

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As McKinley High School celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1989, Dr. Richard Kosaki (Class of 1942), Harold Hee (Class of 1942) and the principal during that time, Stanley Seki (Class of 1957) was the driving force in establishing the McKinley High School Foundation, in which the mission was "To promote and foster the development of McKinley High School; to grant scholarships, loans, and other assistance to students and faculty; to provide funds for school equipment and activities which contribute to improving the learning experience; and to encourage scholarship and good citizenship in the McKinley High School community". Or, as Dr. Kosaki affirmed, "We are not trying to recapture McKinley as we knew it. We only wish to keep alive the spirit of learning and of community which made McKinley special for so many to us." In keeping with the mission set by the founding Directors, the McKinley High School Foundation awarded its first scholarship in 1990. Over the course of 31 years, the Foundation has continued to adhere to the mission by awarding more than \$1.58 million in scholarships to over 1,000 students. On May 18, 2021, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 45 deserving seniors from the Class of 2021. Please read more about our motivated, academically high achieving and talented Class of 2021 Tigers in our newsletter.

Besides supporting our students through the scholarships that are awarded every year, the McKinley High School Foundation also strives to support the school and its students in other ways. One way the Foundation was able to assist the graduating class was to help sponsor the Senior Maskerade. Due to COVID-19, the students were unable hold many of the usual in person events such as prom and graduation. In order to celebrate their high school achievements, the Senior Class held a Senior Maskerade on May 8, 2021. In a safe and socially distanced environment, the students enjoyed a night filled with great food, music and company on the McKinley Campus.

For the past year and a half, COVID-19 has brought upon unimaginable changes and challenges to everyone, especially for students. Just as the students, teachers and administrators were getting used to online learning, everyone must now adapt to full face-to-face learning. Upon returning to campus, students have had to re-learn how to behave and new social norms of mask wearing, social distancing and hand-washing. The teachers and administrators continue to be committed to the mission of President William McKinley High School "to enriching students' experiences through authentic education opportunities and maintaining a community of mutual respect. We empower students to embrace learning and become engaged citizens" even through the COVID-19 pandemic. One way the school strived to enrich the student experience is to make sure every household has internet access and to the McKinley High School website. Administrators also worked with the healthcare industry to host at the school numerous COVID vaccine clinics for the faculty, students and the general public.

I would like to bid a warm farewell to Neal Takamori, who has unselfishly served as a Director and the President of the McKinley High School Foundation for many years. I fondly remember him when I was a student as a great teacher who inspired students and faculty to strive for the best and to exemplify the Tiger spirit. I was blessed to be able to work with him for many years as a part of the Foundation, and consider him an esteemed friend, colleague and mentor. We have all treasured your leadership and guidance, and although bittersweet would like to say Mahalo for all that you have done and we will do our best to follow in your footsteps.

I also would like to thank the Foundation Board of Directors who graciously volunteered their time and energies in giving unselfishly of themselves to help others. Kudos especially to our Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons comprised of Ben Nakaoka, Darlene Ogoshi, Susan Sumida, Alan Okimoto and Brian Maeshiro for taking the lead to make sure we continue to fulfill our mission to serve the students of McKinley High School.

As always, we are grateful to all who contribute to the Foundation to make our scholarship program so successful. We welcome your input and suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Aloha,



Reiko Lin  
Interim President



MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Newsletter

December 2021

[www.mckinleyfoundation.org](http://www.mckinleyfoundation.org)

## MEET THE 2021 MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

Meet the 2021 McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship Recipients. Part of the application process for the recipients requires that they write a brief essay on the following: "Discuss one of your accomplishments or an event that sparked personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others". Below is a summary of their responses.



**Leila Hirayama:** At a young age Leila learned that expressing her emotions was beneficial so she started to write in a journal to record her life. She made it a point to write about positive topics as a way to prepare and look toward the future, which proved to be highly effective for her in dealing with any challenges she may be facing. Her positive attitude has transferred to her school life, both in her academic and extracurricular activities. She successfully started McKinley's first Environmental Club, which participated in a variety of projects such as Hawaii's Carbon Neutrality Challenge of planting 10,000 trees at Gunstock Ranch and Fishpond Restoration Project. Her genuine interest in healthcare has also fueled her aptitude toward Animal Sciences, which has led her to participate in a Capstone project where she researched statistics on adoption rates with hopes of encouraging adoption and dispelling beliefs about certain breeds of dogs. Leila is currently studying animal sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She was the recipient of the Alexander & Baldwin, Inc./Matson Inc./Robert J. Pfeiffer Community Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.



**Minsub Song:** Overcoming any challenges however unique is a trait of a leader. Although Minsub has difficulty matching faces to a name, he has overcome this problem with a simple but brilliant solution. When learning something new about a person, he learned that writing it down in a notebook helped him remember them. People are then pleasantly surprised when he remembers something unique about them. As he told one of his teacher's, "It's a lot easier to teach people math when you make a personal connection with them, so I'm trying to connect". While maintaining a GPA of over 4.0, Minsub has taken on numerous leadership roles including the student council, captain of the Math, Robotics and the Science Olympiad teams and President of the National Honor Society. He has also given back to the community by volunteering at the McCully Moilili Library. His caring nature for his peers is evident as he also founded online tutoring and virtual workshops for monthly math team meets. He is currently a student at the University of Notre Dame and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$5,000.



**Jennifer Pae:** Philanthropy and giving back to the community is a part of Jennifer's life. As a youngster she found safe haven at The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii. She returned to The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii as a junior staff during the summers of 2018 and 2019. As a volunteer, she found joy in giving back to the people who made a huge impact of her childhood. She states that "As a place I consider my second home, partaking in the club was a great starting point towards maturing and slowly repaying my gratitude. Strengthening and signifying my relationships with the children and staff has evolved my evermore appreciation into someone wholesome. Like a recharge of batteries, my heart tingles to sense a strong affection to care for the youth." Her strong drive to become a Child Psychiatrist stems from her desire to give back to the community and to support the future generations. When not volunteering Jennifer is participating in various activities such as President of the Key Club, President of the HOSA Club, President of the President's Society, Ignition, Math Team and Science Fair while maintaining a GPA over 4.0. She is currently a student at the University of California Santa Barbara and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Eyvinne & Kay Lee in the amount of \$5,000.



**Venus Li:** Described by her teachers as a natural born leader, Venus has worked hard to maintain her 4.0 GPA and to remain on the honor role. Although it took a while to discover the person she is, and not who others want her to be, she discovered her passion for nursing and has become an excellent mentor for younger kids. Teachers describe her as an "affable, enthusiastic, driven student who challenges herself, seeks advice, and finds creative solutions to problems. She is practical, honest, caring and understands the connection between her effort and her success. She exemplifies the spirit of determination and excellence we hope for in our students". She is active in many activities such as the Vice-President of the Hawaii Chapter Red Cross Charter Club, Vice-President of the Sustainable Living Club, National Honors Society, HOSA Club and Science Olympiad. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$4,000.



**Giovanni Luu:** Everyone has encountered in their life a time when they take on too much, and when that happens, one can learn from it and move on or be negatively affected. Giovanni encountered this problem during his Junior year when he decided to challenge himself with 4 Advanced Placement classes as well as participating in Cross Country and Track and Field. Despite multiple sleepless nights and practices every day, he was not able to maintain his performance and worked hard to re-prioritize his activities. During winter break he was able to practice cross country and participate in the 2019 Honolulu Marathon. His ability to take on this challenge impressed his teacher who mentioned "The level of determination, and the ability to maintain that determination, not just over the 26.2 miles of the marathon but also over the many months and years of preparation is uncommon among teenagers. Having observed him as

his teacher, I had the pleasure of seeing how the same determination that carried him through the marathon also carried him through the daily challenges”. Besides participating in Cross Country and Track and Field for 4 years, he has also joined the Physics and Astronomy Club and Key Club while maintaining a GPA of over 4.0. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham & Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$4,000.



**Steven Li:** After going through a death in the family, Steven made it his goal to consider other people’s perspectives and to treasure things that are important to him and to guide his life. This mantra is also seen through his relationships with his fellow peers. Although described as a quiet student, Steven is described as being very popular amongst his peers when it came time for classwork discussions because of his willingness and ability to explain clearly and easily new concepts. Although soft-spoken, his classmates were always willing to listen to what he had to say because of his strong grasp on various subjects. His teacher has described him as a student who “wants to be intellectually stimulated while also having the opportunity to find the fulfillment that comes from helping others”. Even while maintaining a GPA average of over 4.0 and taking many AP courses, Steven participated in many extracurricular activities such as Swimming, Track and Field, Cross Country, Chess Club, Tiger Interact club and eSports club. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Ken & Nancy Wong Yee Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.



**Hang Vo:** Hang is a student that is described as conscientious, mature and family oriented by those around her. A teacher has said, “What sets her apart from her peers is her maturity to set priorities and ability to remain grounded in her decisions. A conscientious student, Hang understands the value of education and has always place academics as a priority. What I admire of Hang is her sense of duty to her family”. While active in many activities such as Secretary of the Student Government and Environmental Club, a member of the National Honors Society, and Swim Team, and even after a full day of classes and activities, she still helps her father run the family business. She has been helping her family business since middle school and works to pay for her expenses. This type of maturity and filial piety is rare as she continues to remain focused, achieve academically, participate in activities and is determined to make a difference in her school, community and family. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Mel Shitagi Class of 1962 in the amount of \$4,000.



**Miyu Thepsenavong:** Miyu demonstrates a strong aptitude for engineering and robotics and has been a part of the Robotics Team for the past 4 years and was the Mechanical Captain during her senior year. She has learned and gained knowledge and skills of the engineering design process, computer 3D modelling and various platforms which has allowed her to assist her teacher in teaching the class various computer aided design skills via distance learning. Although faced with many challenges at home, a teacher has stated that “in addition to her solid academic records, Miyu is an even stronger person.” Miyu has stated that she has learned is to stop overthinking things and live in the moment. “Once I stopped overthinking and accepted whatever happens, I found myself to be happier than I’ve ever been”. Besides the Robotics team, she was the Vice President of the FFA for during her junior and senior year while being a part of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders and Bake for Friends. She is currently a student at Rice University and is a recipient of the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Jack Lai:** A teacher has said that when they think about the characteristics of their ideal student, “someone like Jack immediately pops into my mind”. He is described as an incredibly hard worker who sets daily goals and routines for himself to optimize his day. He demonstrates dedication and leadership in the extracurricular activities he participates in. Since his freshman year he has been an active member of the Dance team and starting from his Sophomore year, Jack has also been an active member of the Track Team. He is described as being very supportive of his fellow teammates and dedicated to spend the necessary time on the track to improve. Jack lost a parent early on in life, and he has stated that “People often preach about preserving and making the most out of their youth, but early maturation is a blessing in its own way. Experiencing the hardships in life strengthens a person’s mentality and discipline, allowing them to decide for themselves their own values and morals, rather than it being instilled within them with no explanation”. Even while facing hardships, he has maintained a GPA of over 4.0. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Tung Nguyen:** “Just keep playing!” is Tung’s moto in life and in school - to press on and persevere. He is described as a student whose greatest strength is that “he loves learning with other people and helping others enjoy the process of learning alongside him”. His history teacher noticed that in order help prepare for class, he would research subjects on the internet to summarize the main points of what they were studying. He convinced his classmates to join him, and as the year progressed, more and more people started joining these informal review parties that not only improved his own grade, but he ended up gathering other students who were genuinely struggling and might not have passed if it were not for his encouragement and peer-to-peer guidance. While maintaining a GPA of over 4.0, from his freshman year participated in the Math Team and was the Captain, and participated in the Science Olympiad from his sophomore year where he was the Captain of Astronomy Event. He also placed 1st place in the 2020 Regionals for Gravity Vehicle Event and 3rd place in 2021 Regional for Chem Lab Event. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.





**Selena Lau:** A driven student, Selena during her sophomore year spent her Saturday's interning at an accounting office for over a year. There, she shadowed a Certified Public Accountant to gain insight on how accounting works but realized that this field was not for her. She did not let this experience set her back but instead moved forward to figure out what she wanted to do in life. During her sophomore and junior year, she volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii and was given an opportunity to work with children. There she realized she had a passion for working with kids and decided to pursue a career in the health and medical field. She also realized that if an obstacle occurs in life, "My new blueprint in life is ready for whatever is to come and that it will be faced with confidence". While maintaining a GPA of over 4.0, she is active in other extracurricular activities such as Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club, Ignition and Interact Club. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Anh Nguyen:** Anh was a member of the McKinley High School Orchestra from her freshman year and also participated in the Chamber and Symphony Orchestra from her Sophomore year. As a member of the Orchestra, she attended many after school practices and rehearsals to improve her mastery in music, performed at concerts and mentored younger students. As an Orchestra officer she participated in weekly meetings to discuss the state of the orchestra and how to improve musicality and participation, helped organize multiple bonding events for all of the Band & Orchestra Students and kept track of the Orchestra's music selection and distribution. She also served as the Vice President of the Go-Green Club and participated in other clubs such as the Dance and Arts Club. Her teacher has described her as "bright, energetic, compassionate and genuinely well rounded. She was so well mannered in my class, I don't remember a day when she entered or left my class without saying "Thank you" for the lesson". She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Reanne Rabago:** Raeanne is described by a teacher as "an exceptionally hard-working student who works well with all of her peers and consistently does work that sets the standard for the class". She participated in the Capstone project during her senior year. The Capstone project is an optional project that shows a culmination of the skills and knowledge that students learned throughout their time in their Academy. She is also a member of the Bowling Club where her hard work and dedication resulted in advancing to the OIA championship as the Girls team captain. In addition to all of her academic obligations and extracurricular activities, Raeanne worked two part time jobs to help her family. She is one of a kind and her perseverance and work ethic prove that she can do anything she puts her mind to. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Kingo Hayashi, Mikako Hayashi and the McKinley High School Class of 1934 Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Stephanie Linn:** Stephanie is an enthusiastic student that is committed to her academic and extracurricular obligations. While maintaining a GPA of over 4.0, she has been able to participate in countless extracurricular activities and assumed leadership roles. Her extensive and impressive list of activities include Mechanical Captain of the McKinley Robotics team, Captain of the Science Olympiad from her sophomore year, Secretary of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Bake for Friends Club and Vice President of the Key Club. Although busy with her own academic and extracurricular activities, her teacher describes her as a "a caring individual that supports her fellow classmates, as well as other students, very well. When her friends in AP Biology was struggling in a content, or an inquiry lab activity, Stephanie took charge in helping the group become organized, ask questions that needed to be answered in order to complete the tasks, as well as encouraging fellow students". She is currently a student at Boston University and is a recipient of the Steven & Lois Mihaylo Family Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Michelle Pham:** By going through hardships, people learn and grow in life. Michelle is a student that learned early in life, in her own words, "I've learned that life doesn't make you go through hard times to beat you up, it does it to teach you a lesson. Life was trying to tell me "Michelle!! You have so much strength, you fought for your life since the day you were born two months premature". Her inner strength and belief in herself helped her get through challenges in life and taught her to have compassion towards others and the knowledge that everything in life happens for a reason. While maintaining a high GPA of over 4.0, she has participated in many extracurricular activities such as Band from her freshman year, Secretary for both the Physics & Astronomy Club and Speech and Debate Team, Treasurer for the National Honor Society and also founded and was the President of the Sustainable Living Club. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Cades Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Ocean Ko:** A dedicated student, Ocean has been active in the McKinley Pep Band, Marching Band and Orchestra from his freshman year. He has served as Section Leader for Band and has also participated in many other activities where he has shown his leadership abilities. In his junior year, he joined the McKinley Law Society or mock trial team where he served as President and received the "Outstanding Attorney" Award by Hawaii State Bar Association. As the Chapter Treasurer of the McKinley Future Farmers of America Club, he placed 3rd for the district-level parliamentary procedure competition, 1st for state-level agricultural science fair, and was a national qualifier and 4th place winner for 2020 National FFA Convention and Expo: Agricultural Science Fair Competition. He also participated in many other clubs such as the HOSA, McKinley We the People Team, President's Society

and School Community Council while maintaining a high GPA. Besides his academic and extracurricular accomplishments, he is proud to be bilingual speaker, as he realized that “being fluently bilingual is the ability to become the bridge between two different cultures”. He is currently a student at University of California Davis and is a recipient of the Itsuko Takamura Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



**Kawaiola Frost:** Since her freshman year, Kawai has juggled band, swimming and numerous other extracurricular activities and a rigorous course load. The Assistant Coach of the Swim Team stated that despite having a full plate, when she was assigned a position on the championship relay team, Kawai jumped on the opportunity and was fully committed. Putting her all into training, she fought through long nights of studying and waking up early to adjust her schedule to make it work. On the day of the relay, she took charge in leading the group and Kawai managed to make major strides in improving her time. Besides maintaining a high GPA and being a part of the swim team, she also participated in Band and Marching Band, the National Honor Society, LEO Club, Bake for Friends and served as Secretary and founding member of the Sustainable Living Club and is an avid K-Pop aficionado. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Raymond and Carol Yap in the amount of \$1,500.



**Tracee Nguyen:** “A true leader” – this is how many around her describe Tracee. Quiet, graceful with a unique gift in bringing people together, she has served in the Student Council since her freshman year as Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Student Body Corresponding Secretary, and as Senior Class Student Body President. Besides being a great leader, she is resilient and selfless and participates in many other extracurricular and volunteer activities such as the Swim Team, Science Olympiad, Robotics Team, co-founded Time of Youth Club and volunteered at the Waikiki-Kapahulu Library and Diamond Head Theater while maintaining a GPA of over 4.0. Despite the set-backs that COVID-19 has brought, her teacher notes that “Almost all of our events have either been canceled or postponed and the student body is apathetic. Tracee has never wavered in her desire to keep their heads up. She is hopeful and, although she has to go through all of this herself, always bounces back”. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Patsy Young in the amount of \$1,500.



**Michelle Thonovong:** Michelle is a student with the goal to further her artistic talents. As an art student, her teacher stated that “her aesthetic, attention to detail and creativity has been notable all year, creating very memorable art works. I was pleased to learn that her artistic side includes dance, illustration and graphic design, music and singing”. Due to her hard work and ambitions, she has been able to amass many visual arts prizes and other school related awards including being on the Honor Roll. Besides the Dance and Art Club, she also participated in Bake for Friends Club. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,500.



**Bach Bui:** As a first-generation immigrant from Vietnam, Bach has had to not only learn English, but learn how to live in a foreign country from a young age. Although it has not always been easy, he has been able to overcome many challenges and has stated that “I worked so hard to get to where I am. I think moving to Hawaii was also another blessing in disguise, because of how culturally diverse and inclusive Hawaii is. In Hawaii, the aloha spirit and how everyone treats each other as ohana also helped me get by”. Despite all that he has been through, he has been able to maintain a high GPA and an active participant in Soccer since his freshman year and the Tiger Interact Club. As a member of the Interact Club, Bach logged an impressive 20 hours of community service during the shortened 2019-2020 school year. He is currently a student at Delaware County Community College and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Abraham and Shin Quon Wong Goo in the amount of \$1,500.



**Lydia Ng:** A teacher has described Lydia as showing “commitment to hard work, studying, learning and schooling. Lydia is very pleasant, self-assured, responsible, bright and committed to her education”. She has taken an extraordinary amount of Advanced Placement and Honors classes while maintaining a GPA of over 4.0 and juggling other clubs and extra-curricular activities including the Speech and Debate Club, Leo Club and Science Fair. She learned about persistence and hard work at a young age as she studied and practiced piano, which she says gave her the “ability to focus under pressure and gave me the clarity I needed to achieve the things I wanted to share”. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Shiro and Jean K. Matsuo Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Lyka Rose Corpuz:** Lyka is described as an independent learner, goal driven and one who cares about people. She is not afraid to talk to others and gets along well with her peers and her teachers. With education being a top priority for her, she has been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA over the past four years and she has challenged herself by taking an AP class starting her junior year. While the state public schools were fully virtual, she helped her family to care for her 6 year-old sister while the rest of the family was at work. She has been involved with a number of activities such as Track and Field, the Leo Club, Tiger Interact Club and active member of Ignition where she mentored other students. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the The Shigeru Okno Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Ashlyn Chang:** Ashlyn is a well-rounded student excelling as an athlete while maintaining a GPA of over 4.0. She joined the Cross Country team as a Sophomore at the suggestion of a friend. Even though she was the only female on the team that season, instead of being intimidated or discouraged, she took this as an opportunity to improve herself and gain confidence in her abilities. Ashlyn was the Scholar Athlete of the Year three years in a row and was named the Most Inspirational Athlete for Cross Country 2018- 2019 and Track 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Because of her great character traits, in 2019, she was chosen as 1 of 4 athletes to represent McKinley at the Hawaii High School Athletic Association Student Athlete Leadership Summit. In 2020, Ashlyn was 1 of 2 athletes chosen in the entire state to represent the Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) as a representative on the Hawaii High School Athletic Association Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). This group of student athletes addressed athletic and societal issues facing our young athletes of today. A teacher has described Ashlyn as “an influential role model to other student athletes displaying integrity, discipline, perseverance, and commitment in her journey to achieving her academic and athletic goals.” She is currently a student at Seattle University and is a recipient of The Shigeru Okino Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Jinsong Zhou:** As an immigrant student, Jinsong has had to overcome many difficulties including a language barrier and cultural differences. Due to his advanced mathematics skills, he joined the McKinley High School math team. An incident that has stayed with him once after a competition, several members of the team got together to discuss mistakes made during the competition. The captain invited him to explain the problem because he was the only one who had gotten the correct answer to the question. Gathering up his courage, he explained the process of solving the problem where he received praised for an outstanding explanation which he states “was the most inspirational moment I have ever had in my life”.

Besides being a part of the Math Team, he has also been a member of the Music Club and Chinese Club. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Walter and Dorothy Lee Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Angelina Kam:** Angelina encountered challenges in life which led her to join the swim team, where she was welcomed with open arms. She mentioned that “Being on the team significantly impacted my confidence and helped me be comfortable in my skin”. With her new-found confidence, she was able expand her academic career and prepared a Capstone project as well as worked on a patient education project. For her project she informed students at Central Middle School about the Academy of Health Sciences at McKinley High School. For her Capstone project, she educated Kindergarten students on mask wearing and hand hygiene. She created a lesson plan, pre/ post-test, and worked closely with the teacher to present the lesson. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Gilbert Lee Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Alex Lau:** Alec has mentioned that the biggest obstacle in his life has been moving to Hawaii and learning a new language and culture. Through hard work, Alec is now fluent in two languages and states that “I’m proud of myself for the things that I had to go through. By going through this experience, I learned that anything is possible if you have the mindset, the will, and desire to do it. I never gave up and even if I failed at something, I learned from my mistakes and applied it to the next time”. His perseverance is shown in his academic achievements as well as his participation in the Wind Ensemble and Marching and Pep Band from his freshman year. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Thongsouk & Thongboun Mounthongdy in the amount of \$1,500.



**Angie Luong:** Despite having a language barrier and having to adjust to cultural differences, Angie was able to overcome her struggles when she first moved to Hawaii with her family. Having an introverted personality, although she struggled with adjusting to life in Hawaii, she would always find the opportunity to ask her teachers for help thus enabling her to overcome the language barrier and to help her parents act as a translator from a young age. Joining the McKinley basketball team has really helped her “open up to others and made talking to people more enjoyable, creating a comfortable setting, rather than being the one who just listens. While I am proficient at many things, I still have room for improvement that I will continue to strive for”.

Angie participated in other extracurricular activities such as volleyball and softball while maintaining her high GPA. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye in the amount of \$1,500.



**Kyanna Tran:** Adjusting to a new environment is never easy, as Kyanna experienced early in life with the numerous moves that she has experienced. Instead of viewing all of the moves as a negative experience, she saw it as an opportunity to have an adventure. She has stated that “Given the experience of living in Hawaii I was able to find more of myself and I have learned that I do love experiencing new locations and embracing the way people live”. Her positive outlook is reflected in her academic career where she continues to excel in her classes as well as in her leadership roles that she has undertaken. While maintaining a high GPA, she has served as the Vice President of the Student Government, Public Relations Director of the HOSA Club, the Treasurer of the Environmental Club as well as a mentor in Ignition. She is currently a student at University of Alabama Birmingham and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Stan Seki in the amount of \$1,500.





**Anthony Hoang:** Teachers describe Anthony as conscientious, flexible and creative. His excellent class work and attendance reflect his conscientious nature, his positive attitude during these trying times show his flexibility and his outside of the box thinking show his creativity. His caring nature is also evident with the volunteer work he did through the After School All Stars in which he helped tutor and mentor Washington Middle School students as well as through the Ignition program in which he mentored new incoming McKinley High School freshmen. Anthony was able to maintain his high GPA while participating in many activities including the volleyball team.

He is currently a student at the Honolulu Community College and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Ruth Ono in the amount of \$1,500.



**Mariel Limos:** A teacher notes that “Mariel was always a leader”. Mariel has continuously served in Student Government, first as the Treasurer during her freshman class, then as class President both in her Junior and Senior year. She also uses her collaborative skills in various other clubs and extracurricular activities such as Band, Orchestra, DECA, Environmental Club, Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders and Future Farmers of America. She is described as a person that “values the relationships she has built with her peers and teachers here”. She was also able to balance her advanced AP classes while maintaining a vigorous extracurricular schedule. She is currently a

student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Lawrence Hirohata in the amount of \$1,500.



**Amanda Flores-Gutierrez:** A quote that has affected Amanda’s life is “When you hit rock bottom, there is nowhere to go but up”. Facing numerous challenges at school, home and in her social life, there were many times in her life that she wanted give up. However, COVID gave her the opportunity to pause, reflect and think about what she wanted to accomplish and she was able to turn her life around. She got a part-time job in which she worked 3 days a week, started volunteering at the Foodbank and worked hard to improve her grades. She also participated in several extracurricular activities such as the basketball team, softball team, water polo and cheerleading squad. She is

currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship Honoring Richard Kosaki in the amount of \$1,500.



**Erica Yaranon:** Erica is a student athlete that excels on the track. She was a member of the Track and Field team for 4 years as a sprinter and participated on the relays. Her coach has stated that “Erica’s hard work on the track is an inspiration to all other student-athletes on the team and this is why she would have been chosen by the coaches to be a team captain this year if we had had a season”. Her confidence and sense of responsibility was also evident in her class work. She continued to challenge herself and excel academically by taking AP classes and maintaining a high GPA average. She displayed her time management abilities by mentoring other students through

Ignition and volunteering her time through the Tiger Interact Club. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the Island Insurance Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Ines Izon:** COVID proved to be a trying time for many individuals, especially for students who had their academic life uprooted from them. Ines also experienced the negative impact of COVID but she was able to overcome the challenges through the support of her family and friends. She notes that having “had gone through this experience, I realized how influential our mental health is. Although being through such a tough time, letting out your feelings and troubles to those close to you can benefit your health. Those who truly cared for you will try their best to aid you and push you to a better path”. Through these difficult times, Ines continued to excel in class and diligently

participated in many activities and took on leadership roles such as President of the Bake for Friends Club, Team Captain for the Dance Club and also was a member of the President’s Society. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley Class of 1954 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Jae Ann Asuncion:** The loss of a loved one has a tremendous impact on a person’s life, as Jae Ann experienced first had. She noted that “From this experience, I learned that life is short and it needs to be cherished more. I will continue to push through my obstacles and achieve what I put my mind to because that is what she would want me to do”. Her positive attitude and perseverance can be seen in the many activities that she participated in from volleyball, paddling, water polo and performing dance routines at festivals and other events. A teacher noted that “The most notable trait about Jae Ann in the classroom is her positive personality and work ethic. She consistently takes

pride in her work”, which is reflected in her high GPA. She is currently at the U.S. Army and is a recipient of the McKinley Class of 1982 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Wendy Huang:** Successfully asking for help to overcome hardships in life is seen as a sign of strength, which is a trait that Wendy exhibited during the difficult times brought upon by COVID. With the help of those around her, she was able to turn around her academic life and as she stated, “I am proud to say that I now have my priorities in check and am determined to achieve my goals in college. I was able to see a huge improvement in my grades this past semester through improved communication with my teachers and classmates. From this experience, I learned that it is okay to seek help”. Her teacher notes that she is an individual that works well with others and works hard

to achieve her goals, but she does not try to fit in any mold. “She has no trouble speaking her mind and will stand her ground if she

feels it is right". Her tenacity and perseverance can be seen in involvement with the Photography Club, Key Club and Leo Club while maintaining her high academic standards. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley Class of 1983 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Von Nicholo Escalona:** Von Nicholo is known to be a talented student athlete on the tennis and soft tennis team, of which he has participated in all four years while at McKinley High School. His creativity can also be seen through his participation in the Building and Construction Club in which he helped to construct a bench that is used at the school. Giving back has been an important part of his life through which can be seen through his participation as a volunteer at the United States Tennis Association where he helped people gain an interest in tennis. Von Nicholo is a well rounded student who has taken AP classes and maintained a high GPA. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley Class of 1994 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Tyler Sheindlin:** Service to your country and people is the highest form of dedication that one can display. Tyler was a cadet at McKinley High Schools Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Battalion, with future plans to earn a commission as a second lieutenant upon the completion of his degree and serve among the greatest Airmen, Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers in the world. His Senior Army Instructor states that "Without a doubt, Tyler is one of the top two cadets assigned to our battalion, which numbers approximately 120 cadets, he is also commander of the exhibition rifle drill team which won top honors at the State-level drill competitions before the pandemic and our Alpha Company in the battalion. Tyler epitomizes the absolute best of our campus and his value to our community is unmatched". His innate leadership is reflected through his many extracurricular activities such as Football, Drill Team, Civil Air Patrol, Dance Club and Physics and Astronomy Club. His academic achievement is also noteworthy, and many have been impressed by his work ethic and drive. He is currently a student at Norwich University and is a recipient of the McKinley National Honor Society in the amount of \$1,500.



**Maria Francheska Sangga:** Maria is described by her teacher as a hardworking and dedicated student. "She doesn't back down from a challenge and retains her integrity in everything that she does". Her fighting spirit and tenacity was evident when she encountered challenging times and she was able to regain her mindset. She was able to get a job, bring up her GPA and started focusing on her future and college. She has mentioned that "This situation has transformed me into being independent and knowing what I want in my life. My main focus is getting into college and investing in a future career". In order to achieve her goals of getting into college, she has not only challenged herself academically but has participated in many extracurricular activities such as Leo Club, Tiger Interact Club and Bake for Friends Club. She is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Dominic Yim:** A four-year member of the Cross Country and Track and Field team, as well as a member of the Swim team, Dominic has helped lead his team to the OIA championships for all of the sports he has participated in. He is described by his teachers and peers as a diligent student with a strong mental clarity and camaraderie that allow him to be a strong leader and role model. He is also an honest person that wears his heart on his sleeve. His strong drive to succeed has not only helped him in his athletic career, but has lead him to share his time at the Gee Yung Chinese Martial Arts, Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association where he performs at senior daycare facilities, parades and schools. Despite his busy schedule with sports and volunteering, he still excelled academically. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Xiaokang Chen:** Learning from failures in life is a very important life lesson. Xiaokang learned important life lessons during high school, which is "never be lazy, even when you finished everything you should still give it your best". Although stumbling academically early on during high school, he was able to overcome his academic challenges and improve his grades and challenge himself by taking AP classes. His teacher has stated that they were impressed with his "creativity and joy of learning" and mentioned that "As he worked through the challenges of the assignment, he discovered that sometimes the purpose is just to have a fun and entertaining experience. With that discovery, he let himself go and used the assignment to push his creative limits". He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Mitchell Dai:** As a student, Mitchell ha passionately dedicated his high school career to the Black and Gold Yearbook, and he mentions that one of his greatest high school accomplishment is to be the Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook. COVID has brought upon many unique challenges that he did not have to face before, as it imposed limits on how to get information from students and teachers as they were unable to meet in person. However, he was able to overcome all of the challenges and successfully produced a year book for the students. A teacher has mentioned that he has seen Mitchell grow tremendously as a person. When he first met Mitchell, "he immediately spoke up and expressed his thoughts on everything and everyone. He is the bravest person in any unfamiliar social situation". However, throughout the years, he has seen him mature and become more focused. Besides the Yearbook, he was an active partici-



part in the Tiger Media Learning Center, Center for Tomorrow Leaders and Bake for Friends. He is currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and is a recipient of the McKinley High School Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Lincoln Naki:** Lincoln is a dedicated athlete and a supportive leader. He was a member of the Football team since his freshman year and also joined the Track and Field team as a thrower. He is known to always arrive on time and take seriously the practice sessions where he not only strives to improve himself but he also takes an active part in mentoring the younger team members. Despite his busy schedule, he makes time to give back to the community by volunteering at Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Queen Liliuokalani Learning Center. His teacher states that throughout the four years that he has known him, he has had the opportunity to witness his skills, character, and perseverance both on the field and in the classroom. He is currently a student at Honolulu Community College and is a recipient of the Timothy Takaezu Scholarship Honoring the Class of 1976 in the amount of \$2,500.



**Lia Lagula:** A teacher states that “Lia’s compassion for others shows in her everyday acts, lending a helping hand to others if needed”. While in the Philippines, she worked hard to give back to her community by getting involved in planting trees, work with programs to feed the hungry and to donate school supplies. Taking academics seriously, she maintained a high GPA while taking numerous AP classes. She was also involved in the Capstone Project, where students host middle school presentations, promote public health, and work on case studies. Lia’s project was to compare the COVID-19 crisis on teens in the Philippines and Hawaii. She is passionate about mental health and is excited to learn about the varying impact on COVID-19 in two communities that she cares deeply about. She is currently a student at Kapiolani Community College and is a recipient of the Timothy Takaezu Scholarship Honoring the Class of 1976 in the amount of \$2,500.



**Shane Lyka:** Shane’s teacher has described her to be diligent, hard-working and organized. An academically gifted student, she challenges herself by taking AP classes as well as participating in various activities such as Chorus, Tiger Interact Club and HOSA Club. Shane is an officer for HOSA Club, which is an internationally recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). In HOSA club, members volunteer in the community, spread awareness about public health issues, and study independently for a health-related event of their choosing. Shane decided to study Medical Terminology so that she can expand on her passion for healthcare and helping others. Her teacher describes her as having a “genuine ability for lifting others to success. She works well with others and consistently volunteers to speak if her peers are too shy”. She is currently a student at Kapiolani Community College and is a recipient of the McKinley Class of 1957 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.



**Kerry Daculiat:** Teachers have found that compared to prior years, COVID has made it challenging to get to know the students. Kerry opted at the beginning of the year to come to school and participate in face-to-face lessons. Due to this, one of her teachers who got to know her describes her as having strong and clear opinions and that her ideas demonstrate strong analysis and critical thinking skills. Throughout the years, she has shown growth and maturity whether it be through her participation in Cheerleading, Law Society or We the People. She has also expanded her network by getting a part-time job all the while caring for her younger siblings. Although she expressed concerns that she may not be good enough, her teacher expressed to her that “Growth is important, doing what’s right is important, and believing in yourself is important. I have seen Kerry do all three of those. I am proud of the person that Kerry Molly has become”. She is currently a student at Kapiolani Community College and is a recipient of the C.A.R.S. Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

## TIGER PRIDE

Instilling “Tiger Pride” in each individual as they travel the hallowed historical halls at McKinley is a feeling that stays with one for a lifetime. As students graduate and transition to fulfilling their goals in life, they look back to their alma mater with that “Tiger Pride”, knowing that they walked in the footsteps of many successful people. People such as Senator Hiram Fong, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Governor George Ariyoshi, Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson and Senator Tammy Duckworth. While each of them reached a pinnacle in their lives to not only succeed but to inspire hope and fortitude that each and everyone of us, no matter how humble our background, can to make a positive mark for a better tomorrow. With the awarding of financial assistance to the 2021 scholarship recipients we challenge them to go forward with “Tiger Pride” to make our world a better place for all. A heartfelt mahalo to Dr. Richard Kosaki and Stanley Seki for recognizing the need to establish a Foundation that would support the school and the students. Without their vision and the financial assistance from our scholarship sponsors and donations from all of you this would not be possible and for that we are sincerely grateful.

# MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## JUNE 5, 2021 - NOVEMBER 15, 2021

**Class of '35**

Roberta (Apau) & Norman Ikemoto  
In memory of Robert Apau Jr.  
Class of 1935

**Class of '38**

Akira Otani  
Grant Otoshi  
In memory of father Yoshiyuki  
Class of 1938

**Class of '39**

Aileen K. Char  
In memory of Kenneth F.C. Char  
Class of 1939

**Class of '40**

Jo Des Marets  
In memory of Edith K. Maeda  
Class of 1940 and in memory of  
Yoshiaki Fujitani Class of 1940  
Edith Y. Ihori  
In memory of son Leonard  
Ihori Class of 1962, he passed  
Away on February 26, 2014

**Class of '41**

Florence (Aoki) Miyasaki  
Kenzo Miyasaki

**Class of '42**

Abraham Goo  
In memory of Shin Quon Wong  
Goo, Abraham & Shin Quon Wong  
Goo Scholarship Fund

**Class of '43**

Doris Kawada  
In memory of Wakao Kawada  
Class of 1943  
Amy (Saiki) Matsuda  
In memory of husband Fujio  
Matsuda Class of 1942

**Class of '44**

Agnes Okino  
Scholarship fund in memory of  
Shigeru Okino Class of 1944  
Helene T. (Fujiwara) Yee  
In memory of Raymond K. Yee  
Class of 1944

**Class of '45**

Satoru Abe  
In honor of Miles E. Cary  
Anonymous  
In honor of the Class of 1945  
Rachel Fukuda  
Grace (Izuo) Hamasaki  
In memory of May (Inouye)  
Tomita, Kimiko (Hanta) Higa &  
Mabel (Tokunaga) Kobayashi  
Betty (Tagawa) Harimoto  
Walter Harimoto  
Thomas C.H. Lum  
Wilbert Toda  
In memory of Peggy (Terauchi)  
Toda Class of 1943  
Class of '46  
Kuniye Iwamoto  
In memory of Reynold Iwamoto  
Class of 1946  
Fred I. Kamemoto  
Winifred Yokomoto

**Class of '47**

Alan Kawamoto  
In memory of George S.  
Kawamoto Class of 1947  
Clifford Miyamoto  
Frances (Fukuda) Ogasawara  
In memory of Herbert Ogasawara  
Class of 1947  
Victoria W. (Wong) Pond  
Mary M. (Oda) Tamura

**Class of '48**

Jeanette M. (Koga) Sylva-Pereira  
In memory of May S. (Koga)  
Glover Class of 1944 & in memory  
of Jack Y. Koga Class of 1946

**Class of '49**

Morris Furubayashi  
Akira Hachida  
Annemarie S. Hashimoto  
In memory of Walter S. Hashimoto  
Class of 1949  
Charles & Helen Higa  
Student Scholarship Fund  
Robert & June Ko  
Herbert K. Kobayashi  
In memory Ruth (Kobayashi)  
Sekiya Class of 1936 & Toshitaro  
Sekiya Class of 1936  
George Koide

**Class of '50**

Paul Igawa  
In memory of Dorothy (Hasegawa)  
Igawa Class of 1954  
George Iwamoto  
In memory of his father  
Roy Iwamoto Class of 1950  
James Miyachi

**Class of '51**

Betty (Fujitani) DeRoy  
Larry H. Dote  
Allen Kajioaka  
Grace (Tanabe) Kashiwa  
In honor of Classmate  
Clinton Tashiro  
Alma (Ishida) Kidoguchi  
Ernest Kobayashi  
Gail M. (Okabe) Koga  
Eyvinne & Kay Lee  
Scholarship Fund  
Franklin Mishima  
Richard T. Nakamura  
In memory of Robert Sasaki  
Class of 1951

**Class of '52**

Ray Okimoto  
Louise (Pabro) Okuma  
In memory of Theresa-Pabro  
Yasay & Richard Evangelista  
Class of 1958  
William Okuma  
In memory of Helen Okuma-  
Takahashi & Dennis Evangelista  
Sakata Family  
In memory of Lois (Kakagi)  
Sakata  
Class of 1951  
Thomas H. Uedoi  
In memory of Lawrence Takara

**Class of '52**

Pauline Masaki

**Class of '53**

Ruth (Masunaga) Ono

**Class of '54**

Genevieve E. (Dela Cuesta) Baker  
In memory of Robert W. Dela  
Cuesta Class of 1953  
Charles Fukushima  
Emma (Nishimoto) Koshiro  
In memory of George Nishimoto  
Class of 1941, Edwin (Barry)  
Nishimoto Class of 1948 &  
Brian Nishimoto Class of 1951  
Eleanor (Kawamoto) Murayama  
Bert T. Maekawa  
Benjamin Shimokawa  
In memory of Dorothy (Hasegawa)  
Igawa & Mark Oshio Both  
Class of 1954  
Nancy (Higa) Shimokawa  
In memory of Robert Iwai  
Dorothy (Hasegawa) Igawa &  
Mark Oshio all Class of 1954  
Howard K. Takara  
In Honor of the McKinley  
Class of 1954  
Eugene M. Takemoto  
In memory of Robert Iwai

**Class of '55**

Ed Katada  
In memory of Mark "Cabbage"  
Murata & Fred "Saichi" Kawahara  
Both Class of 1955  
Frances N. Maekawa  
In Honor of the Class of 1955  
Jean Mitsuko (Takeuchi) Marlow  
In Honor of the Class of 1955  
Richard Nagamine  
In memory of Stanley "Tiny"  
Tanioka Class of 1951  
Ralph Ohara  
In memory of all deceased  
Classmates  
June (Kawaguchi) Takano  
In memory of Ruth Sakoda

**Class of '56**

Judy Fujii  
In memory of Earl Fujii  
Class of 1956 & Mamie (Ito)  
Luke Class of 1957  
Herbert Hirai  
Raymond Kajiyama  
Isabelel Matsumoto  
In memory of Daniel S. Matsumoto  
Class of 1956  
Barbara (Tani) Nakatsu  
In honor of the Class of 1956  
Gloria (Yamao) Nishimoto  
In memory of George Yamao  
Neal Okamoto  
In memory of Earl Fujii  
Class of 1956  
Melvyn Tojio  
Helene (Fujiwara) Yee  
In Honor of Raymond K. Yee &  
In memory of Herman Lum

**Class of '57**

John Almaraz  
In memory of Edward Almaraz  
Class of 1951  
Anonymous  
In memory of Melvin Murakami  
Harold K. Asato  
In Honor of the Class of 1957  
Scholarship Fund & in Honor of  
Edwin Fujimori Class of 1955 &  
Theodore Kawamoto Class of 1957  
Joyce J. (Shimada) Asato  
In Honor of the Class of 1957  
Scholarship Fund & in Honor of  
Edwin Fujimori Class of 1955 &  
Theodore Kawamoto Class of 1957  
Harry O. Honda  
In honor of Charles "Toshi" Honda  
Class of 1958 & Roy "Yasu" Honda  
Class of 1956 & Horace Honda  
Nancy (Abe) Honda  
In honor of Charles "Toshi" Honda  
Class of 1958 & Roy "Yasu" Honda  
Class of 1956 & Horace Honda  
Morris Matsunobu  
In memory of Melvin Murakami  
Class of 1957 and the Class  
Of 1957 Scholarship Fund  
Eleanor (Takao) Nakagawa  
In honor of Nancy (Takao) Ginoza  
Class of 1954  
Maizie (Masuoka) Okimoto  
Nancy (Chinen) Okuda  
Alvin Sato  
In honor of the Hirohata Ohana  
Dawn Shinsato  
In memory of Charles Shinsato  
Class of 1957  
Reynold K. Tanimoto  
Dennis Toyama  
In memory of Richard Lum  
Ewin Wada  
In memory of Tom Katsuyoshi &  
Hilda Fujio  
Gerrick Yamamoto

**Class of '58**

George Furtua  
In memory of Jane (Ogami)  
Furuta Class of 1958  
Sandra (Hajime) Hamasaki  
Masanobu Iwashita  
Raymond Iwamoto  
In memory of Roy Mashiba  
Class of 1958 & Stanley Taba  
Class of 1957  
Carol Murakami Kohama  
Eleanor Lai  
Lois Mihaylo  
The Steven & Lois Mihaylo  
Family Foundation Scholarship  
Fund  
Jack Y. Naito  
In memory of Lillian (Naito)  
Arakaki Class of 1956  
Carolyn (Dilag) Nakagawa  
In memory Rita Oku Class of 1958  
Burt Okihara  
Wilfred Onishi  
In Honor of the Class of 1958  
Dolores (DeMello) Pinao  
In memory of Bernadette (Silva)  
Kay Class of 1964, Sister of  
Dolores Pinao & In Honor of  
Dolores M. Pinao Class of 1958  
Gary Sakagawa  
In Honor of Kenneth Horimoto &  
Ronald "Butchie" Hiramoto  
Jean (Nagato) Shitabata  
Patsy (Ito) Tanaka  
In Honor of Spencer Chang  
Class of 1960 and in memory of  
Rodney Ito Class of 1960  
Joyce (Sakamoto) Yoshioka  
In memory of Gertrude (Sakamoto)  
Ozaki Class of 1956

**Class of '59**

Thomas Arashiro  
In memory of Arthur & Fujiko  
Arashiro  
Marge (Okuta) Kinoshita  
In memory of Marge (Okata)  
Kinoshita Class of 1959 &  
Robert (Sharkey) Yonesaki  
Class of 1948  
Marilyn Kobata  
In memory of Richard "Buff"  
Itokazu & Amy (Nishioka) Fujii  
Both class of 1957 and Diane  
(Enos) Silva, William Souza,  
Floyd Takushi, Eleanor (Kuwada)  
Konishi & Clement Naone all  
Class of 1959 and in Honor of  
Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Lawrence S. Okinaga  
In memory Keith Tonaki

**Class of '60**

Spencer Chang  
In memory of Robert Tamayose  
Joe Chu  
Scholarship in memory of 1960  
Class President, James M. Higa  
and Vice President David Akahane  
In memory of Abraham Mahiko  
(HPD-KIA) Class of 1960  
William T. Goya  
Sharon (Ogawa) Inamine  
Stanley Masaki  
Carol (Okamura) Miyahira  
Florence (Murashige) Miyashiro  
In memory of Jane M.  
(Murashige) Garcia  
Willis Mootoka  
Glenn Nagaishi  
In memory of Jane (Toshie)  
Nakagawa Class of 1960  
Jane (Yoshikami) Nagaishi  
In memory of Jane (Toshie)  
Nakagawa Class of 1960  
Gary Y. Nakamatsu

**William Nishii**

In memory of Alexandra Nishii;  
Donald Yoshikami and  
Elbert Noda  
George T. Nomura  
In memory of Thurston Morita  
Class of 1960  
Dexter Onaga  
Louis T. Stibbard  
In memory of Mokulani Young  
Iris (Okahashi) Takayama  
In memory of Nancy (Hirai) Chin  
Judy (Asato) Yamamoto  
Ronald Yamamoto  
Gloriette (Lee) Zane  
In Honor of Robert A. Lee  
Class of 1924 & Mrs. Laura (Tom)  
Lee Class of 1933; Albert A.L.  
Zane Class of 1933 & Florence  
Sue Zane Class of 1933

**Class of '61**

Sandra (Tanonaka) Okihara  
Carolyn (Dote) Sakai  
Don I. Sakai  
Lois (Katahira) Tojio

**Class of '62**

Edward Bonomi  
In Honor the Class of 1962  
"Us da bess"  
Carol (Nunes) Castro  
Edward Cruickshank  
In memory of Bobbie Jenks &  
Douglas Factora  
Betsy (Tomishima) Hata  
Ronald Hirata  
In memory of Patricia Hirata  
Class of 1962  
Calvin Lee  
In memory of Douglas Kamiya  
Class of 1963  
Melvyn Matsuki  
In memory of Leonard Ihori  
Class of 1962  
Karen (Koochi) Muronaga  
In memory of Henry Fujita  
Class of 1961  
Carole Kai Onouye  
Melvin Shiratori  
Raymond Sugai  
Carl Takamura  
Itsuko Takamura Memorial  
Scholarship  
Kenneth Takushi  
Ronald Tomasa  
Mel Shitag Memorial Fund  
Norman Young

**Class of '63**

Susan (Awa) Ichimasa  
Marilyn (Wong) Kamimura  
Francis Katahira  
In memory of Melvin Nishiyama  
Class of 1963 & Douglas Factora  
Class of 1962  
Calvin Miyamoto  
Chester Naka  
Carol (Nakahara) Nakasone  
Jackson Nakasone  
Carolyn (Yamamoto) Oseido  
Wayne Sakai  
Allen Y. Sakamoto  
Susan (Uehara) Sumida  
Cynthia (Ching) Takeda  
Jerry Tamashiro  
In memory of Mike Aoki  
Rockne Tokumie  
In memory of Ho-Ming Cheung  
Jerry Tamashiro  
John Tamashiro  
Rockne Tokumie  
In memory of Ho-Ming Cheung  
Roy Wong  
Melvin Woo  
In honor of the Class of 1963

Mario Yano  
In memory of Warren & Louis Yano

**Class of '64**

Janis (Murakami) Agena  
In memory of Calvin Namihira  
Class of 1957

Francis Aoki  
Beverly (Uemura) Bernal-Masuda  
In memory of husband

Barry T. Masuda  
Carol (Fukunaga) Emerson  
Gary S. Ishida

Maurice Itsuno  
In memory of Edna Sakai &  
Marshall Sakai

Kathleen (Kotsubo) Lyons  
David Mattson

Bette Norman-Nakamura  
In memory of husband Owen  
K. Nakamura Class of 1964

Gail K. Ogawa  
In memory of Setsuko Fukai  
Ogawa Class of 1932

Neal Takamori  
Linda (Katada) Sesoko

Jean (Minami) Shibuya  
Danny Tengan

In memory of Barbara  
(Muramoto) Okabayashi

Susan (Yamasaki) Tengan  
In memory of Barbara  
(Muramoto) Okabayashi

Wendy (Ishida) Tokumine  
In memory of Ho-Ming Cheung  
Robert White

In memory of Melvin Nishiyama  
Class of 1963

Evelyn (Hara) Yamamoto  
Lorraine (Honda) Young

**Class of '65**  
Dianne (Kitagawa) Douglas  
Jacob J. Ferreira, Jr.

Galang Ohana  
In memory of Ronald Galang  
Class of 1965

Gary Hirayama  
David Hong

In honor of the Class of 1965 &  
In memory of Anthony Chang  
Class of 1962

Karen (Miura) Kametani  
In memory of May Miura

Wayne Kawakami  
In memory of Gary Kidani

Joyce (Wong) Lau  
In memory of Andrew S.K.  
Wong Class of '65

Mel Nakagawa  
In memory of Johnson Lau &  
Ronald Galang both Class of 1965

Jolene (Okamura) Nakamatsu  
Harvey Sato

Stanley Sugai  
Margaret (Katada) Suzuki

Glenn Toma  
Family of Andrew S.K. Wong

In memory of Andrew S.K. Wong  
Class of 1965

**Class of '66**  
Richie Asato

Philip Chee  
Roy Inouye  
Sandra (Tojio) Katurahira

In memory of Melvin Nishiyama  
Class of 1963 & Douglas Factor  
Class of 1962

Etta (Yee) Murakami  
In memory of Gladys (Yee)  
Nakahara Class of 1963

Keith Murakami  
In memory of Gladys (Yee)  
Nakahara Class of 1963

Ray Otoguro  
Charles Sanpei

(Bruce) Kazu Shibao  
Shirfeir (Chang) Sunada

Linda Takai  
In memory of Donna (Takai)  
Class of 1973

Ken M. Takemoto

Lloyd Unebasami  
In honor of the Class of 1966  
John E. Whitten Jr.

Dale (Graham) Yoshimura  
In memory of Ruth (Tamura)  
Graham

**Class of '67**  
Corinne (Bangay) Whitten

Frank L. Cabacungan Jr.  
In memory of Darryl J.  
Cabacungan Class of 1966

Iris (Nakamura) Inouye  
Linda Hirata

Melvin Kato  
In memory of Stanley Kato  
Class of 1964

Linda M. Matsuo  
Shiro & Jean (Kamishima)  
Matsuo Scholarship Fund

Lynn E. (Takagi) Okamura  
Lori Okimoto

In memory of Patsy (Amimoto)  
Okimoto Class of 1967

Alice (Hong) Taniguchi

**Class of '68**  
Chris D. Lau

Cynthia (Uehara) Moriyasu

**Class of '69**  
Kathryn A. (Carvalho) Cabacungan

In memory of Darryl J.  
Cabacungan Class of 1966

Virginia (Kuwaye) Date  
Dana Hokama

In Honor of the Class of 1969  
Dan Ishii

Raynard Kanemori  
Colin Kiyonaga

Keith Kurahashi  
Dexter Onaga

Wayne Shiohira  
In memory of Donald Yoshikami  
Class of 1955 and David Nagata  
and Gary Azama both Class  
of 1969

Philip Tom  
Merle (Yamada) Woo

**Class of '70**  
Corinne (Ogawa) Bauske

Dawn (Arizumi) Omoto

**Class of '71**  
Nolan Redoble

Susan Hashimoto  
Jo-Ann Kawakami

In memory of Patsy Wauke  
Class of 1953 & Randall  
Kawakami Class of 1973

Keith Nishimura  
In memory of Maurice, Grace  
& Clyde Nishimura

Karen (Kaneshiro) Street

**Class of '72**  
Sandra (Muramoto) Tom

**Class of '73**  
Ranold Fujioka

In memory of Randall  
Kawakami Class of 1973

Dean Kaneshiro  
In memory of Fotu Melei &  
Joe Pagharion

Ralph Siu  
In Honor of Hiram Hirai  
Class of 1973

Claire (Oka) Uehara  
In memory of Thomas Kam

**Class of '74**  
Cindy (Kawaguchi) Hanashiro

In memory of Jane (Gondo)  
Kawaguchi Class of 1939

John Hashimoto  
In Honor of Mr. Eddie T. Iwamoto  
& Mr. Kiyoshi Hashimoto both  
Class of 1941

Dary Masaki  
Gail (Yonamine) Masaki

Matthew Miura  
Tad Morita

Ben Nakaoka  
John Oshiro

Rowena Rivera

Gale (Murakami) Shoda  
Clayton Uza

**Class of '75**

Darrell Chung  
Brian Maeshiro

Bruce Nakaoka  
Stuart Tanimoto

Cynthia (Leu) Uza  
Diane Yamauchi

**Class of '76**  
Darryl Fukuji

Audrey Marumoto  
Neal Tachibana

In memory & in honor of Dean  
Tachibana Class of 1975 &  
Clayton Tachibana Class of 1980

Timothy Takaazu  
Timothy Takaazu Scholarship  
Honoring

The McKinley Class of 1975  
Christine (Low) Young

**Class of '77**  
Alan Arizumi

Paul Lam  
Mark Matsumoto

Beverly (Kaya) Uchima

**Class of '79**  
Amy (Yoshihara) Abe

Ariel A. Catalan  
Paul Lam

Debbie Mori  
Susie (Chun) Oakland

**Class of '80**  
Jonathan Chock

Judy Esaki  
Paul Komeji

Craig Matsuno  
In honor of Janet Matsuno  
Class of 1948

Jeanne (Omaya) Murata  
In memory of Ayako Hibi

Miles K. Noji  
Rodney Park

Laurel Pfund  
Class of '80 Scholarship fund

Mark Tokito  
In memory of Glen Teramoto  
Class of 1980

**Class of '81**  
Nelson Oyadomari

In memory of Myra Oyadomari  
John Yuen

In memory of Calvin Yuen  
Class of 1946

**Class of '83**  
Deborah (Werts) Cadiente

Kevin Ebisuya  
Josielene Gesteuyala

Class of '83 Scholarship Fund  
Darlene Ogoshi

Class of '83 Scholarship Fund  
Leilani Okuda

Class of '83 Scholarship Fund  
& National Honor Society  
McKinley

Norine (Makizuru) Sakuda  
Class of '83 Scholarship Fund

Christine (Fusikalao) Urabe  
Class of '83 Scholarship Fund  
Chapter

**Class of '84**

Ailene Tanaka

**Class of '85**

Brian Enoka

**Class of '86**

Gavin K. Doi

**Class of '90**

Richard Lau

**Class of '92**

Elijah Yip

**Class of '93**

Bliss Kaneshiro

**Class of '94**

Adrian Dhakhwa  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Hoala Greevy  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Reiko Lin  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Cory Mitsui  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Andy Mounthongdy  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Gloria So  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Ailene Tanaka  
Class of 1994 Scholarship Fund

Colin Yu  
Class of '94 Scholarship Fund

**Class of '95**

Dorothy (so) Hirata

**Class of '97**

Tom Chen

**Class of '99**

Christine Mounthongdy  
Foundation Scholarship Honoring  
Thongsouk & Thongboun  
Mounthongdy

**Class of '02**

Joni (Hanashiro) Nguyen  
In memory of Jane (Gondo)  
Kawaguchi Class of 1939

**Class of '03**

Chase Lee

**Class of '04**

Lindsey Fujikawa  
In memory of grandmother  
Aiko (Maeda) Fujikawa  
Class of '36

Diane (Lui) Lau  
Irwin Lau

Nhi Hoan Quach  
In Honor of the Quach & Truong  
Family

**Class of '06**

Lancel Lavarias  
Cindy Trinh

**Class of '07**

Mark Munar

**Class of '09**

Kayleen Kobashigawa  
In honor of the McKinley  
Judo Team and the McKinley  
Speech & Debate Team

**Class of '20**

Chair in the Auditorium  
Damien Chang

In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

Khoa Huynh  
In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

Jordan Lam  
In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

Victoria Nhieu  
In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

Gayoung Park  
In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

Sharmaine Ramirez  
In support of the National Honor  
Society, McKinley Chapter

**Friends of McKinley & Alumni  
with no Class information  
available**

The Cades Foundation  
Scholarship Fund

Mary Dinh  
Chair in the Auditorium

Patricia Hamamoto  
First Hawaiian Bank Foundation

In coordination with Alan Arizumi  
Hawaiian Electric

In coordination with Christine  
Mounthongdy

Hung Wo & Elizabeth Lau Ching  
Foundation Scholarship

Matson Navigation Foundation  
In coordination with Gary  
Nakamatsu Class of '60

National Honor Society  
McKinley Chapter

James Nogawa  
Agnes Okino

The Shigeru Okino Scholarship  
Brandon Shim

Waterhouse, Inc.  
In coordination with  
ackson Nakasone

Sylvia Yee  
The Ken & Nancy Yee Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

**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  
(808) 536-3832 or write us at:

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

or [info@mckinleyfoundation.org](mailto:info@mckinleyfoundation.org)



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



*Address Service Requested*

Non-Profit  
Organization  
**U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID**  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Permit No. 9161

## **MAHALO NEAL TAKAMORI**

The McKinley High School Foundation was fortunate to have Neal S. Takamori (Class of 1964) lead us as President for many years. Over a span of over 40 years, Neal served the community as a teacher, coach, student counselor, vice principal and athletic director before retiring in 2012. He was inducted into the Hall of Honor in 2015 and even after his retirement he tirelessly volunteered his time to enrich the lives of the students at McKinley High School. One of the many projects that Neal spearheaded was the football field renovation project which started in 2008. Over the years Neal has lobbied to get the football field built and continues to diligently work so that bleachers and lights will one day be installed so that actual football games can be played on campus. As the very definition of Tiger Pride who even inspired The Rock Dwayne Johnson while he was a student at McKinley, we bid him a fond farewell as he moves on to the next chapter in his life. The Directors of the Foundation would like to send him our heartfelt thank you for being the embodiment of “Kahiau Me Ke Aloha”, giving back with love without expectation or reciprocation.

## **NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Foundation is able to carry on its mission due to the many Directors who have selflessly volunteered their time and resources. We would like to thank the current Executive Board members, Interim President Reiko Lin, Treasurer Ben Nakaoka, Secretary Darlene Ogoshi, Susan Sumida Chair of the Nomination Committee, Brian Maeshiro Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Alan Okimoto Chair of the McKinley Million Campaign. As we move onto the new year, the Foundation will be lead by our newly elected Executive Committee Members: President Brian Maeshiro, Vice President Paul Komeiji, Treasurer Ben Nakaoka and Secretary Rio Kwon. We look forward to the new leadership team as they continue to serve the students, teachers and faculty of McKinley High School.