

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CARL TAKAMURA

Aloha,

At this season for thanksgiving and rejoicing, the McKinley High School Foundation has a great deal to be thankful for and to rejoice about, as is evidenced by the wonderful stories of achievement and giving that fill this issue of the Foundation newsletter. It is also a reminder of how very fortunate McKinley is to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students.

As you are aware, the Foundation was proud to award 63 scholarships valued at \$65,000 to members of the class of 2007. We were even prouder of the fact that 80 members of the 2007 graduating class donated over \$1,200 to the Foundation in an impressive show of support for McKinley and their fellow classmates. As part of the scholarship application process, the students were asked this year to submit an essay about a particular challenge in their lives and how they dealt with it. As you read a brief highlight of each student's essay, you will get a glimpse of why the members of the Board of Directors feel so strongly about the Foundation and its mission. We are very proud of our scholarship program and the accomplishments of the McKinley students.

In reflecting upon what a fantastic year 2007 was for the Foundation, there is no doubt in my mind that the Tribute Dinner honoring Major Ladda "Tammy" Duckworth was the highlight of the year. For those of you who attended, we are certain that you left the event with a feeling of awe for Tammy's sacrifices, her many accomplishments, and above all, for her courage, authenticity and humor. She represents all that is good and admirable about McKinley and our nation, and we are indeed honored to have her as an alumna. We were also fortunate to have two past scholarship recipients, Huy Vo and Oscar Lui, share their stories of struggle and family sacrifice, and how being able to attain a college education has enabled them to improve their lives and work toward their dreams. The Tribute Dinner was a great success not only because of our honoree, but also because of the hard work and generosity of many, many people. It was an unforgettable evening and I hope you will enjoy the photos in this newsletter of this event.

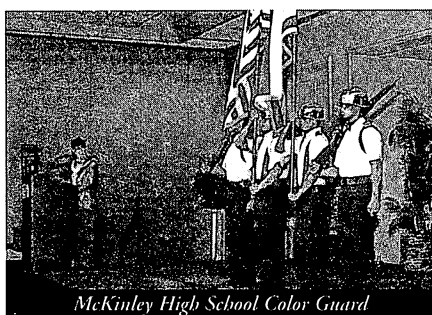
Finally, on behalf of the members of the McKinley High School Board of Directors, I hope you and your family had a happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

As always, we welcome your input. You may use the enclosed envelope (to make a tax deductible donation) or call the Foundation at (808) 536-3832 with any comment or suggestion (we also encourage you to check out our website, [www.mckinleyfoundation.com](http://www.mckinleyfoundation.com)).

Aloha,

Carl Takamura  
President

# MAJOR LADDA "TAMMY" DUCKWORTH TRIBUTE DINNER



*McKinley High School Color Guard*



*Susan Isa and Jackson Nakasone*



*Tammy with photo taken by George Waialeale*



*McKinley String Ensemble*



*Carl Takamura, Tammy, Mrs. Duckworth & General Robert Lee*



*Neal Takamori, Dr. Ruth Ono, Duane Kawamoto*



*Dr. Ruth Ono & Tammy*



*Leslie Wilcox, Mistress of Ceremonies*



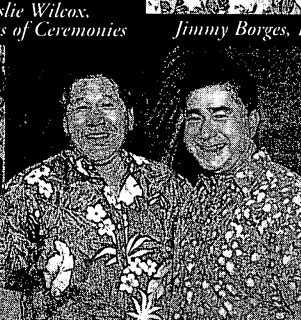
*Jimmy Borges, Danny Kaleikini, Aaron Mahi*



*Keith Kuwabashi, Carol Nakasone*



*McKinley High School Drill Team*

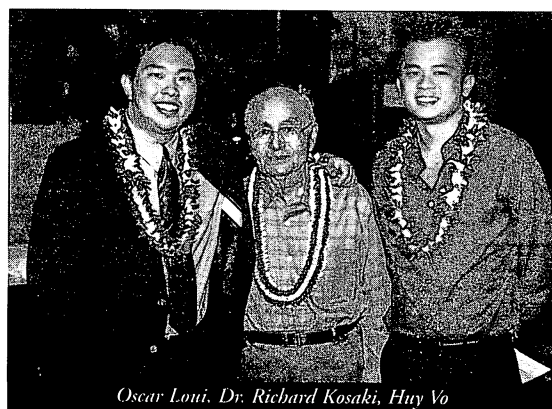


*Alan Okimoto, Darwin Rogers*



*Larry Takumi, Carol Nakasone*

In 1989 Dr. Richard Kosaki put into motion his idea of establishing a Foundation to financially assist McKinley High School with not only special programs at the school but the awarding of scholarships to deserving graduates of McKinley. This was the beginning of the McKinley High School Foundation. Today the Foundation flourishes and in 2007 63 students received scholarships to help them further their education. Pictured with Dr. Kosaki are Oscar Loui and Huy Vo, two recipients that shared their stories with attendees at the Tribute Dinner. It has been eighteen years since Dr. Kosaki's dream of helping McKinley - since that time the Foundation has awarded over 360 students with scholarships - amounting to over \$665,000. The Board of Directors of the Foundation is extremely proud of our scholarship program. Students like Oscar and Loui are why we strive to offer financial assistant to graduates of McKinley. We thank Dr. Kosaki and his wife Mildred for their continued support of the Foundation.



*Oscar Loui, Dr. Richard Kosaki, Huy Vo*

# 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

As part of the application process, applicants were required to submit an essay, 500 words or less, about a personal challenge in their life and how they handled that challenge.



## CONNIE MA

Connie wrote that in her freshman year she joined the tennis team and quickly found out that managing academic and athletics was difficult. She nearly made the decision to give up tennis until she realized that she would have to be better at time management. Practicing tennis only three days a week worked for her and she happily saw her grades improve. Connie is the recipient of Alexander & Baldwin Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship in the amount of \$4,250. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Education.



## YEE TING LEE

For as long as she can remember Yee Ting wanted to work with wildlife. While her classmates had visions of being a doctor or lawyer - she had visions of millipedes in her head. Then she worked at the Nuuanu Kumon center. She let go of the out-dated, but comfortable fantasy she once loved, to make room for an updated course of action seemingly challenging the core of her existence. Lo and behold she is now attending the University of San Francisco where her major is Education. Yee Ting is the recipient of a Foundation scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$2,000.



## KAITLYN IKEHARA

Kaitlyn truly faced a challenge that compelled her to leave a familiar school with friends she had since kindergarten to pursue her education at McKinley. It was a decision that many of us would have a difficult time making, but for Kaitlyn it was the right one - she became a proud and productive "Tiger". She is attending the University of the Pacific where she is majoring in Business. Kaitlyn is the recipient of a Foundation scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$1,500.



## RAMON TRAN TRANG

Throughout his childhood Ramon was plagued with many different illnesses including asthma, which landed him in the hospital for 3 months. Unable to speak English when he entered Kindergarten set him back academically. When he reached McKinley he pushed himself to excel. His biology teacher, Arthur Murchison, Ph.D., writes that in his 22 years of teaching he remembers only 2 students that enthused him to use the words "extraordinary" and "unique" to describe them. Ramon is one of those students. Ramon is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in medicine. He is the recipient of a Foundation scholarship honoring Senator Daniel K. and Maggie Inouye in the amount of \$1,000.



## JENNIFER ISHIMOTO

Jennifer faced a rather traumatic time during her high school years after her father suffered from an aneurysm not once but twice and then had a stroke which left him without mobility on his left side and forced him to retire. Jennifer gave up a dream of attending a mainland college to stay in Hawaii to help her mother. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is biology. She is the recipient the Jack Tsui Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



## ANDREW LAU

There is an old adage that it takes something dramatic to make us realize how fortunate we are. This happened to Andrew when he was in the eighth grade, his mother underwent surgery and he had to step up to the plate and take on more work at home. This made him realize that in the past he had been rather lazy and decided to change his ways. While not a perfect son he is a greatly improved son and is always willing to help out. Andrew says he is still a proud "Tiger" as he is attending another school of "Tigers" the University of the Pacific where he is majoring in Electrical Engineering. Andrew is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



## MICHAEL LIEU

Both of Michael's parents immigrated to Hawaii. They have a strong sense of family values and thus expected that their children would also have these values. While Michael understood their views he also wanted to spread his wings and hang out with his friends. He learned to integrate the two ideas and feels he is happier because of it. His teachers had nothing but positive things to say about Michael, his AP Chemistry teacher, Ms. Barbara Rogers, considers him to be in the top 1% of all of the students she has had in over 35 years of teaching - that really speaks volumes! Michael is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology where his major is Aerospace Engineering. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



## DANIEL SHIMURA

Like many of us, Daniel found his day-to-day activities a burden rather than a joy. His daily responsibilities of school and his part time job at Nuuanu Kumon seemed to drag him down. Then one day he realized that helping a student with a math problem was actually very fulfilling, he changed his outlook, and life became brighter. Apparently his teachers think the same thing - Ms. Donna Hesch writes that Daniels most positive quality is that he will take on a task and persevere until the task is completed. He is attending the University of Southern California where his major is Architecture. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



#### JIAN TIAN

Jian's family moved to Hawaii from China three years ago. He writes that a huge challenge he had to overcome was to give a speech (in English) at a fundraiser with a gathering of over 400 people. He actually forgot the speech he memorized and had to speak from his heart. That speech gave him the confidence to apply himself in other aspects of his life. His teachers wrote that he is a very special individual who his most certain to succeed. Jian is attending Vanderbilt University where his major is biology. He is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



#### LILY WU

Lily's mother raised her and her brother as a single parent. Lily is grateful to her for the love and guidance she showed her and her brother. While her parents were divorced her father was involved in their lives and she is also grateful that she has him in her life. Her teacher, Mrs. Yvette Lam, writes that awarding Lily a scholarship will "fund the future" of one of McKinley's bright stars. Lily is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is medicine. She is the recipient of a Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



#### MAKANA RICHARDS

Makana has endured a great challenge in her young life. Her father, who raised her, passed away in May 2006. She knows that her father is with her in her heart and she works extra hard to live her life in a manner that would make him proud. Her teacher, Nathan Nakata, writes that Makana is a highly motivated student who works hard to learn and master the technique being taught and to complete her work by the deadline. Makana is attending Whittier College where she is majoring in Art. Makana is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Lawrence Hirohata in the amount of \$1,000.



#### ELYSE TAKASHIGE

Elyse wrote that the one challenge in her life was actually something that should have made her proud. She had received a black belt in Kendo but was given special treatment because she was a girl. That didn't sit right with her and she actually protested the rank with her sensei. It was an important lesson for her and one that she will remember all of her life. Elyse's Engineering Design class teacher, Mr. Milton Lau, writes that she is mature fine individual with high respect for her peers and teachers. Elyse is attending the University of Southern California majoring in Architecture. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Steve Hirano in the amount of \$1,500.



#### JOHN LEONG

John says that he finds being the "middle child" difficult. He is not the oldest or the youngest - so he compensates by doing extra work at home to ease his parents' workload. His older brother is either at work or studying and his younger sister is too young to help. While it has been hard - he feels it has helped make him mature. His teacher, John Newkirk, writes that while John is shy he is smart and an extremely good student who is very insightful. John is attending Northeastern University where he is majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Senator Patsy Young.



#### IAT IEONG

Iat writes that he learned a valuable lesson when participating as a member of the Robotics Team. While he felt that his idea was the most feasible he changed his mind when he disagreed with a teammate who was fooling around with the robots arm - while yelling at the teammate he watched the robots arm moving up and down and realized that it was a great idea. They didn't win - but he felt proud because of the work they accomplished as a team. Iat is attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where his major is Electrical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,500.



#### JINNY PARK

Jinny writes that by choosing to go into a career usually domineered by males has helped to ensure her success. Determined not to be judged by her gender she has worked hard and her decision to be an electrical engineer inspired her to be the only female on the Robotics Team for four years. Jinny is attending Villanova University where her major is Electrical Engineering. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Dr. Raymond Yap in the amount of \$1,500.



#### LISA TSE

Lisa has always been shy, so shy that it inhibited her in the classroom where she had difficulty answering questions and she never asked a question for fear of being ridiculed. Spurred on by her mother, Lisa made small steps to overcome her shyness and today can proudly raise her hand and ask for help without feeling embarrassed. Lisa is attending Northeastern University where her major is Chemistry. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,500.



#### JIAN NA XIAO

When Jian's family came to Hawaii she was confronted with many challenges - language being one of the hardest to overcome. Over time these challenges actually became an asset and served as a tool in helping her achieve much, both socially and academically. Jian is pleased with her accomplishments and is grateful to the faculty at McKinley for guiding her. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Nursing. Jian is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### KENDRA BRAZILE

Kendra credits her involvement with the Law Enforcement Explorers Program (LEEP) for giving her the confidence and enthusiasm to meet challenges. She was in charge of coordinating a banquet for a conference held by LEEP for advisors across the country. This responsibility also required her to be the emcee for the banquet - much to her amazement she did a great job and actually enjoyed it. She knows that this boost of confidence will help her in the future. Kendra is attending the University of San Francisco where she is majoring in Accounting/Business. She is the recipient of a Carole Kai Charities Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### KATHY DAOTAY

Kathy writes that she is lucky to have two sets of parents - the parents she lived with in Vietnam before joining her biological parents here in Hawaii. She says she learned this the hard way - by not being very cooperative with her parents here in Hawaii, missing her family back in Vietnam. One day the realization came to her that she was not being fair to her parents here and she made the decision to try hard to be nicer and it actually worked! She is now grateful for both sets of parents. Kathy is attending Creighton University where her major is Dentistry. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### NICOLE KAWAMOTO

Nicole says one of the toughest challenges she has faced is finding that her family has grown significantly! For most of her life it was just she and her mother - then her mother met someone who has three children and a large extended family. Going from only two to six is a huge adjustment - she especially found sharing her mother was the hardest of all. She has made the best of the situation and is grateful for her mother and the opportunity for personal growth. Nicole is attending Simmons College where she is majoring in Pharmacy. Nicole is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### DANIEL KIM

Daniel says his biggest challenge in life was actually finding a challenge that interested him. He says that he wandered through life without a purpose until he took to heart words from Joan Baez who said "You don't get to choose how you're going to die, or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now." And now that is what he is doing! Words we should all choose to live by. Daniel is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Liberal Arts. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### HYUN KIM

Hyun writes that the most difficult challenge in his life was the transition from childhood to adolescence - that is actually pretty common and Hyun is pretty insightful to recognize it. When he was a sophomore he saw the light! He began to open up to people, join organizations and played sports. He is now excited about life and looks forward to each new day. Hyun is attending Loyola MaryMount University where he is majoring in English. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### KYU HA KIM

Kyu Ha and her brother emigrated from Korea and stayed with an uncle while their parents finished some business in Korea. Being away from her parents and familiar sights and sounds was pretty scary - but not knowing English was the hardest to overcome and once she mastered the language she began to open up and enjoy her new life here in America. She is attending Michigan State University where her major is biology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### ENLI LI

Being bit by a dog very early in her life literally scarred Enli. She nearly lost her left eye when bitten - it is now fine but it left her with a terrible fear of all dogs. She writes that a friend helped her by encouraging her not to look a dog in the eye and it has helped her. While she still has a fear of dogs, it is not keeping her from going out. Enli is attending Santa Clara University where she is majoring in Engineering. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### KOZUE MITSUNARI

Kozue writes that her grandfather was a very special person to her; although he lived in Japan they were very close and spoke often on the phone. It was because of him that she took up hula, something she didn't want to do - but to make him happy she did. She soon came to love the dance and her kumu, Kumu Kamalei. When they both passed away she was deeply saddened and works hard at hula to make them both proud of her. She is attending the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where her major is Event Planning Management. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### MARK MUNAR

Mark writes that he draws his strength and inspiration from the memories of his mother who passed away in 2002. He remembers her twinkling eyes and how much she loved him and his sister. That memory inspires him to go forward and work hard to be a success. He is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is majoring in Computer Science/Programming. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### THOMAS PAE

Thomas says that the one obstacle that stands out in his mind is overcoming a lisp. Having been born with two missing teeth on the bottom aggravated the lisp and he attended special speech classes to improve it. Eventually he was able to overcome the lisp. It made him stronger and taught him never to tease people for their differences. Thomas is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### KARLI TANUVASA

Karli's life-altering experience happened in March 2004. When Karli was a freshman at McKinley her father passed away. He was her comfort and protection. She says her grades began to suffer and she knew she wasn't living up to her full potential. Knowing her father would want her to pursue her dreams she worked harder and her grades improved. She is attending Brigham Young University where she brought her inner strength with her as she pursues her major of Pharmacy. Karli is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### AGNES WANG

Agnes writes that her love of running was hindered by a knee injury that was persistent and would not go away. She had joined the cross country team as well as the track team when she was a freshman. While she did take time off to heal the injury, it reoccurred again and again. Finally her sophomore year she was able to overcome the injury and was awarded with the Most Inspirational Athlete for the Junior Varsity Cross Country Girls Team. Agnes is attending Seattle University where she is majoring in Medicine. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### ALVIN CHEUNG

Recuperating from a broken leg helped Alvin see that while life has challenges it is how you choose to deal with them is what really counts. His teacher, Ms. Janice Kobashigawa, writes that Alvin is a very highly motivated young man. His participation in the Running Start Program at Honolulu Community College motivated Alvin even more. He is attending Creighton University where his major is Pre-Medicine. Alvin is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### MATTHEW CHONG

Matthew credits his teacher Mr. John Newkirk with inspiring him to always try in life. When he didn't try out for a play because he was too nervous and afraid to fail, Mr. Newkirk encouraged him to just try because even if I didn't make it, it wouldn't matter because I hadn't planned on trying at all. I thought his logic made sense, so I tried out for the play and actually landed a part in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." This taught me to always try because an attempt never hurts. Matthew is attending Concordia University in Irvine where he is majoring in Theatre. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### LAUREN HIGASHINO

Lauren had a scary thing happen to her when she was a freshman. She was accosted by a man on her way to school - if was frightening and something she will never forget. She states that it was a real eye opener to the real world. She took self defense classes and has not let the incident rob her of self confidence. She is attending Saint Martin's University where her major is Criminal Justice. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### DANIEL HONG

Learning to endure criticism and teasing is something that each of us go through at sometime in our lives. Daniel learned to deal with it early on and feels that by addressing the situation is helping him to deal with any challenge he faces. Daniel's teacher, Mr. Milton Lau, writes that Daniel is a highly sincere person who works well with others and establishes friendships easily. Daniel is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where his major is Mechanical Engineering. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### GRACE HWANG

Grace says that sometimes in life you don't always get what you want - something that all of us learn sooner or later! Lucky for Grace she learned it sooner - and then after a rather disheartening experience she learned that she would receive the prestigious "Tiger of the Year Scholarship", this made her realize that things happen for a reason and we need to learn to accept it. Grace is attending University of Hawaii where she has not yet decided on a major. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### JUNG HEE LEE

Jung Hee says that being jilted by a friend in 2004 helped her to gain self-confidence and motivated her to join extracurricular activities and take better care of her health. She is now grateful that a bad experience catapulted her into a better person, academically, physically and socially. Jung Hee is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Broadcast Journalism. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### JUDY LIANG

Having been class president for three years Judy felt she was ready to run for Student Body President. It seemed to her that whatever the outcome she would still be a winner, if she won she would be Student Body President, if she lost she would still be chair of her class council. She wasn't prepared for the flood of emotion that overcame her when she lost. Disappointed she threw herself into other activities and at the end of the year realized that one



does not always have to be the leader. It was a valuable lesson and one that she will cherish the rest of her life. Judy is attending Chaminade University where her major is Interior Design. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **YOKO NAGAO**

The hardest obstacle that Yoko faced was the passing of her father from Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in March 2006. During his illness she, her mother and little sister spent as much time with him as possible. Her teacher, Ms. Karen Morneau, writes that Yoko displays a high degree of personal values and getting involved with her school activities and the world around her. She goes on to say the "This is a young lady who will definitely go places". Yoko is attending the University of Hawaii where she is majoring in Pre-Medicine. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **JILL NISHIDA**

Jill writes that the one obstacle that she finds most trying is - her mother - I don't think she is alone in that thinking! Actually she credits her mother with always encouraging her to do her best - and while that may not be the one thing she wanted to hear - she did work hard at school and found out that sometimes mothers are always right. Her JROTC commander, LTC Vince A. Morikawa, states that Jill leads by example. He goes on to say her unlimited potential marks her for success at the highest levels. Jill is attending the University of Hawaii at Hilo where her major is Elementary Education. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **SHANTELE OKIKAWA**

Shantelle says that having a chronic medical condition was by far the hardest obstacle she has had to overcome. Obviously she did it rather well because her teacher, Ms. Melinda Lee, writes that Chantelle is one of my best students. She is very mature, smart and a wonderful individual. She has great time management skills and is the first one to finish an assignment. Shantelle is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where her major is Dental Hygiene. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **CHELISIE SATO**

Chelsie is probably one of those students who do not realize how special she is. Being very athletic and playing on the Volleyball, Basketball and Soccer Teams is pretty impressive. Neal Takamori, McKinley's Athletic Director, writes, "Chelsie is one of a kind. Her charismatic personality, leadership, and genuine character make her truly special. Chelsie is attending Hawaii Pacific University where she is majoring in Physical Therapy. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **LAUREL SERVIES**

Laurel says that when she was young taking piano lessons, her piano teacher and parents encouragement helped her to achieve her goal of play the piano. Mr. John Newkirk, her Advanced Placement Literature teacher as well as her speech, theatre and debate coach, says that she is practically fearless taking on roles in dramatic interpretation that were difficult even for veteran student actors. Along with her partner, Anthony Loui, she placed first at State Forensic Championships and advanced to the National Forensic League's National Speech and Debate Tournament in Philadelphia, PA. Laurel and Anthony became the first duo interpretation from Hawaii to advance to the top 60 - a milestone that still stands today. Laurel is attending Southern Illinois University where her major is Communications. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **JAKE RYAN SUMIBCAY**

Jake says that like many seniors at McKinley his biggest challenge was finding time to fit everything in to his schedule. His activities included Senior Class President, Varsity Cheerleading Captain and Yearbook Editor. His teacher, Ms. Jodi Arasaki, writes that Jake is very organized, he plans ahead of time and when there is a conflict he makes the correction in a timely manner. She goes on to say that Jake is a very special student and he will be a student she remembers throughout her lifetime. Jake is attending Seattle University where he is majoring in Biology/Pre-Med. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **KATIE TAM**

Being a member of the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T.) Robotics Competition Katie says opened doors for her to amazing opportunities. "Gracious Professionalism" is a well known motto for F.I.R.S.T., it means, "acting in such a way whether being watched or not, that would make your grandmother proud". Words to live by! Words that Katie has taken to heart and strives to live by them. Katie is attending the University of Puget Sound where her major is Occupational Therapy. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### **LIANNE TOMISHIMA**

Losing a state tournament to an opponent whose rank was lower than her was a life changing experience for Lianne. Learning to accept defeat graciously is something that is difficult - looking deep into herself she found the courage to accept defeat and discovered she had an inner strength that she didn't realize she had. That is a lifelong lesson that she will forever have. Lianne is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Civil Engineering. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### EMANUELLE WRIGHT

When Emanuelle was nine years old her family moved to Hawaii in a far different income bracket that she had become accustomed to, instead of a Mercedes and private school it was now a van and public school. Having to adjust was not easy and at times she resented her parents for what she perceived as they're in adequacies - but as time went on she made lemonade out of the lemons and found an inner strength. She is surrounded by loving parents and siblings and found that to be the real treasure in life. Emanuelle is attending the University of California at Irvine where her major is Communications. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### MINHUI XIAO

Minhui's mother has been ill for several years, this required Minhui to take over the role as caregiver. This was a far different role than her friends who were able to be involved in extracurricular activities and had the opportunity to enjoy their free time. Minhui looks back at the past few years and has learned to be grateful that her mother is doing much better and able to do things for herself. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Communication. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### VICKY TRAN

Vicky has overcome a personal challenge that today plagues far too many of our youth. An eating disorder consumed her. The fact that she was able to beat the disease and become a healthy individual is a testament to her inner drive. She now wants others to learn from her lesson and get as healthy as she now is. Vicky is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.



#### CONEY LI

Sometimes in life our biggest challenge is not having control over that challenge. This happened to Coney and it took years of patience and understanding before she finally accepted the fact that she could not change what happened but could change the future and how she handled circumstances. Coney's employer writes that Coney accepts any job she is given and does it well and in a timely manner. Coney is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Nursing/Radiology. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### SHAYNA PAK

Shayna writes that being a band officer was a huge challenge and one that didn't just happen overnight. It took lots of planning and being considerate of others to plan and ensure that concerts ran smoothly. She says that she discovered that being a good leader must be passionate, confident, hard working, organized and most of all has to inspire others in the organization. Shayna is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Culinary Arts. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### JILLIAN TAMURA

Jillian says that she discovered her personal challenge was not having enough of a challenge in her life. In her sophomore year she took up bowling and discovered that it helped to inspire her to do better academically as well. She kept her grades up so she could continue to bowl. Her teacher/advisor, Ms. Barbara Kakuda, writes that "Jillian is a gem", she stands out as a leader; shines as a team member. Jillian is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is majoring in Hotel/Travel Industry. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### SHUN FAR WEN

Shun Far says that the one challenge he faces in life is the fact that he is short, something that he cannot change and something that he has learned to accept. Being teased as the shortest in his class throughout the years was something that he grew accustomed to. As he got older he joined sports and that raised his self-confidence - he also studied hard and academically did well. Shun Far is attending Honolulu Community College where his major is Criminal Justice. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



#### JAYELIN LAU

Jayelin has faced challenges that many of her peers would not be able to understand. For the past two years she has been living with her older sister's family. Throughout her two years at McKinley she has held part time jobs to cover her expenses. McKinley's Athletic Director, Neal Takamori, writes, "Jayelin has gone through a lot and made a lot of sacrifices but she remains positive and upbeat. She has learned valuable lessons in life from her family's situation and, as she puts it, "it has helped me become a better person." Mr. Takamori adds that Jayelin is most deserving of a chance to pursue her dreams and she needs help to further her education. Jayelin is attending Honolulu Community College where she is majoring in Nursing (Pediatrics). She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### XIAO QIONG LIN

Xiao's family immigrated to Hawaii from Southeast China two years ago. Learning a new language and adjusting to a different culture has not been easy. There were times that she longed to move back to China where she was so comfortable and familiar with everything. Her teacher, Chuong Nguyen, writes "Xiao displays self-confidence, integrity and potential in growth in each classroom assignments and community service projects - on or off campus. Xiao is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.





#### PAULA THEPSENAVONG

Overcoming a weight problem was a huge challenge for Paula (she's not alone!). Encouragement from her doctor and her mother started her on the path to "good health". But, it was a fellow classmate who inspired her the most - while running for physical education Paula had a hard time breathing and running - her classmate told her "Paula look at the sky and pretend you are flying and not running." It worked! She discovered a love for running and now is at a very healthy weight - good for you Paula! She is attending the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where her major is Travel & Hospitality. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$750.



#### LENNIE JENKINS

Growing up in a single parent household has been a challenge for Lennie. His mother has been his champion and encourages him to do well in and out of school. He is especially close to his two older brothers and credits his oldest brother with keeping him on the road to success. Lennie is attending Leeward Community College where he is majoring in Business Technology. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### TILTON KALUNA

Tilton had the bad luck of being injured during a game against Moanalua High School. He was the quarterback for McKinley when he was hit hard and had a broken collarbone. Disappointing is an understatement to how he felt. His basketball coach, Bob Morikumi, writes, "Tilton not only is a good leader and team player - he is also very respectful and loyal." Tilton is attending College of the Canyons where his major is medicine. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### CLARENCE LLOREN

While at school Clarence had to choose between doing well in school, sports and part time work or spending time with his significant other. He came to realize that he needed to buckle down and do well in his classes and in order to be healthy and physically fit he also needed to be involved with sports. He made the choice to try harder and it paid off. Clarence is attending Honolulu Community College where he is majoring in Aviation Mechanics. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### ROXANNE RECAIDO

Roxanne's family has been a challenge to her with her mother being the one stabilizing force in her life. Her mother's struggle to keep the family together has been an inspiration to Roxanne and she is very grateful to her mother for that. Roxanne is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### KRISTI-JEAN SAN DIEGO

Kristi changed schools in her sophomore year, leaving all of her friends behind, was not a change she willingly made. However, after tearing two ligaments in one knee during the annual JRTOC Spring Camp she knew that she needed to find the motivation to heal and move on with life. Her teacher, Mr. Cliff Lum, writes "In class Kristi demonstrated excellent academic ability. She always conducts herself in a mature manner and consistently strives to do her best." Kristi is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is majoring in Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### JENNIFER SISAVANG

Being the first in her family to graduate from high school Jennifer felt that it was perhaps a little more stressful because her family did not understand her desire to succeed. Jennifer cites motivation as being the one challenge that was hard to overcome. She found that the desire to reach a goal was strong and graduate she did! She is attending Kapiolani Community College where she is a business major. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### KRISTEN VILLANUEVA

When Kristen's family moved from Sampei to Hawaii she found the school curriculum changed drastically. It became harder and harder to keep up her good grades. After slipping behind for a couple of years, she was determined to do better and her senior year was a turning point for her. Realizing that you only achieve success through hard work Kristen truly buckled down. She is attending Kapiolani Community College where her major is Nursing. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### JAYSON YEE

At the end of his freshman year, Jayson was in an accident and broke both of his ankles and a wrist. As part of his recuperation he needed to go to physical therapy to learn how to walk again. It was a long and painful process. He says the experience was life changing for him and will never taking the simple act of standing and walking for granted. He is attending Kapiolani Community College where he is majoring in Culinary Arts. He is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



#### LYMAN YOSHIKAWA

Lyman writes that the untimely death of his grandmother, who was killed in a car accident, greatly affected him and his thinking about what is important in life. He misses her very much and draws strength from her memory. His teacher, Marsha Mariani, writes, "Lyman is a capable, mature and pleasant young man who will succeed in pursuits largely due to his concern for others." Lyman is attending Honolulu Community College where his major is carpentry. She is the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

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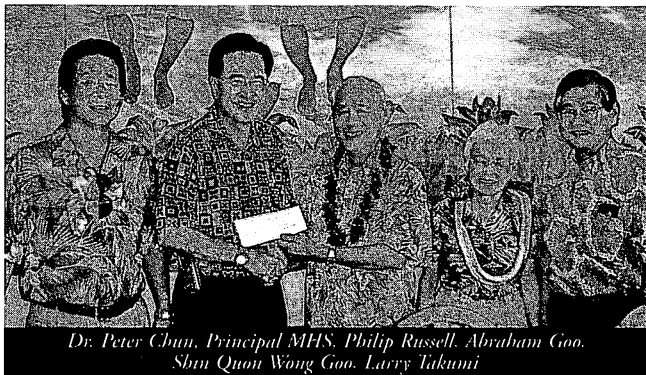
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Celebrating their 45th Class Reunion, the class of 1962 held a silent auction and donated the proceeds to the Foundation for the Scholarship Program. They also solicited donations for the Foundation at their golf tournament and their banquet. They raised over \$3,000 and presented it to the Foundation. We are truly grateful to them and all of the other classes that donate funds to the Foundation.



*Dr. Peter Chun, Principal MHS, Philip Russell, Abraham Goo, Shin Quon Wong Goo, Larry Takumi*

## ABRAHAM AND SHIN QUON WONG GOO

In 2003 Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo challenged the Foundation through a "Matching Funds" program. They pledged to match the Foundation's dollar for dollar, for new contributors only, up to \$20,000. We worked really hard and were able to raise \$20,000 in new contributions - the Goo's matched the funds! They recently contributed another \$25,000 to the Foundation's Scholarship Program. They presented to the check to Philip Russell at a luncheon attended by Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo, Phil Russell, Dr. Peter Chun and Larry Takumi.

## EYVINNE "PONY" LEE

Eyvinne "Pony" Lee has established a yearly scholarship fund with the Foundation. He also sponsored the McKinley High School "Robotic Team". He now lives in Madison, Alabama but continues to support his alma mater with his financial commitment to graduating seniors and programs at the school. The students at McKinley will be the recipients of his generosity.

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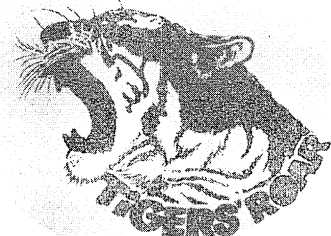
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