



## COLLEGE CLOSE-UP

### COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

*Part of the networking between Kamehameha graduates attending college on the mainland and Kamehameha alumni living in the different regions is the host family connection. Through the KS Alumni & Parents Advancement Center, college students may request a host family. The host family provides support and a home-away-from-home for Kamehameha students attending mainland colleges.*

**Amanda Josiah '99** is a freshmen at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. Her host family are the Christopher Kings (**Laura Batungbacal '76**) also of Tacoma. Laura is the principal at Stewart Elementary School in Puyallup, Wash., and Chris is in Seafood Sales with Queen Anne Thriftyway. The Kings have two children: Evan, age 4, and Mahealani, age 6.

### COLLEGE CAPERS

**Melanie Moanikeala Mann '96**, a senior at UH-Mānoa majoring in Forensic Anthropology, is currently a work-study intern at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Melanie's internship will focus on repatriation at the Museum of Natural History where she will be working with students from all over the world.

**Raenelle U. Kwock '97** completed her third year at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. During her freshmen and sophomore years, Raenelle was a staff writer for the campus newspaper, *The Times-Delphic*. She was also a features editor during her junior year. Raenelle delights in her studies and is enjoying the many friendships she has been blessed with during the past 3 years.

**Kirsha Durante '97** was named to the dean's list at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., for academic achievement during fall semester, 1999-2000. She completed

her junior year and is pursuing a double major in Spanish and sociology. Kirsha is the daughter of **Phyllis Chang Durante '68** and **Kirk L. Durante '70**.

**KS '99** graduates stick together in spite of distances between them. **Kelli Lee**, **Kili Sueda**, and **Robyn Moku** – now students at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles, Calif. – got together with classmates **Kamaka Parker**, **Kanoe Hook** and **Melissa Tina**, now attending Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., at LMU's annual Nā Kōlea Hawaiian Club Lū'au in March. At another weekend meeting, **Kamala Haake**, **Candace Fujishige**, and **Shelby DeCosta-Galdeira** from University of Southern California met with LMU's **Namahoe Soo**, **Nathan Lum**, and Kili Sueda, Occidental College's **David Lukela** and **Sasha Cockett**, and University of Laverne's **Brandon Panoke**.



Amanda Josiah '99 (r) with host family Chris and Laura Batungbacal King '76 and their children (l-r) Evan and Mahealani



Raenelle Kwock '97 (standing, right) with Drake University roommates



KS '99 classmates at lū'au gathering were (l-r, sitting) Brandon Panoke, Namahoe Soo, David Lukela, (l-r, standing) Kamala Haake, Candace Fujishige, Nathan Lum, Shelby DeCosta-Galderia, Sasha Cockett and (back row) Kilikikopa Sueda



KS '99 classmates at LMU's Hawaiian Club lū'au (l-r) Kelli Lee, Kili Sueda, Robyn Moku, Kamaka Parker, Kanoe Hook and Melissa Tina