



MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



BRIAN MAESHIRO

Fun Fact: Tigers mark their territory with pee that smells like buttered popcorn. If you’re sitting in a dark theatre and smell buttered popcorn, you may be next to a Tiger...

Tigers symbolize being clever, mysterious, and powerful. We have a new graduating class of young cubs venturing into the world. In 2024, the Foundation provided \$158,000 to seventy-one (71) graduates to pursue college, vocational, and other learning institutions.

Mahalo Nui Loa to Paul Komeji, Foundation Vice President and Scholarship Chairperson, Reiko Lin, Executive Director, Ronald Okamura, McKinley Principal, Colleen Inaba, College Counselor, and countless McKinley teachers and administrators. At the Scholarship Night awards ceremony, we got tremendous support from teachers Jennifer Nakamoto and Justin Collado.

The Scholarship review process is comprehensive, time consuming, and stressful. Reviewers spend several weeks and weekends reviewing and ranking the numerous scholarship applications. Thank you for all the teachers and mentors that provided written recommendations for the student applicants.

Mahalo to the Scholarship Committee members: Paul Komeiji (Class of 1980), Rio Kwon (2011), Adrian Dhakhwa (1994), Daniel Ishii (1969), Darlene Ogoshi (1983), Keith Kurahashi (1969), Mary Suenaga (1980), Ranold Fujioka (1972), Su Shin (1989), and Susan Ichimasa (1963).

The Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) is having a “Home of the Tiger” exhibition from September 2024 to January 2025. The exhibit traces the impact our school family has made on Hawaii visual arts. Mahalo to Board member Lauren Yoo (1998) for spear heading this event for the Foundation. Please see the enclosed article for more information.

People debate that college isn’t for everyone. Nearly two-thirds of Americans aged 25 and older do not have a bachelor’s degree. Job creators are shifting hiring towards skills-based qualifications – computer programming, robotics, machine maintenance, building trades, and sales. The Foundation encourages students to pursue a better future with the career of their choice.

Please support the Foundation and visit us at our website: <http://mckinleyfoundation.org>.

We welcome your input, please don’t hesitate to call us.

GO TIGERS ... Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger...



Aloha,

Brian M Maeshiro
President



Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

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MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION & GIFT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

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AWARDS NIGHT

HAWAI‘I’S MODERN ARTISTS: NEW HOMA EXHIBITION EXPLORES SHARED BEGINNINGS

‘Home of the Tigers: McKinley High and Modern Art’ on view starting Sept. 28

HONOLULU—This fall, the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) celebrates the outsize creative impact of a single public school on visual art in Hawai‘i with “Home of the Tigers: McKinley High and Modern Art,” on view Sept. 28, 2024–Jan. 12, 2025. The exhibition charts the history of 20th-century artistic movements in Hawai‘i and beyond through the work of seven extraordinary artists who emerged from the same high school in downtown Honolulu and three teachers who inspired them.

Just down the street from HoMA, McKinley High School is one of Hawai‘i’s oldest public high schools. Its student population has historically represented a cross-section of Honolulu, including many students from Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. Several artists who attended between the 1920s and 40s, including Satoru Abe, John Chin Young, Ralph Iwamoto, Keichi Kimura and Robert Kobayashi, went on to help define abstract painting and sculpture from Hawai‘i in the post-World War II period. Raymond Han, class of 1949, became a painter of remarkable still-life compositions. A generation later, ‘Imaikalani Kalahela, class of 1968, emerged as a renowned poet, visual artist, musician and activist from the Kanaka ‘Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian) community. Alongside their works, the exhibition presents those of their art teachers at McKinley — Minnie Fujita, Charles Higa and Shirley Russell — all significant figures in their own right.

“Because so many artists went to this one downtown high school, we felt it could be a novel way to look at art from Hawai‘i across generations and cultural backgrounds,” said Tyler Cann, HoMA’s senior curator of modern and contemporary art. “We wanted to create an exhibition very much tied to this place and community that could also tell larger stories of modern art and social history.”

Cann is co-curator of the exhibition with Alejandra Rojas Silva, HoMA’s works on paper, photography and new media fellow. “On O‘ahu, the first question often asked when meeting someone is where they graduated high school,” said Rojas Silva. “The answer can say a lot about their background and experience and helps you find mutual connections. In its way, ‘Home of the Tigers’ stages that kind of conversation.”

While “Home of the Tigers” highlights shared connections to McKinley, each artist found inspiration in their varying backgrounds and experiences. Several became immersed in the currents of the New York art world. Following their service in World War II, Kimura, Kobayashi and Iwamoto settled in New York City where they worked at the Museum of Modern Art. Abe and Han also moved to New York to attend the Art Students League. While Han, Iwamoto and Kobayashi all remained in New York, Abe and Kimura returned to Hawai‘i and became significant figures in the development of modernism in the islands alongside John Chin Young. Kalahela was drafted into the war in Vietnam and returned to become a powerful voice for Native Hawaiian

values, resistance and cultural revival. From their shared downtown high school, the artists and teachers in “Home of the Tigers” made their mark in Hawai‘i and beyond.

HoMA pairs “Home of the Tigers” with a companion exhibition, “Satoru Abe: Reaching for the Sun,” on view Oct. 17, 2024–July 20, 2025. HoMA’s first-ever retrospective of Abe’s work, “Reaching for the Sun” focuses on the artist’s influential seven-decade career, revealing how his work evolved by delving deeply into his recurring themes, motifs and processes. Featuring more than 50 paintings, sculptures and works on paper, the exhibition brings together objects from the Museum’s permanent collection and public and private lenders. Works range from his early figurative paintings of the 1950s and sculptural practice in the second half of the 20th century to his recent abstract works. The show is co-curated by Rojas Silva and Katherine Love, HoMA’s assistant curator of contemporary art.

Abe was born in Honolulu in 1926 and is arguably the most recognized artist working in Hawai‘i. He lived in New York in the 1950s and ‘60s, taking classes at the Art Students League and producing works at The Sculpture Center. His artworks have been informed by the Islands, time spent in Japan, and other Hawai‘i-based artists including Isami Doi, Bumpei Akaji and Tadashi Sato. Abe’s consistent shifting between two and three dimensions has shaped his creative output throughout his accomplished career, allowing for a thorough and nuanced examination of recurring motifs that reference a close connection to nature including rocks, seed forms, trees, roots and branches.

Major support for “Home of the Tigers: McKinley High and Modern Art” is provided by Bank of Hawai‘i Foundation. Additional support is provided by Ward Village/Howard Hughes; Kosasa Foundation; Kyra Miller & Michael Zeisser; McKinley High School Foundation; Lauren Yoo, Class of ‘98 and Aon Risk Services, Inc. of Hawaii. www.honolulumuseum.org

The logo for the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) is displayed in a bold, dark, sans-serif font. The letters 'H' and 'O' are stacked vertically on the left, 'M' is in the middle, and 'A' is on the right, creating a compact and modern typographic mark.

MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION UPDATES LOGO

After years of the same old same old, the Foundation is updating our logo to reflect our mission. The mission of the Foundation is to promote and foster development of McKinley High School by providing assistance to students and faculty for school equipment and activities that improve the learning experience. Foundation continues to encourage scholarship and good citizenship within the McKinley High School community.

Leaping Tiger: The tiger, known for its strength, courage, and determination, symbolizes the ambition and drive of students pursuing their academic and life goals. The act of leaping represents taking bold steps forward, overcoming obstacles, and striving for success with vigor and enthusiasm. It embodies the students' proactive pursuit of knowledge and their relentless quest for personal and academic growth.

Connection to Education: In the context of a scholarship foundation, the tiger's leap symbolizes the transformative journey of education. It represents students' leaps of faith and ambition as they embrace the opportunities provided by the scholarship, moving towards a brighter and more promising future.

Integration with Black and Gold: When combined with the black and gold color scheme, the leaping tiger not only stands for individual achievement and ambition but also aligns with the foundation's values of excellence, prestige and the high standards of academic success. The colors enhance the tiger's symbolism, reinforcing the idea of striving for an achieving excellence.

Together, these elements create a powerful emblem for the school scholarship foundation. The logo communicates a message of hope, ambition and excellence, encouraging students to leap toward their dreams with the support of the foundation's scholarships. It visually encapsulates the Foundation's commitment to fostering educational opportunities and nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators.

We would like to thank Darryl Yim, Class of 2006 for all of his hard work in bringing to life the new logo.

What do you think about the updated logo?



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REMEMBERING SARA YARA

Sara Yara was a vibrant, compassionate McKinley High School Class of 2024 student who senselessly lost her life due to a hit and run in February 2023. A year after her passing, through the efforts of her mother, family, friends and supporters, beneficial changes have taken place in the community. Within a month of the tragedy, the Hawaii Department of Transportation installed speed bumps around the school on Pensacola Street and Kamakee Street, along with a red light camera on Kamakee Street. The Honolulu Prosecutors office is also working to crack down on habitual offenders who drive without a license with jail time.

Numerous rallies have taken place around the school to bring awareness on the dangers of speeding and the need for safety to protect pedestrians. Sara's legacy is also continuing at McKinley High School through the very first scholarship which was awarded this year to graduating senior, Stacy Cabusas, the Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Sara Yara Class of 2024. For those who would like to support the family's ongoing efforts to award scholarships to graduating seniors interested in computer science, a major Sara wanted to pursue, you can purchase merchandise inspired by Sara's drawings at <https://sarayarasheart.bigcartel.com>.

SUPPORTING MCKINLEY STUDENTS' SUCCESS WITH A POTENTIAL TAX BENEFIT

It is a sad, but true reality that the cost of post-secondary education—be it a college degree or a technical certificate or license—has steadily increased over the years. Rising costs have made it challenging for many McKinley students to realize their dreams.

Those of us who were fortunate to have benefited in our professional and personal lives from the solid educational foundation we received from McKinley have the chance to extend similar opportunities to today's McKinley Tigers.

If you have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may be familiar with the term Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). When you reach a certain age, you're obligated to start withdrawing a specific amount from your retirement account annually or face a significant tax penalty. There is a special provision known as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This allows anyone over 70½—even if you haven't reached the RMD age yet—to donate up to \$105,000 directly from their IRA to a qualified charity each year. In addition, if you're at RMD age, this charitable gift can count towards fulfilling that yearly withdrawal requirement, and the amount you donate won't be added to your taxable income.

If you see yourself in this situation, we urge you to consult with your financial or tax advisor about taking advantage of QCDs to support your favorite charities. We also hope you will consider contributing to the *McKinley High School Foundation* so we can continue to provide scholarships to graduating Tigers.

In addition to a QCD, you might also consider the following:

- Simply name the McKinley High School Foundation as the revocable beneficiary of your life insurance policy. It's easy, and you retain the flexibility to change the beneficiary later if your circumstances or preferences shift.
- Gifting stocks with a low or unknown cost basis to the Foundation not only means you avoid capital gains taxes but, if you itemize, you may also be eligible for a tax deduction.

Remember, it's always a good idea to consult your financial advisor when considering these strategies. And if you don't have an advisor or need further assistance, please reach out to the McKinley High School Foundation. We're here to help.