RECIPIENTS WRITE

**Chase Lee**

*Class of 2003*

Three years have already passed and I am now in my senior year, pretty much ready to graduate next spring with a double major. All is well in Philadelphia; we had a bit of a rainy start this year but it cleared up just in time for the start of classes. I again helped out with orientation which was slightly toned down due to the rain but I think the incoming freshman still had a lot of fun. I am hoping to apply to law school this semester so I will be taking my LSAT at the end of the month and then on to the application process. I do not have a big favorite on where I would like to attend, but as the years have gone by I have felt drawn to come back home, but we will see.

I was back in Hawaii again for the summer and worked at the Honolulu Advertiser. I met some really great people there and it was a great experience. I also visited Taiwan where my family is from and if you have never been there, you must go, the food is just great, as indicated by the 10 pounds I gained. I hope all is well with McKinley and the Foundation. I am sincerely grateful to the assistance in my education.

**Donna Lau**

*Class of 2003*

Wow another year has passed by! One more year and I will be graduating! This summer I interned at an investment company. I helped with research and administrative duties. After graduation, I hope to come back to Hawaii and build a career in the finance industry. This past school year I have experienced a lot. Fall semester 2005, I continued my leadership positions as a freshman mentor, Asian-American sponsor, and Senate member. In addition, I took more upper division classes in economics. It was a good semester: meeting new people and gaining more knowledge. The best part of the school year was going away in the spring semester to study abroad at Peking University.

The purpose of the program was to take classes at the university and immerse myself in another culture. The system ensured that the classes we took would count as being a regular full time student. The classes I took were beginning Mandarin, Media Studies, Core Class, and Directed Independent Study. For cultural immersion, we visited the regular tourist attractions such as the Great Wall, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, and the Forbidden City. In addition we visited places outside of China such as Guanxi Province (in the South), Liaoning Province (in the North) and Xi'an (home of the Terra Cotta Soldiers). We also were given the chance to live with a family in the city as well as flying down to spend the weekend farming with a rural family. It was an awesome experience, learning about the thousands of history and being able to see how city and rural life compared.

The most memorable part of the program was immersing myself and becoming one of the locals. This was best done through just living the normal life of a university student. Because I barely spoke Mandarin, ordinary life errands turned into bigger than needed deals, sometimes funny, sometimes frustrating. An example would include ordering at a restaurant where the only words I knew were tofu, meat and rice. This would lead to a lot of surprises since I did not know what else came with the dish or how it would be prepared. Another example would be going to the market and being dramatically overcharged for being a foreigner.

Initially, it frustrated me but as my Chinese improved, I became more confident and life became more enjoyable. It became amusing at the restaurant for me and the waitress to figure out what I wanted and what I didn't. Instead of getting angry, I understood that store keepers needed to make a living, just that it would not be off of me! It became a fun game, learning how to bargain, figuring out just how low I could get an item for, how to say no and just walk away. Because I was a foreigner, it was easier for me to socialize with the locals since they were eager to meet and learn about America. I, in turn, learned a lot

from people like store keepers, people on the bus, taxi drivers, and college students. Being put into unfamiliar situations like these has increased my confidence level in talking to others and has made me realize that there are so many people that I can learn from.

Being in China has also made me more painfully aware of what is going on in the world. One of the projects I researched while in China was the growing income gap between the wealthy and poor. There are the blue collar and migrant workers working 12 hour shifts in hazardous conditions for a few dollars a day. You see them all over the streets trying to peddle their wares, cleaning the dormitory or in the restaurants. These people are sunburned or frostbitten (depending on the season), they live crammed with several others in small apartments, and basically they are just trying to survive. This cycle continues because they do not have the time or money to send their children to get a good education. It has reaffirmed my belief in how important education is.

Overall, China was an unforgettable experience and I am extremely grateful for the friends I have made. I became close friends with my Chinese room mate who may come to America to study. She changed my perspective and made me realize that how I thought about the world was from an American point of view. The things I knew and heard were from media sources that were reporting the Western style. It opened my mind to hear what she thought about things such as the Chinese Embassy bombing by the U.S., President Bush, and what communism really is. In addition, I became close friends with the other Chinese students living with us. Their genuine hospitality and friendliness has touched me deeply and has taught me what being a good host is.

Although I wish I could have stayed longer, I was happy to go home. It was great to see my family and friends, go to the beach, and breathe the clean air. I am back in school now for first year mentor and Asian American sponsor training. I cannot wait to be able to meet next year's class and be able to impart what I have learned since I am getting "older and wiser." This semester will be a tough one. I plan to further my financial knowledge by taking more economic and mathematics courses. I will also be researching my senior thesis which will probably be studying the inter relations between Japan, China and the U.S. three of the world's largest economies. After graduation I hope to find a job here to close with my parents.

I would not have had the chance to experience all of this without the support provided by the McKinley High School Foundation and the Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. Thank you very much. I will work hard so that one day (in the near future) I will be able to give back just as much and more to help other students reach their higher education goals.

#### **Oscar Loui**

##### *Class of 2003*

Aloha, Three years down, one more to go! I'm back in Hawaii, after finishing another successful year at Columbia. I've continued my study in my three majors - Philosophy, Psychology, and Political Science. I've basically completed all of my required courses for the three majors, with the exception of a couple of senior seminars that I look forward to taking next year. I've developed a real interest in Political Science, especially international affairs, and I have considered pursuing that field of study after I graduate next year. I also decided to take a year of Mandarin to learn a second foreign language (I took Italian for two years to satisfy the Core requirement) and I enjoyed it immensely. In fact, I'm off to Beijing in a week to participate in a nine-week Columbia study abroad program to learn Chinese.

As for extracurricular, I've maintained active leadership in my previous organizations. The Hawaii Club planned and organized our second annual Lu'au at the end of April, which drew over 300 people to the event with local Hawaiian food catered by L&L and entertainment provided by two slack key guitar musicians, a local Hula Halau and various student dancers. Continuing on as a Vice President of the organization I helped organize the event and chaired the fundraising committee, which focused on raising enough funds from fellow student clubs and the Columbia administration to cover all of our expenses. We raised so much money with our successful event that we'll have an extra \$1,000 to spend on next year's Lu'au!

Having been elected to president of the Kendo Club last semester, I assumed the responsibilities and duties with my new position in September. We had a successful year, drawing many new recruits into the club, and attending a number of tournaments, we held a winning record in the preliminaries, but were prevented from advancing to the semifinals by a very competitive bracket. I was also able to recruit a new instructor to the club, a third-degree black belt who was able to show us many new techniques and provide insightful instruction for our kendo. Next year, I will continue as president, and continue working towards another successful year.

Overall, I've had an enriching and enlightening year at Columbia, and I deeply appreciate all the support that the McKinley High School Foundation has provided for me in my endeavors. I look forward to future opportunities to explore and discover the world and myself, all of which would not have been possible without the McKinley Foundation's generous support. Thank you!

## CLASS OF 1933 DONATE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN 2007

The class of 1933 celebrated their 71st Class Reunion on September 10, 2004. It was officially their last reunion because they found it difficult to get together as they are all approaching or are in their nineties. Therefore they unanimously agreed that the monies remaining would be donated to the Foundation to be used for a scholarship to a graduating senior in 2007. The members of the Reunion Committee consisted of the following:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Chairman, Steering Committee:   | Lionel P. Camara   |
| Chairperson, Banquet Committee: | Hinayo F. Shichida   |
| Committee Members:              | Herbert Harimoto<br>Carol N. Oda<br>Yoshiko Saito<br>Alice Sugai |
| Class President:                | Edward Hustace   |

The check was presented to Carl Takamura at the school in September.



*1st row: Hinayo Shichida class of 1933; Cheryl Camara; (daughter of Lionel, Camara Class of 1933)  
2nd row: Stacey Oshio Vice Principal of McKinley High School, Carl Takamura President of McKinley High School Foundation*

## MCKINLEY HAS A NEW PRINCIPAL

*Written By Connie Ma for the Tuesday, September 19, 2006 edition of The Pinion*

As the Faculty and students at McKinley High School embark on a new school year, there are many changes occurring within our campus. The foremost change is the arrival of a new principal, Ann Sugibayashi.

"Change is a good thing," says student body government president, Alexia Kwok. "She's [Mrs. Sugibayashi] kind, yet well-structured. It's evident that she is knowledgeable. It's a good thing she's around because she knows what's going on already, and she has the welfare of students in mind."

A graduate of Farrington High, Mrs. Sugibayashi has had 27 years of previous experience working at other schools such as Royal, Waiakea Elementary and High (Hilo), Ka'u High (Big Island), and McKinley High. During her spare time, she enjoys reading, painting and shopping.

Her main goal for the upcoming year is to identify the strengths of students and to determine what administrators and faculty members need to do to better serve them. The biggest challenge for her is being able to assess where the school is, while also looking into how to address students' academic and career goals.

Mrs. Sugibayashi says what makes McKinley unique is our school's rich history, well-developed sense of tradition, and strong ties it has with both past and present students. When asked what she looked forward to in the school year, she replied that she is looking forward to getting to know students and "hearing their voices." Her message for McKinley is that "we all need to work together to move forward, striving for the best, so that our students can graduate a successful person."



*New PMcKinley Principal Ann Sugibayashi settles into her office, which is located in the Administration Building, Room A105*

# MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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Mary (Young) Wong

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Stella Lau (Class of '39)  
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my father Matsujiro Otani

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(Kobayashi) Kikuyama in  
memory of Kenneth (Birdie) Ishii  
Robert Yonesaki

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David Hirai in memory of  
Reginald Oka (Class of '49)  
Marjorie Hiura in memory of  
Colbert Hiura (Class of '49)  
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Nancy (Nada) Nagai  
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Donald Garcia  
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Doris (Suzuki) Ojiri  
James Sasahara in memory of  
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June (Tsuda) Kakigi in memory  
of George Kakigi class of '49  
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In memory of Edwin Wasano  
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of Hazel Takata and Frances  
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Eleanor Tokunaga in honor of  
Allen Kajioka (Class of '51)  
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Betty Nakahira in memory of  
Jeannette "Kochi" Mallini  
(Class of '55)  
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**Class of '58**  
Charlie Honda in memory of  
Roy Honda (Class of '56)  
Carol (Murakami) Kohama in memory  
of my mother Rev. Haruko  
Murakami and my mother-in-law  
Edith Kawakami Abe  
Gary Sakagawa

**Class of '60**  
Bert Arakawa  
Charline (Quiamno) Chang  
Milton Kusunoki  
Colleen (Hanai) Minami  
George Nomura  
Lillian (Nakasone) Tanouye in memory  
of my sister Judy Nakasone  
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Sue Hirokawa  
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Don and Dote Sakai

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Dennis Pang in memory of  
Randall Uchima (Class of '62)  
Carl Takamura  
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(Kaneshiro) Yamamoto

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Eugene Imai  
Marilyn (Wong) Kamimura  
Amy (Muranaka) Matsuda  
Steven Tokuda  
Mario Yano  
James Young  
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Rhoda Uehara Say

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Eishin Ireijo  
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**Class of '75**  
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Bruce Nakaoka  
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**Class of '81**  
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Kevin Shiota

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June Yoshimura in memory of Mackay Yoshimura class of 1942

Brian Ito in memory of his mother Helen Ito who graduated from McKinley many years ago. She dedicated her life to raising her family although she loved to read. Brian says that in a different time she would have gone to college and perhaps have become a librarian.

**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:

McKinley High School Foundation  
1039 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

**OUR SCHOLARSHIP 2006 RECIPIENTS!**

*A part of the requirement of the application process was the submittal of a 500-word essay on a particular challenge the student had to face in his or her life. While we do not have the space to print all of the essays, we have provided quotes from the students or their teachers in order to provide you with an idea of the strengths and character of our scholarship recipients.*

**Adrian Jacques (Nghia) Nguyen**

Moving from Vietnam to Hawaii a short five years ago, Adrian mastered the English language enough to be in the honors English class at McKinley. His teachers say that Adrian is an exemplary student who consistently excelled. Adrian was involved in many extra curricular activities while at McKinley. He credits his mother with instilling in him values that will enable him to succeed. Adrian is the recipient of the Robert J. Pfeiffer Scholarship a four year scholarship in the amount of \$4,250. He is presently attending Grinnell College in Iowa where he is majoring in medicine.

**Jun Wen Zhong**

Jun Wen writes that she when she entered McKinley her family was going through some very trying times, because of this she was determined to make her experience at McKinley her priority. She received academic awards as well as extra curricular. In 2004 she was selected to be a part of the Japan Wizard' Competition team, she also received the Contemporary Art Museum Award in 2005. One of her teachers wrote that Jun Wen is considered to be in the top 5% of students in her thirty years of teaching. That speaks volumes about the talent and determination of Jun Wen. Jun Wen is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. She is currently attending Seattle University where her major is medicine.

**Jasmine Le**

Jasmine and her twin sister Sara lost their mother when they were just twelve years old. Family circumstances were not favorable and the twins took on the role of mother and care takers. Perhaps one of the most insightful aspects of writing about each of the scholarship recipients is reading what their teachers have to say about them - when a teacher says that she would be proud to have a student as a daughter or son - you know that the person is indeed special. We know that Jasmine will be a huge success - she is now attending Mount Holyoke College where her major is medicine. Jasmine is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$2,500.

**Sara Le**

Sara like her twin Jasmine was devastated when their mother passed away. Like many other households their mother was the pillar in their family. Taking on household responsibilities at a very young age quickly matured the twins. While Sara was able to be involved in some extra curricular activities at McKinley - most of her time was spent working to help pay for the household expenses. Sara writes that "my life is leaf lingering on an empty tree called hope. The leaf fights the wind and the cold like I how I had to face the adversaries and strains of life". Again, Sara's teachers speak very highly of her and we know that we will succeed along with Jasmine. Sara is a student at Mount Holyoke where she is majoring in Engineering. She is a recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

**Lisa Zhou**

Lisa wrote that when her family moved while she was in elementary school, she had to make an adjustment to a new environment with fellow classmates who could be mean to newcomers. When another student arrived at the school and became a target of the other girls' meanness she finally took a stand and stood up to them. While she no longer had them as friends she had a lifelong lesson that she will continue to follow. One of her teachers ranks Lisa in the top 2% of students in his career that is pretty outstanding! Lisa is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Psychology. She is recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.



### Helen Park

While at McKinley Helen was involved with the Orchestra for four years as well as a member of the Law Society/Mock Trial (where she was Outstanding Attorney) Editor-In-Chief of the Pinion and a member of the National Honor Society. Helen's teachers ranked her very high with Janice Kobashigawa stating that Helen was in the top 2% of her career in teaching. Her Orchestra teacher states that Helen is a very quiet but effective leader who is certain to succeed. Helen is attending Carnegie Mellon University where she has not yet decided on a major. Helen is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Jack Tsui in the amount of \$2,000.



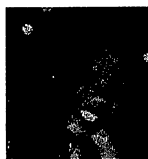
### Cindy Trinh

When Cindy's brother was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, her life took a dramatic turn. It was truly the most significant event that she ever went through and one that she hopes never to face again. Today her brother is a cancer survivor and Cindy has a renewed sense of faith and priceless knowledge and insight. Cindy's teachers speak very highly of her stating that she is sincere, obedient, and courteous. She was involved while a student at McKinley as a member of the Student Government, National Honor Society, Leo Club, Japan Wizards, Science Fair and History Day. Cindy is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. She is a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in medicine.



### Ying Jia Huang

Ying Jia was accustomed to being at the top of her class and took great pride in that fact - then she enrolled in Chinese Calligraphy. Even though she worked hard it seemed that she could not please her teacher, and then one day she told herself to forget thinking negative thoughts and started concentrating on doing well and slowly but surely that did happen. She may not be the best in Chinese Calligraphy but she learned a valuable lesson and is proud of what she has accomplished. Her teachers think very highly of her and say that even with her extensive extra curricular activities she managed to do well in her classes - in particular science where her ability to grasp complex ideas is noted. Ying Jia is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a major in History-Asian Studies. Ying Jia is the recipient of Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



### Sarah Li

Sarah writes that trying to compete with her sister used to consume her - she wanted to be as bright and intelligent as her. Her sister, class valedictorian, was a fantastic role model. When Sarah finally realized that to aspire toward a goal does not necessarily mean that you have to be exactly like another person she too excelled. Her teachers write that her essays and physics problem sets were completed with profound and detailed explanations as well as precise mathematic analysis. This will definitely help her as she studies for her pharmacy degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Sarah is the recipient of the Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



### Kevin Lim

Kevin has endured much. In 2004 he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and admitted to the hospital. Kevin discovered that even something as terrible as cancer can be turned into a positive experience. Although he was terribly ill, his family became closer, he met countless good people. People gave to him so unselfishly. His family began attending church together and Kevin realized that he has been given a second chance at life and it has inspired him to be a much stronger person. Even throughout his illness and treatments he continued to work hard and participate in extra curricular activities where he received the admiration of his teachers. Kevin is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$1,500. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is journalism.



### Dorothy Kwok

Being the youngest of three children left Dorothy feeling like she needed to do everything better than her siblings, she felt that every time her parents reprimanded her it was because she was not living up to their expectations. When she finally realized that her parents were only trying to guide her on the right path everything fell in place and she began to blossom. School became exciting and she reached out to others. Her teachers say that Dorothy is a born leader and will fit well in fast-paced world of commerce or media. Dorothy is attending Chapman University where she is majoring in business and journalism. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



### Pauline Wu

While at McKinley Pauline was a "McKinley Wrestler", not too many young ladies can put that on their resume! Her teachers write that Pauline is intelligent, talented, kind and a quick learner. Mrs. Karen Morneau noted that Pauline was one of nine students who exceeded proficiency in the Grade 10 2004 Hawaii State Assessment for Reading. She raw scored 438 points out of the 500 maximum. She also notes that after Pauline would finish her classroom work, she would pull out a novel and read some more. Pauline is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. She is attending Clark University where her major is Biomedical Engineering/Biochemistry.



### May Ng

In her junior year at McKinley May entered the National History Day competition. She submitted a seven-page essay on the "Nixon-Kennedy Debates of 1960 and its Impact." It was an experience that she will always remember. She learned that one must prepare countless hours to compete in state-wide competitions. She enjoyed the experience so much that she competed her senior year also. Her teacher, Mrs. Morneau, states that May is an excellent writer and reader. Mrs. Morneau even used May's writings as examples of exemplary models. She also ranks May in the top 2% of her teaching career. May is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is History. May is the recipient of a \$1500 Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Patsy Young.





### Phuong Dung Do

Phuong's family immigrated to the United States nearly five years ago. When she was a freshman, her family moved to Honolulu from San Francisco. Because English is her second language, she had to work very hard to get good grades. Phuong played an integral part in forming McKinley's first year (in over 15 years) mock trial team. She was also instrumental in forming the McKinley Law Society Club, becoming its first president. Her teachers state that she is an outstanding student who demonstrates honesty not only in her exams and work, but in astuteness in judging people's capabilities and character. Phuong is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is General Art and Science. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Steve Hirano in the amount of \$1,500.



### Michael Fujiuchi

Michael credits Judo with teaching respect and discipline. According to Michael Judo teaches much more than self-defense and fighting. Judo teaches a person honor, courage, respect, responsibility, perseverance, and more than anything else, discipline. Judo also taught Michael that one must be humble in success and still stand tall in defeat. When a teacher who has been teaching for 17 years writes "Michael is one of those students whom we are privileged to be part of only once in a great while", you have to know that the student is special. Michael will be a success and we are proud to be a part of his success. Michael is attending Seattle University where his major is Computer Science or Engineering. Michael is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Ellen Chang in memory of Albert, Alice & Nancy in the amount of \$1,000.



### Melanie Uchima

Melanie writes that her grandmother's struggle with Alzheimer's disease has taught her to have patience. Realizing that her grandmother does not have a choice in how she behaves has helped Melanie to be more understanding and to have a better attitude towards life. While at McKinley Melanie was a member of the Leo Club, Math Team and the National Honor Society. Her teachers state that Melanie is an eager learner who is conscientious, responsible and independent. Melanie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Food Science and Human Nutrition. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring the memory of Richard Sakakida in the amount of \$1,000.



### Leon Chan

Like many of us Leon has not always been comfortable with his physical shape, he is tall and thin. Classmates would make comments and he took it to heart. He even joined a club and drank protein drinks to bulk up. Then one day he realized that he should not worry so much about his physical appearance but should be content with who he is. From that day forward he listens and learns from criticism, but does not become devastated by it. His teachers write that one of his greatest qualities is that he takes criticism and makes a positive from it. A trait we could all learn from. Leon is attending Illinois Institute of Technology where his major is Civil Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Christie Pang

Christie writes that despite the fact that her mother really wanted her to become an engineer - she made a choice to seek a career in animation. Her teachers note that Christie is exceptionally talented, not only academically but artistically. She was awarded the 2005 Scholastic Art Contest Silver Key for Computer Generated Art. She also was a finalist in the Olelo youth X-Change Video Competition in 2005. Her subject for the Olelo Youth X-Change Video Competition was street racing. Her teachers write that not only is Christie an artist she is an emerging "Community Contributor." Christie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Animation. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Jane Park

Jane credits her grandfather with teaching her that you can take a negative situation and turn it into a positive one. Her grandfather escaped from North Korea to South Korea when he was a 17 years old. He and two of his siblings left with the urging of his parents, his sister left her two brothers to return home to retrieve more essentials. They never saw her again. The grandfather joined the army as did the younger brother, who was killed. Being alone until he met an aunt by chance, her grandfather relied on himself for support. Jane says that she felt the same aloneness when she started high school, but like her grandfather she chose to make it a positive experience by joining many extra-curricular activities. One of her teachers sums up Jane with these three attributes: smart, humorous and responsible. Jane is attending the University of Southern California where her major is Political Science. Jane is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,000.



### Jummy Tang

Jummy felt stifled by her parents and their need to know where she was at all times. In order for her to gain some independence Jummy chose to join extra-curricular activities. When she joined the Cross-country team her parents realized that she was capable of taking care of herself and allowed her more leeway with time away from them. While she realizes that her parents only had her best interest in mind, she also learned that you must gain trust and respect - it is not automatically given to you. Jummy is at the University of Oregon where her major is Biology and Pre-Med. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,000.



### Tiffany Medina

Tiffany says that a defining moment in her time at McKinley was when she severed ties with a group of friends because of many differences of opinion. While this was a hard thing to do, she felt it was the right thing to do and helped her to grow as an individual. It required that she reach out to others and rely on herself more. Her teachers write that Tiffany is intelligent, responsible, motivated and well-rounded. Tiffany is studying at the University of California, Davis where she has not yet decided on a major. Tiffany is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.





### Mei-Lin Lawson

Mei-Lin writes during her senior year at McKinley her family went through a difficult situation and she went to live with an aunt during this time. Living away from her mother was difficult as her mother did everything for her. In retrospect, she realizes that having that time away from her mother she learned to be more independent and feels that helped her to prepare for college. Mei-Lin's teachers write that she is a very caring person who takes advice well. Mei-Lin is attending the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where her major is Psychology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.



### Elisa Lim

Elisa says that her biggest obstacle to overcome has been her very poor eyesight. Seeing is something that we take for granted so for someone with Elisa's vision it is difficult in the sense that while she is not considered legally blind - her vision is bad enough to make her consider learning Braille. Her teachers write that even though she has poor vision what she has in determination more than makes up for it. Her entry was picked to represent McKinley in the Hawaii State History Day competition. She is responsible and a very kind individual. Elisa is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Accounting/Computer Science. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Mei Shiang Ning

Mei Shiang writes that a hard challenge for her was at a school in Guam where she was the target of bullying by two other girls. This continued for over two years - even though she made friends with many other students. Finally she confronted the girls one on one and much to her surprise they did stop the bullying and in fact they became friends. She says that experience taught her a very valuable lesson - that sometimes we must overcome fear by facing it head on. This has led her to be more compassionate toward others and she now has a stronger will. Mei Shiang is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Liberal Arts. She is the recipient of a \$1000 Foundation Scholarship in memory of Lawrence Hirohata.



### Andrew Hargrove

Andrew says that he always felt that his life had no direction until he took it upon himself to help a friend who was going through a particularly hard time. By reaching out to his friend he realized that his life was indeed blessed and he found that he had a desire to pursue helping others as a career. He volunteered at the New Hope Christian Fellowship and was a junior leader at Puunui Park Summer Fun. Andrew is attending Gonzaga University where he is majoring in Psychology. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Nicole Saito

Nicole credits her uncle with pushing her into doing well in school. Her cousin, her uncle's daughter, attended a private school for high school. Nicole's uncle would tell Nicole that she was not expected to do well because she attended public school and that she should not attend a private college and should only apply to public institutions. Taking this as a challenge Nicole worked extra hard and did well in school she is now attending Loyal Marymount University where she is majoring in Business. Nicole is a recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Ning Feng

Ning says that helping with the raising of her young brother taught her patience and that we all mature at different levels during our life. Her teachers write that Ning attacks a project with a vengeance and exceeds her peers with great attention to details. Her judo coach says that Ning has a lot of heart and determination and the one opponent she lost to was the National Judo champion. She did this by joining a judo club and practiced more and telling herself that she could indeed succeed. Ning is attending Notre Dame de Namur University where her major is Law Enforcement. Ning is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000..



### Sandra Hung

Sandra and her sister have had the unique (or not so unique here in Hawaii) of being caught between two cultures. Their mother is from China and therefore has relied on friends to help them sort out the differences. Being a teenager is tough but being a teenager caught in the clashes of cultural differences can be very trying. Sandra has learned to balance the two and is on her way to great success. She is attending the University of Washington and majoring in Medicine. Sandra is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Michael Do

Coming from a single parent home has given Michael a perspective on life that is very different from his friends. One of his teachers writes that Michael is the only one in his group of friends that graduated from high school. All of the others dropped out. Although Michael could not convince his friends to stay in school, he has been able to maintain success in school for himself. That speaks volumes about the fortitude of Michael. As a teenager it is far more popular to go along with your own group of friends - to stand up and say I need to do better and then to go ahead and do it is very commendable. Michael is attending Seattle University where he is majoring in Business. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Angie Wong Barrios

Angie's family came to Hawaii from Peru over fifteen years ago. Her father is Chinese and her mother Peruvian. She has always felt somewhat different than others as there are very few Peruvians' here in Hawaii. Once she realized that being different or standing out in a crowd is not necessarily a bad thing she was able to thrive in our multi cultured state. Her teachers write that Angie is dependable and reliable. She takes initiative and is professional. Angie is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Nursing. Angie is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Sara Kim

Sara's family immigrated to the United States only three years ago. With English being a second language to her, it is remarkable that Sara has done so well academically. She has mastered the language very well and her teachers even rank her as high as being in the top 2% of their careers. Sara wants to become a success so she can make her parents dream of a better life in our great country a reality. She is attending the University of Oregon where her major is Pharmacy. Sara is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Mark Ben Paulino

Mark writes that the divorce of his parents was a very trying time for him. He learned three very valuable lessons from this experience. They were courage, patience and honesty. Mark says that if one would look into themselves and truly analyze their feelings these three things can have a life changing moment for all of us. He says that this experience was the greatest negative event that has happened to him; it taught him many positive lessons that will help him in the future. He notes that I guess this is what they mean when they say "Look on the Bright Side." Mark is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Medicine. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



### Andrea Hishinuma

Like many students Andrea found the transition from Middle School to High School rather daunting. The new found independence was not as great as she once thought it would be. She would learn that she needed to balance her time more wisely and she would need to study more. She began to do this with the "encouragement" from her mother. Slowly but surely her grades improved. Along with better grades came a better attitude and Andrea prospered. She was a valuable member of the band and the Design Editor of the yearbook. Andrea is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Pre-Medicine. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



### Aileen Li

Aileen's parents immigrated to Hawaii before she was born, so she is a first-born generation in Hawaii. The cultural difference between her and her parents was something that widened as she got older. She was fortunate to have older cousins, friends and teachers that she could get advice from. She has been doing community service during her entire time at McKinley. She was member of the Leo club for four years serving as president for two of those years. Aileen is attending Washington State University where she is majoring in Physical Therapy. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



### Jonathan Li

Jonathan transferred to McKinley during his junior year of high school. This is difficult to do for many reasons. Jonathan stuck it out and even took math classes at Honolulu Community College during the summer to improve his grades. He also took a calculus class at Kapiolani Community College. He took up playing the violin after not playing for several years. Jonathan says that overcoming obstacles at McKinley has enriched his life and given him the courage to look optimistically to the future. Jonathan is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Computer Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



### Shihua Huang

Shihua considers her graduation from McKinley a gift. Her family immigrated to Hawaii when she was seventeen and her sister was eighteen. Both girls entered McKinley in the second semester as freshman. After her sister left the school Shihua was concerned that she would be considered too old to attend high school, so when her eighteenth birthday rolled around she was extremely nervous. When no one told her she was too old to attend she took it upon herself to talk to her counselor who gave her advice on how she could graduate before she was many years older than her peers. Her counselor advised her to attend summer school, take courses on E-school and do extra paperwork. In spite of the difficulty of this she finished and was able to graduate two years earlier and with students her own age. Shihua is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Liberal Arts. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### Kenneth Chau

Kenneth's Physics and former English teacher writes that he is an intelligent, hard working and respectful student. In spite of the fact that English is his second language he has been able to overcome language barriers with continued perseverance and dedication. He has had to work very hard in class. Through his struggles he has earned respectable grades and prepared himself for further learning at a community college or university setting. We know that Kenneth will be successful as he embarks on another journey of higher learning. Kenneth is attending Kapiolani Community College where he has not yet decided on a major. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



### En Peng

En Peng's family moved to Hawaii from Guang Dong, China only one year ago. She has found learning the English language challenging and at times difficult. She says that when her mother needed surgery and she was the family's translator and a local Chinese nurse showed such kindness toward the family that En decided that she too wanted to help others and was going to work to pursue a nursing career. En is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



### Crystal Yoo

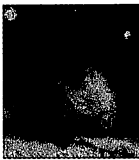
Crystal writes that one of her passions is Taekwondo and although both of her brothers took lessons she waited until she was older to take it up. When she did, she discovered that not only was it something she loved - she was pretty good at it. So good she even beat opponents from the opposite sex. She also discovered that life is not always fair and when a judge showed prejudice against her in a match and later hugged her opponent she realized that she must be accountable to herself before others. Her teachers write that Crystal is very responsible and a proven team player. She has maintained good grades and does

volunteer work as well. Crystal is attending Honolulu Community College where she is majoring in Secondary Education - Mathematics. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Sean Do**

Sean's family immigrated to Hawaii from Viet Nam when he was one year old. His mother is a single parent so Sean tries extra hard to help at home. His mother is not fluent in English so Sean helps her out in translation. His teachers write that Sean is a good student who also volunteers many hours teaching Bible Studies to children at St. Theresa Church. He participated in Running Start courses at Honolulu Community College which helped him to prioritize his time. According to his teachers Sean is a dedicated student who will do well in a college setting. Sean is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Pre-Medicine. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Jiali Hung**

Jiali and her family immigrated to Hawaii which made her feel all alone even in a crowd. She credits her English teacher with providing her with a valuable lesson in life. She writes that her teacher told the class that anyone sleeping in her class should go out and find a job because they did not have a future in her class. That made Jiali think that perhaps she was wasting her life away by not adapting to the changes of a new country and culture. From that day forward she began to truly buckle down and study. She holds her teachers words close to her heart and knows that they will help her push to a bright future. Jiali is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Business. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **AnWei Y**

For AnWei English is her second language. According to her teachers she has the potential to do very well in a college setting. She has the desire to learn and is responsible and motivated. Her English teacher writes that AnWei's motivation, conscientious nature, and her diligence propelled her to the top of the class. She earned all A's for her three quarters in English and help classmates with their difficult assignments. Her Teachers think so highly of her that they ranked her in the top 2% of their careers. AnWei is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Accounting. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Glenn-Austin Cacho**

Being a freshman at a new school is tough for anyone. But for Glenn it was extremely hard. Just three weeks after starting school at McKinley his mother passed away from a terminal cancer. Glenn writes that during his freshman year he managed to go forward and study. However, during his sophomore year the pain from losing his mother intensified and he let his grades fall and withdrew from his friends. He credits a group of his friends with pulling him out of his slump. He took time to really think about his situation and realized that his mother would want him to move on and do the best that he could. His teachers say that Glenn is a quiet caring individual who is sure to succeed. Glenn is attending Honolulu Community College where his major is Criminal Justice (Justice Administration). He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### **Christie Uehara**

Christie writes that when she was a freshman she did not take school seriously in fact her grade point average was not even 1.0. Fed up with her bad attitude and poor grades she made a concerted effort to improve. She brought her grades up to a 3.67 impressing her teachers and her parents. She then set her goal to score a perfect 4.0. This complete turn about has given her confidence that she did not have before. Home life became better and she has a deep appreciation for life in general. Christie is attending Honolulu Community College where her major is Fashion Technology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **Chantale Pang**

Chantale credits her job at McDonalds with giving her a clear perspective of what the real world is. Working the drive thru window was a challenge. She had to take orders, make change and deal with irate customers. She stuck it out even though she did not like it. Finally she gave up the job when it interfered with her school work. Chantale's teachers write that she is a diligent student who maintains high standards for herself. She is attending Honolulu Community College where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Chantale is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **Lisa Cha**

Lisa and her mother came to Hawaii from Guam when she was in the eighth grade. Lisa says that she works hard to help her mother in anyway that she can. Her math teacher says that Lisa has come a long way in math. She use to stop trying and give up, but she came to realize that she is responsible for her own learning and buckled down and has become a self-directed learner. Her Art teacher notes that Lisa has natural visual arts ability and her projects are of the highest quality among her peers. Lisa is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Business Management/Designer. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **Thomas Lee**

Thomas's mother is a single parent and thus sometimes would be stressed and take it out on him. Once he understood that she was troubled by things turned around and got much better at home. His math teacher writes that Thomas is that student in class who is always happy and in a good mood. Though math is often challenging Thomas will not make excuses but will just do what he can to learn. His business teacher says that he is a very giving person and the first to volunteer for community service projects. Thomas is attending Kapiolani Community College where his major is Hotel Management/Digital Media. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

**Vuni Funaki:**

Vuni writes that he works hard at school and football, everything he does is for his mother. His mother passed away March 19, 1998 and it is a day that he will never forget. He was sad that she died, but yet he took comfort in knowing that she wouldn't be sick anymore and suffer. He knew she was in a better place. So everything he does he does for her, he knows that she would be proud of him no matter what he achieves. Vuni is attending Arizona Western College where his major is Liberal Arts. Vuni is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

**Richard Kim**

Richard's mother is a single parent and because of this money was tight and there was never enough to purchase a car. When Richard was seventeen he took driving lessons from a private company and got his license. He and his mother then bought a car and Richard makes the car payments. He says this is worth it because it gives him a sense of freedom and responsibility. His math teacher writes that Richard does not shirk his duties and always attempts every problem. He is not embarrassed to ask for help if he doesn't understand a problem. Richard is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in Business/Accounting. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

**Dat Vo**

Dat's family moved many times when he was growing up. He says that this has given him the drive to succeed so that he can buy a home for his family. A home that they can stay in for the rest of their lives without the worry of being turned out. Dat's Basketball coach says that Dat is a very mature young man. He is considerate and a genuinely good person. He says that there is another person that Dat is very similar to Abel Werner. That is pretty impressive. Dat's math teacher says that every teacher would like to have a student like Dat in their classroom. The same leadership skills he practices on the basketball court are very visible in the classroom. With Dat in class, everything runs smoothly for he puts forth this positive effort to learn and expects his peers to do the same. He is a formula for success in our minds. Dat is attending Santa Monica College where he is majoring in Sports Medicine/Kinesiology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

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