

# BURNING COMMITMENT

Led by fire chief *Kenneth Silva KSK’78*, a host of Kamehameha Schools alumni are serving in leadership roles with the Honolulu Fire Department

In 1831, when Hawaiian high chiefs Abner Pākī and Laura Konia gave birth to their only child, they named her Pauahi, which means “the fire is out.”

The baby princess was named after Konia’s sister who narrowly escaped from fire (ahi) as a child.

Given the origin of the name Pauahi, and the princess’ commitment to her people, it is interesting that so many of her children serve Hawai’i’s people by becoming professional firefighters.

The Kamehameha alumni include the department’s leader – fire chief **Kenneth Silva KSK’78** and its first female firefighter and female captain – **Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85** (see story on page 15).

The HFD was established in 1851 by Kamehameha III. Silva says the department takes great pride in its royal roots.

“We are the oldest fire department west of the Rockies, and we were organized under a monarchy,” he said. “No other fire department in our nation can lay claim to

those kinds of roots.”

In the days of the Hawaiian monarchy, flames were fought by bucket brigades – volunteer firefighters and citizens lined up to pass water-filled buckets to and from the blaze. Even the king himself is said to have rolled up his sleeves to help douse a fire.

Today, buckets have given way to engine and ladder companies, water tankers, rescue water crafts and helicopters. And rather than depending on volunteers, the HFD employs a team of over 1,120 highly trained firefighters who care for and protect O’ahu’s nearly one million residents.

The department also employs about 65 civilian staffers who perform essential support services.

Leading the charge along with chief Silva are deputy chief **Emmit Kane KSK’83** and assistant chiefs **Rolland Harvest KSK’72** and **Thomas Perkins KSK’74** (now retired).

In addition to the top brass, six Kamehameha alumni are currently serving as battalion chiefs: **Edward Simeona KSK’74**,

**Hiram Keliipio KSK’76**, **James “Kimo” Perkins KSK’77**, **Lionel Camara KSK’84**, **Albert Mahoe KSK’84** and **Nathan Ramos KSK’85**.

Many other KS alumni have served their communities as battalion chiefs and are now retired.



“We’re an all-hazard fire department,” Silva said. “We handle everything from dumpster fires to tactical rescues. We also respond to medical calls. In fact more than 70 percent of what we do is medically related.”

According to Silva, new firefighters must earn national emergency medical technician (EMT) certification which qualifies them to perform emergency ambulance services. With additional training, veteran firefighters also earn EMT certification.

“Because we have 43 fire stations and the island only has 19 full-time ambulances, we are able to arrive at the scene a lot sooner and begin medical intervention. Timeliness is critical in an emergency situation,” he said.

Silva believes that his ability to be an effective leader stemmed from his years at Kamehameha Schools, beginning in kindergarten.

“A Kamehameha education not only set me up for success in the fire department, but for success in life,” he said. “We had very committed teachers and were given every opportunity to be successful. I never really challenged myself in school, but I had caring teachers – like our physical education teacher Don Metzger – who encouraged me to push myself.

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From left, assistant fire chief Rolland Harvest KSK’72, fire chief Kenneth Silva KSK’78, deputy fire chief Emmit Kane KSK’83 and assistant chief Thomas Perkins KSK’74 (now retired) of the Honolulu Fire Department.

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HELPING HAWAIIANS AND HAWAI’I THRIVE

by Dee Jay Beatty Mailer KSK’70



This graduation season, more than 700 of Pauahi’s children left the nurturing folds of our campuses to pursue their life’s ambitions. Ho’omaika’i to the Kamehameha class of 2012!

Seven hundred students is a far cry from the 14 haumāna in the first graduating class of the Kamehameha School for Boys in 1891. Through the years more than 22,000 Kamehameha alumni have fulfilled the dream of our schools’ founder by reaching their highest potential as “good and industrious men and women.”

Our beloved princess knew that the survival and salvation of her people would come through education. Today we are fulfilling her vision through our campus, community and scholarship programs.

Those touched by Pauahi’s legacy are not only thriving, but helping those in the greater Hawai’i and continental communities to thrive as well. This issue of I Mua celebrates some of the bravest among our Kamehameha alumni – those who serve the community as members of the Honolulu Fire Department. They include the department’s leader – fire chief **Kenneth Silva KSK’78**, and its first female firefighter and captain – **Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85**.

Ken, Debbi and their Kamehameha colleagues take great pride in carrying on the royal roots of the department established in 1851 by Kamehameha III. They care for and protect members of the O’ahu community by handling everything from hazardous waste to heart attacks.

Pauahi would be proud to see that her pua are not only flourishing, but that they have taken on leadership roles not only in public service, but in the fields of education, medicine, healthcare, law, government, culture, the arts and more.

To this year’s graduates and all of us touched by Pauahi’s legacy, let us move forward in our lives finding ways to help others thrive, keeping our founder’s passion for people alive. I mua Kamehameha!

BOLSON SELECTED KS VP FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

In February, Kamehameha Schools announced the hiring of **Marsha Heu Bolson KSK’70** to fill the position of vice president for Community Relations and Communications. She replaces Ann Botticelli, who left the organization last year.

Bolson has spent 30 years of her distinguished career at Kamehameha. Originally hired as a communications specialist, she has led and managed teams at the schools in the areas of communications, community relations, public relations, publishing, distance learning, video production, graphic design, new media and educational technology.

“Throughout Marsha’s many years at Kamehameha, she has gained a wide and deep understanding of our mission, our schools and the challenges we face,” said KS CEO **Dee Jay Mailer**.

“She will lead a very strong team of creative, passionate, and highly skilled professionals who have embraced their role as communications strategists and innovative storytellers of our mission and strategic plans.”

Bolson holds a bachelor of fine arts degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. She serves on the boards of the Domestic Violence Action Center and Hawai’i’s Junior Miss and is a life member and scholarship trustee of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu.



Marsha Bolson KSK’70

DR. HOLOUA STENDER NAMED HEAD OF SCHOOL AT KS HAWAI’I

In January, Kamehameha Schools announced the selection of KS Kapālama Elementary School principal Dr. Holoua Stender to serve as po’o kula, or head of school, at KS Hawai’i.

Stender replaces the retiring Dr. Stan Fortuna and will begin his new assignment on June 1, 2012.

Stender, who grew up on Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead, has spent 32 years at Kamehameha as a teacher, administrator and department leader. He is also an award-winning kumu hula who teaches chant and mele composition and translates Hawaiian documents, songs and poetry for groups and individuals.

“Hawai’i island has always held a special place in my heart,” Stender said. “This ‘āina is the ancestral homeland of my kūpuna. I am humbled and thankful to know that I’ll be returning there to work with so many dedicated individuals who are also inspired by the vision of Princess Pauahi.”

Stender holds a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California where he currently serves as an adjunct professor. He also holds a master’s in education from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Holoua Stender



Ronnie Kopp KSK’75

In April, Kamehameha Schools selected **Ronnie Kaanapu Kopp KSK’75** to replace Stender as the KS Kapālama Elementary School principal. Kopp has been the elementary school vice principal for the last eight years.

She is a former KEEP demonstration teacher and a former KS Kapālama fourth-grade teacher.

In March, Lehua Veincent was named the new high school principal at KS Hawai’i. He replaces Ninia Aldrich, who returned to O’ahu last summer to work in Kamehameha’s Campus Strategies Division as special projects manager.

KS Hawai’i vice principal **Phil Aganus KSK’90** served as interim principal this school year.

Veincent, who begins on July 1, 2012, currently serves as the principal of Keaukaha Elementary School and is deeply rooted in the Keaukaha community. He is credited with beginning the successful “Got Pono?” campaign at Keaukaha which has built student and community pride and ownership in the school and its outcomes.

“I have dedicated my life to educating Hawai’i’s children and my passion for educating Native Hawaiian children is at my core,” Veincent said.

Veincent holds a master’s degree in K-12 education in curriculum and instruction and a second master’s degree in K-12 education administration, both from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.



Lehua Veincent



MUST SEE TELEVISION

The class of 2013 – the juniors – raise their arms in triumph after capturing the 2012 Charles E. King Cup at the 2012 Kamehameha Schools Song Contest held at the Blaisdell Center on March 16. According to Nielson Media Research, one out of every four television sets in Hawai’i turned on at the time of the television broadcast that night were tuned in to Song Contest – more than 400,000 homes. In addition, viewers from three continents: North America, Asia and Africa made up the more than 4,000 video views of the KS live web stream of the event.

# NEW DIRECTORS NAMED TO RESTRUCTURED KAPF BOARD

“He ‘ōpū ali‘i,” is a proverb used by Hawaiians to describe a chief’s kindness and generosity toward the people he leads. One can describe Ke Ali‘i Pauahi’s love for her people in the same way.

Since coming aboard on Jan. 1, 2012, members of the Ke Ali‘i Pauahi Foundation’s new board of directors have assumed their leadership roles with the goal of emulating Pauahi’s leadership and giving spirit.

Restructured to bring new ideas and community insight, the new board is made up of a group of diverse leaders from the Kamehameha Schools ‘ohana with strong community ties and the principal responsibility to carry Pauahi’s dreams forward.

Board members include trustees Janeen-Ann Ahulani Olds and **Lance Keawe Wilhelm KSK’83**, KS CEO **Dee Jay Beatty Mailer KSK’70**, KS Maui headmaster **Lee Ann Johansen DeLima KSK’77**, and community

members **Caroline Peters Belsom KSK’66**, **C. Manu Coleman Ka’iama KSK’78** and **William Pieper II KSK’96**.

“Ke Ali‘i Pauahi Foundation has always been a vessel for us as alumni to do what our founder did, which is give,” Mailer said. “How happy she would be knowing that her beneficiaries are walking in her footsteps!”

With six of the seven board members being KS alumni, the new structure offers an opportunity for alumni to participate in the leadership of the foundation, and take ownership in its success.

“As Kamehameha alumni and beneficiaries of Pauahi’s generosity, we have the opportunity to ensure that more Hawaiians are touched by her legacy,” Ka’iama said. “There will be challenges, and we humbly accept the kuleana of carrying on Pauahi’s vision for our lāhui.”

The new board joins KAPF during a time of progress. Over



Lance Keawe Wilhelm KSK’83



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the past four years, KAPF has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to Native Hawaiian learners pursuing a college education.

KAPF has also increased KS alumni donor participation from 2 to 5 percent in the past two years, bringing the alumni donor level to more than 1,000 graduates.

The board will lead a dedicated team at KAPF which has been vital to the recent success of the foundation. In April, **Kalei Stern KSK’89** resigned as KAPF director to accept a position with the Omidyar Fellows Program.

**Gerry Vinta Johansen KSK’60** has been named interim director. Johansen has been a part of Pauahi’s legacy for nearly 60 years as a student, parent and staff member, most recently as alumni relationship administrator for KAPF.

Two other key appointments in April were **Dancine Baker Takahashi KSK’79** to the position of director of alumni relations and Myron Mitsuyasu to director of finance.

Baker will be responsible for KAPF’s “friend-raising” efforts, engaging alumni from all campuses and educational programs. Takahashi has 18 years of experience in the banking industry, most recently as the assistant vice president and manager of the Pukalani branch of American Savings Bank.

She is heavily involved with KS Maui as a parent as well as the president of Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association’s Maui region.

Mitsuyasu is no stranger to Kamehameha Schools having served in numerous leadership roles over the past 18 years, including director of operations for the Community-Based Early Childhood Education Division, internal audit manager, and tax administrator.

“There is still more to do before KAPF reaches its potential in community impact,” Mailer added. “Together as staff, alumni, students and ‘ohana, it’s now our kuleana to carry Ke Ali‘i Pauahi’s vision forward.”



The team at KAPF: first row, left: development administrator **Bran-Dee Torres KSK’93**, administrative coordinator Melissa Garcia, foundation specialist Jana Alamillo, interim director **Geraldine Vinta Johansen KSK’60**, communication specialist Ben Balberdi, scholarship administrator Mavis Shiraishi-Nagao. Back row: scholarship coordinator Scott Watanabe, executive assistant Wendy Tatsuno, director of alumni relations **Dancine Baker Takahashi KSK’79**, alumni relations coordinator **Denise Ka’a’a KSK’84**, and director of finance Myron Mitsuyasu.

## SARSONA TO LEAD HO‘OLAKO LIKE DEPARTMENT

In March, M. Wai’ale’ale Sarsona was named director for Kamehameha’s Ho‘olako Like Department, which oversees the schools’ support of 17 Hawaiian-focused public charter and conversion schools.

She most recently served as chief of staff for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

“I believe that the public charter schools serve our Native Hawaiian children and communities well,” Sarsona said. “As director, I hope to solidify the foundation of the work to ensure these schools and many new ones to come are there to serve our people for generations, like the legacy of Princess Pauahi.”

Sarsona is a former principal at the K-12 Hawaiian immersion school Ke Kula ‘o Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School in Kāne’ohe. She carries a master’s in business administration from Hawai‘i Pacific University and a bachelor’s in elementary education with an emphasis in Hawaiian language and culture from the University of Hawai‘i.



M. Wai’ale’ale Sarsona

## KS IN THE NEWS

Visit [www.oiwi.tv](http://www.oiwi.tv) for a couple of new pieces on the retirement of Dr. **Michael Chun KSK’61** as president and headmaster of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama. The first piece is entitled “He Koa Kūpa’a Na Pauahi,” which covers the “Farewell to Dr. Chun” assembly held at KS Kapālama this spring. A “Kapālama Flash Mob” segment highlights a dancing portion of the assembly. ‘Ōiwi TV is run by **Naalehu Anthony KSK’93** and **Keoni Lee KSK’96**.

And, visit [www.stanford.edu](http://www.stanford.edu) and search “North Shore Plan” to read a story on how Kamehameha Schools worked with Stanford researchers in developing its award-winning North Shore Plan.



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# A HUI HOU

*Kamehameha Schools bids aloha to trustee Diane Plotts*

People every day share that serving the mission of Kamehameha Schools and the wishes of Pauahi changes them.

Working for Pauahi is a calling, understanding her everlasting devotion to her people especially expressed through her vision to educate children and youth in the values and excellence she embodied.

For Diane J. Plotts, who completed her 10-year term as a Kamehameha Schools trustee on Dec. 31, 2011, it was no different. She was called to serve and did, with total commitment to Kamehameha's mission and a

relentless focus on results.

"Coming to Kamehameha Schools only sharpened my focus on getting things done. I still get very impatient!" Plotts says with a laugh. "I haven't lost that quality yet."

This is typical Plotts.

Before coming to Kamehameha, she earned a reputation in the islands as a tough businesswoman over a 35-year span handling the financial matters for developer Chris Hemmeter. Plotts is indeed tough,

our groups of trustees – both the original four that I came in with and the new mixture – have done to carry Kamehameha Schools forward beyond the troubled times and hopefully put that further and further behind us.

"Looking back, I'm excited about our accomplishments. I think the 10-year term limit for trustees is good, but I leave with mixed emotions because this experience has been one of the most exciting and rewarding things in my life. In terms of

giving back to the community, it's undoubtedly the highlight of my career."

Chief among the accomplishments that Plotts cites was the establishment of the CEO-based management structure.

"We've embraced and solidified the CEO management system and the best thing we ever did during my time here was find CEO **Dee Jay Mailer** and bring her home to head the school," Plotts said.

"When you think about it, that's probably the most important thing the trustees do in many ways, is hire the CEO. Like the board of directors for any corporation, the first and foremost responsibility is to hire and fire the CEO of the company."

Plotts is an obvious fan of Mailer.

"The best thing about Dee Jay is her quiet, honest, straightforward style of leadership," Plotts said. "She has absolutely no hidden agendas – she wants what's best for the schools and she always tells it like it is no matter her audience."

"She's always honest and I think that's brought a great deal of credibility to the organization. While some groups may not agree with her, they respect her honesty and they can respectfully disagree without getting angry and feeling hurt."

"That credibility has enabled her to lead a great deal of difficult change in the organization, and bring it about for the most part with people getting on board and making the necessary changes. She's been brilliant at that."

Other accomplishments that left Plotts smiling were strengthening the schools' preference policy; moving toward sustainability on KS lands through issues like stopping the taking of Waiāhole ditch water for Waiawa use; and the "huge" change in direction from being a campus-centric organization to one which also uses community outreach and collaborations with existing groups to reach out to more Hawaiians.

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Diane J. Plotts says her experience as trustee gave her an incredible education and a deep appreciation for Hawaiian culture.



but also deeply caring – a true Hawaiian heart.

"My role as trustee gave me an incredible education and a deep appreciation for the Hawaiian culture and people," she said.

"I knew bits and pieces, but I never knew the rich history of the Hawaiian people and their accomplishments, both in the past and today."

"I'm very proud of what



# ALOHA MAI

*Having worked his way to the top of the Kiewit construction ladder, Lance Wilhelm KSK'83 begins his term as a Kamehameha Schools trustee*

**L**ance Keawe Wilhelm KSK'83 gained his executive construction position the old fashioned way: he earned it.

More so, he learned it.

Kamehameha Schools' newest trustee is the senior vice president and Hawai'i area manager for Kiewit Building Group Inc., responsible for the financial and operational performance of the company.

Over the length of his career with Kiewit, Wilhelm has served as an estimator, timekeeper, project manager, business manager and project superintendent, among other things.

He's the company's longest serving employee in the islands, but 23 years ago he didn't exactly start at the top when he answered a newspaper ad for an office manager trainee.

"Frankly, I don't think there was a lower position," he laughed. "Mostly it was making coffee, and a lot of the superintendents didn't know how to type or use computers, so somebody had to do that."

**"I feel the role of trustee is not a day job, it's not something you do, it's something you are. You have to understand and respect that, and I felt I could do that."**

"I just got to work with some great people, and they asked me to help them with things outside the scope of my work. They taught me how to read plans, then I learned how to estimate, and then I learned

about our accounting systems.

"I did some bid work, which we won, and then I had to go out and be part of that team to build the work. I did that over a period of time – got that experience – and have been very fortunate to do a wide variety of things in the industry and eventually ended up with what I'm doing now."

Wilhelm explains his success in an easygoing, humble fashion — he seems intent on having you believe that just about anyone can learn to read plans, estimate material takeoffs, run job sites and work alongside engineers and architects — even if your only background is a communications degree from the University of Hawai'i.

Some experts say the ability to learn is the most valuable asset for any 21st century employee to possess. Wilhelm definitely has that, but it is his down-to-earth demeanor which will endear him to members of the KS 'ohana.

"I take my responsibilities seriously, but I don't take myself that seriously," he said. "I know that on the morning of Jan.1,



intellect on me – I am the same knucklehead I was when I went to bed the night before. I do take the role and responsibility of trustee seriously, but I try to be grounded in who I am and what I can and can't do. I do promise to work hard."

Wilhelm said he has much respect for his predecessor on Kamehameha's board, former trustee Diane Plotts. And he hopes

to follow in her footsteps.

"She is a warrior," he said. "What I've always loved about her is she's plain spoken. She didn't feel like she had to put on airs, so she called it like she saw it."

"She had no problem bucking authority, if she thought they were wrong. She spoke her mind and she was impassioned. Those are all qualities that we new trustees hope to live up to — to the best of our abilities."

Wilhelm said he considered Plotts' background before applying to replace her in the boardroom. He said his own background is similar to that of Plotts, especially in the areas of land development and financial oversight.

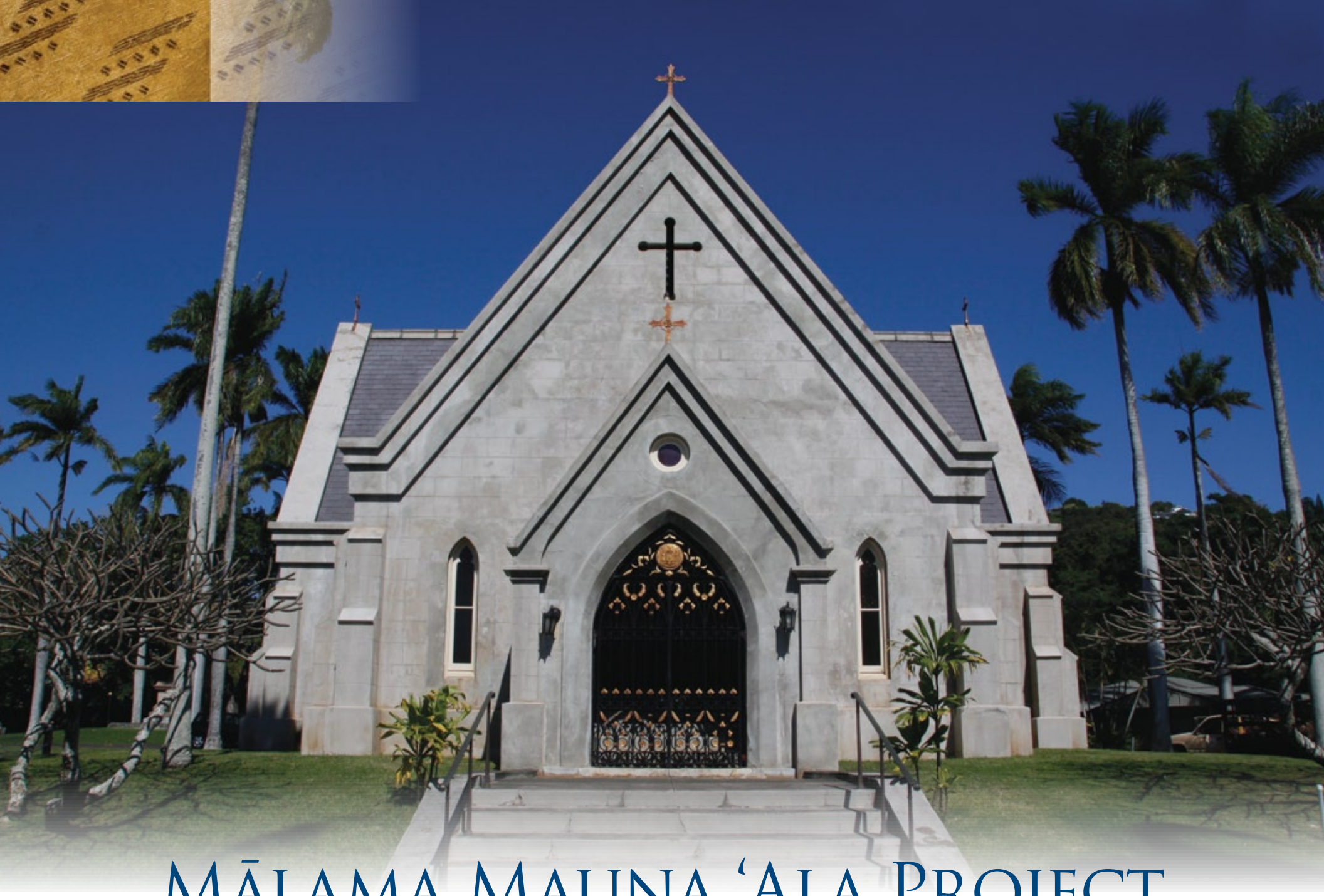
"I thought about applying for a long time," Wilhelm said. "The institution is important to me, it's so important to our community. I can't think of an institution that's more important for the future of our people and our place. The mission of Kamehameha Schools is critical."

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Kamehameha's newest trustee started as an office manager and is now the top Hawai'i executive for Kiewit Building Group Inc.





# MĀLAMA MAUNA ‘ALA PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

*A public/private fundraising partnership including Kamehameha Schools  
and the Charles Reed Bishop Trust has led to renovations and repairs at the  
Royal Mausoleum of Hawai‘i*

It is the most sacred of all Hawaiian lands, the final resting place for members of the Kamehameha and Kalākaua dynasties.

Mauna ‘Ala (fragrant mountain) – or the Royal Mausoleum of Hawai‘i – is the burial place for the sovereign and high chiefs of the Hawaiian kingdom, including Princess Pauahi and her husband Charles Reed Bishop.

The 3.5-acre site in Nu‘uanu, established in 1865 under the lead of Kamehameha V, is currently administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks. Over the years, the crypts, chapel, grounds and other facilities on site have been weathered by time.

In 2003, trustees of the Charles Reed Bishop Trust (CRBT) – the same leaders who serve as trustees of Kamehameha Schools – commissioned a report by the DLR Group to study the state of Mauna ‘Ala and make recommendations on addressing needed repairs and renovations at the site.

That report led to the start of the Mālama Mauna ‘Ala fundraising project, which featured donations from ali‘i trusts, private organizations, state and federal sources as well as private individual donations.



More than \$2 million was raised. Since 2005, improvements on site have included: repairs to the structural integrity of the ma kai rock wall; construction of a storage extension to Kahu William Maioho’s residence; construction of a new bathroom/rest area facility; repairs to the interior and exterior of the chapel from water, mold and mildew damage; repairs to the Wyllie, Kamehameha and Kalākaua crypts; landscaping work; and renovation work for ornamental metals found on site.

Current work involves renovation of the wrought iron fence fronting Mauna ‘Ala as well as ongoing landscaping work headed by volunteer crews. By the end of 2012, the state is expected to repave the circular roadway which serves the facility.

“I’m just happy that it is during my tenure as kahu that this project is taking place,” said Maioho, who has battled termites in the chapel, vermin damage to his residence and water damage in the crypts and tombs.

“Just to have the stone wall fixed, where I don’t have to look at it crumbling every day, was much appreciated. Then we have this new bathroom, which is handicap-accessible for our kūpuna and has the lānai gathering area next

to it. That gathering area was one of my mom’s wishes for this place.

“I want to thank the Charles Reed Bishop Trust which helped put together this hui – all the royal trusts, the bank, the tourism authority – and everyone who helped with this project. It’s been wonderful.”

Trust coordinator Stacy Clayton of the CRBT agrees.

“The passion and commitment that has been put forth at all levels and from so many different people and organizations to ensure that Mauna ‘Ala is restored and maintained as



Golden pūlo‘ulo‘u now grace Mauna ‘Ala.

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– Kahu William Maioho

a sacred and revered place has been so nice to see,” Clayton said.

Clayton, along with Kamehameha Schools Extension Education staff members Earl Kawa’a, Edana Wong and Mark Ellis lead monthly volunteer landscaping projects at Mauna ‘Ala in collaboration with Maioho.

Ellis is the director of Program Support Development, Wong is a program specialist and Kawa’a is a Hawaiian resource specialist.

Volunteers include Nā Ho’okama A Pauahi scholarship recipients and families of Kamehameha extension education programs like Kamehameha Scholars.

“The Saturday sessions are about three hours long and we average about 20 to 50 volunteers,” Clayton said. “Projects have ranged from general landscaping and plantings, rock wall building and restoration, brush clearing and the construction of a Hawaiian plant nursery.”

Anyone interested in volunteering at Mauna ‘Ala can email [psd@ksbe.edu](mailto:psd@ksbe.edu).

“For Kamehameha Schools and every beneficiary who has been touched by Ke Ali’i Pauahi, the care and reverence for Mauna ‘Ala is undisputable, it is our kuleana,” Clayton said.

“The significance and sacredness as our ali’i’s final resting place is honored in the way we choose to give back and ensure that this place is maintained and cared for every day.

“There is no place more sacred and powerful for us as Hawaiians or for Kamehameha as a Hawaiian organization. Mauna ‘Ala is the piko for Kamehameha Schools.”

Mālama Mauna ‘Ala Donors	
Hawai’i Tourism Authority	\$30,000
Charles Reed Bishop Trust	\$150,000
Kamehameha Schools	\$250,000
Queen’s Health Systems	\$150,000
Queen Lili’uokalani Trust	\$150,000
First Hawaiian Bank Foundation	\$50,000
State of Hawai’i (Grant in Aid)	\$500,000
Office of Hawaiian Affairs	\$180,000
National Parks Service Save America’s Treasures	\$300,000
State of Hawai’i Capital Improvements Project Road Repair	\$300,000
Individual Donations	\$9,120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,069,120</b>



Scenes from the Mālama Mauna ‘Ala restoration project: **top left**, Kahu William Maioho (center) with dignitaries at ceremonies blessing the start of work restoring the wrought iron fence fronting the site; **top right**, new carpet adorns the interior of the chapel; **middle left**, a craftsman gets to work on the wrought iron fence; **middle right**, a slab is poured for a storage extension at Maioho’s residence; **bottom**, Kamehameha Schools Hawaiian resource specialist Earl Kawa’a (right) prepares volunteers on a recent Saturday workday.



# KAKA‘AKO MASTER PLAN PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Expect to see more activity in Kaka‘ako as Kamehameha Schools kicks off its Kaiāulu ‘o Kaka‘ako (Kaka‘ako community) Master Plan with construction of a workforce housing project, improved pedestrian walkways, and a central retail complex.

Construction on the plan’s first residential project began in January, after months of intense planning.

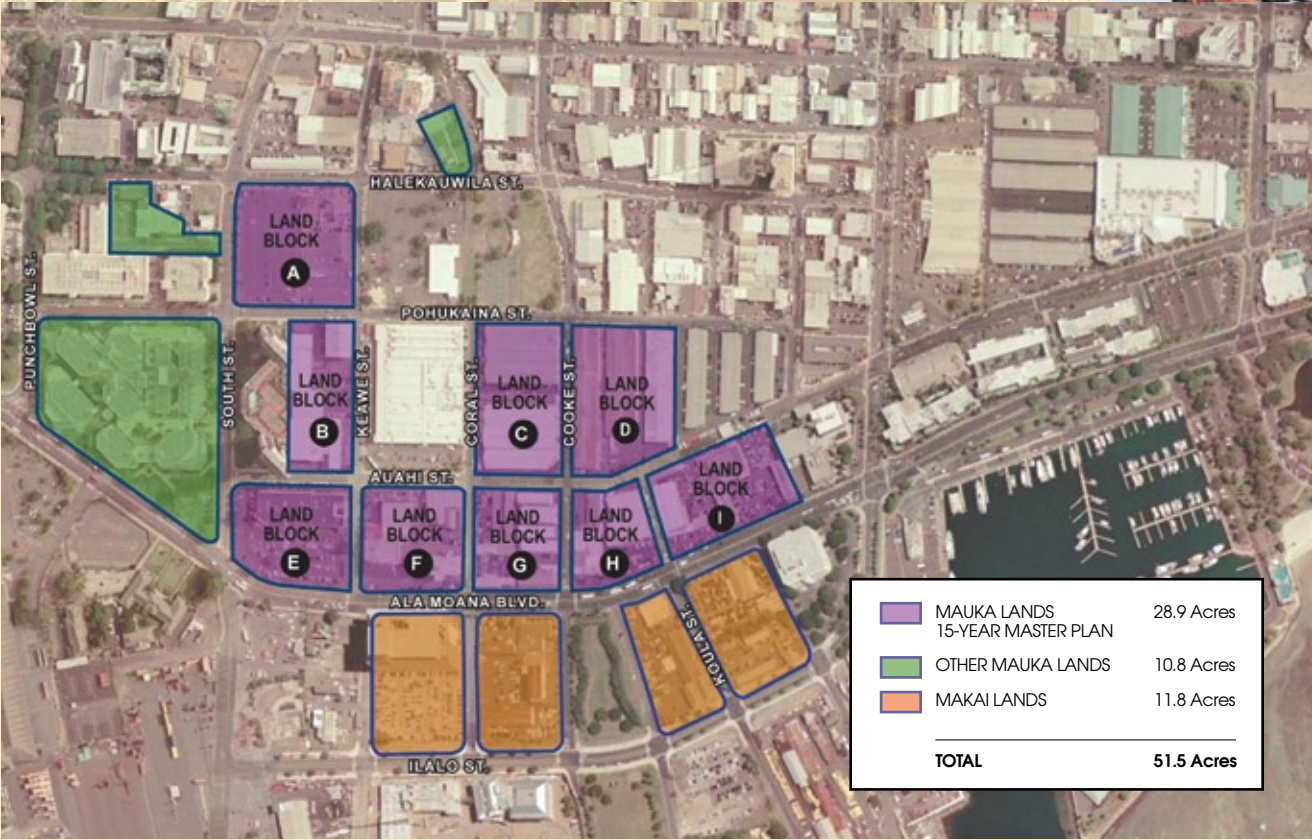
## RENTAL APARTMENTS FOR WORKERS

The building at 680 Ala Moana Boulevard (Block F on map) is an adaptive reuse development project, which uses the existing building’s shell, and is an answer to the high demand for workforce housing in urban Honolulu.

All 54 studio- and one-bedroom loft apartments will be priced affordably for median-income renters.

In addition to close proximity to the downtown business district, world famous beach parks, and 8,600 square feet of retail space on the building’s ground level, these affordable units will boast 12-foot ceilings, kitchen islands, air conditioning and compact fluorescent lighting.

Construction is expected to be completed by December 2012.



Kaiāulu ‘o Kaka‘ako Master Plan area

## RETAIL CENTER WILL BE URBAN STYLE “BACKYARD”

At the heart of the new Kaka‘ako neighborhood will be the recently announced retail and village center.

Bordered by Coral, Keawe and Auahi streets (Block F), the multi-level retail center is expected to draw residents out of surrounding buildings to the street.

“This retail center will fuse art, film, and cuisine with hip international and local

retailers,” said Christian O’Connor, senior asset manager at Kamehameha Schools. “It’s about living in Hawai‘i, urban style.”

The center, at full build out, will encompass 80,000 square feet of commercial space and is expected to provide an engaging and eclectic mix of retail, entertainment and restaurants.

Some possibilities for tenancy include unique apparel retailers, open air restaurants and pubs, incubator concepts for emerging chefs, artisan spaces and offices.

With a vibrant arts and culture scene, a sense of adventure is expected to generate an experience that allows residents and visitors to tour and traverse their surroundings seven days a week.

## STREETS BUILT FOR PEDESTRIANS

“The Keawe and Auahi Streets streetscape improvement demonstration project is intended to represent Kamehameha’s vision for a healthy, pedestrian-centered community,” said Linda Schatz, development manager at Kamehameha Schools.

“Street improvements and integrated open spaces are envisioned to provide a safe, comfortable, and vibrant walking environment that acts as the community’s outdoor living



Dozens of graffiti artists from around the world made Kaka‘ako their home base for the annual Pow Wow Hawaii art event in February, which was sponsored in part by Kamehameha Schools. Artists used Kaka‘ako buildings – including many on KS property – as backdrops for their intricate and unusual urban art.



Conceptual rendering of specialty retail center on Auahi and Keawe streets.

room and connects the neighborhood to downtown, Ward Centers and the civic district.”

The street improvement project includes bike racks, new landscaping, widened walkways, street furniture, lighting, and raised intersections which give prominence to pedestrians.

“Like any real neighborhood, residents and visitors to Kaka’ako will be able to attend outdoor performances, gather with friends, hang out in outdoor cafes and watch their children play,” Schatz said.

Pending county and district approvals, work on the street-level project will begin in late 2014, following the completion of a

225-stall parking structure addressing parking requirements on the adjacent specialty retail center block.

Kamehameha Schools is also working with A&B Properties on a potential residential tower development on the former CompUSA site.

“Very soon, Kaka’ako will be a progressive, 21st century neighborhood known for art, good food and shopping and a welcoming vibe,” O’Connor said. “This new community will set the tone in urban Honolulu for generations to come.”

**Right:** Conceptual rendering of 680 Ala Moana adaptive reuse development to provide workforce housing in urban Honolulu.



## Fishponds Prevalent in Ancient Kaka’ako

From the start, Kaka’ako was known as a place for commerce and community. In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the area was a fishing settlement consisting of numerous fishponds, suggesting strong chiefly influence over the district.

With the original shoreline reaching as far inland as today’s Ala Moana Boulevard, Kaka’ako, in the early 1800s, was well known to whalers and commerce ships for its expansive salt ponds that provided hundreds of tons of salt for export as well as local use.

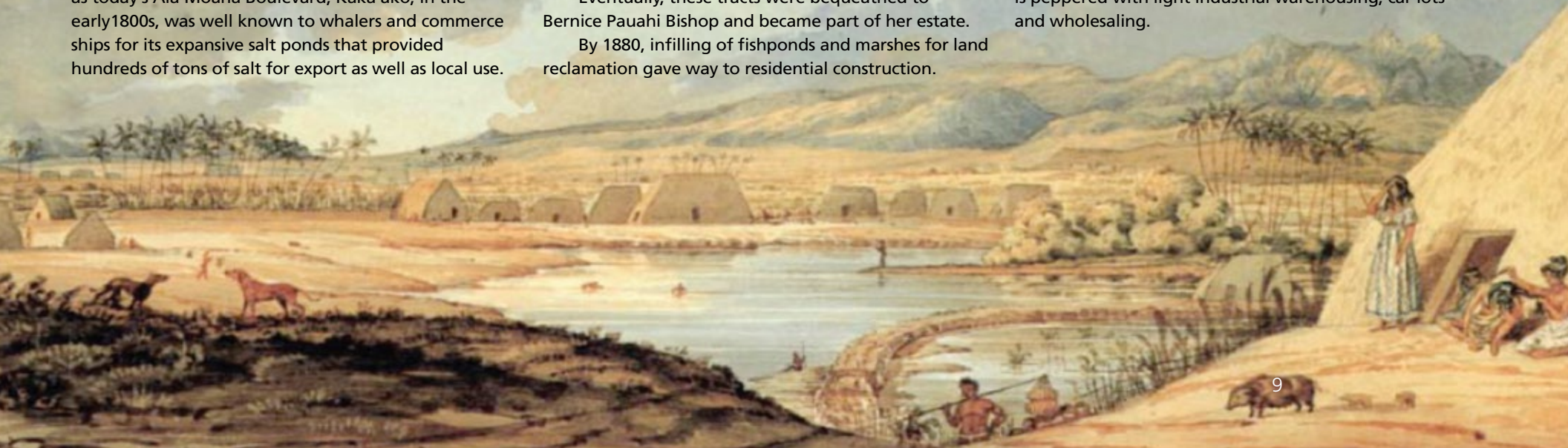
By the mid-1800s, the region had become a popular residential settlement for royalty, and in 1848, the land apportionment known as the Māhele resulted in Kekūanā’o’a, Queen Emma, Victoria Kamāmalu and Princess Ruth Ke’elikōlani receiving tracts of Kaka’ako as part of their chiefly lands.

Eventually, these tracts were bequeathed to Bernice Pauahi Bishop and became part of her estate.

By 1880, infilling of fishponds and marshes for land reclamation gave way to residential construction.

After World War II, Kaka’ako changed dramatically. With zoning changes from residential to commercial use came a host of small businesses spreading throughout the district, slowly displacing the residential population.

Kaka’ako today has limited residential housing and is peppered with light industrial warehousing, car lots and wholesaling.



# INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS

*KS Financial Assets Division's "Investment Associates Program" offers training and experience in portfolio management*

**K**ing Street is a long way from Wall Street, and Honolulu doesn't typically have droves of jobs for ambitious college graduates seeking careers in finance.

But the Financial Assets Division (FAD) at Kamehameha Schools is setting out to change that – albeit on a small scale – with the inception of its Investment Associates Program.

The highly competitive program offers 30-month, full-time, paid jobs to two pre-MBA college graduates who seek real-world experience in financial asset portfolio management. Associates rotate through three disciplines within FAD: marketable assets, private equity and venture capital, and real assets.

"The opportunity to learn more about endowment management is very rare in Hawai'i. Kamehameha is one of the only games in town," said Burt Yuen, interim director of FAD. "It's our hope that future 'graduates' of this program might someday return to work for Kamehameha, or be contacts for us in the financial service industry."

Since its start in 2008, FAD has hired four associates. The first graduate, **Dawson Kaaua**

**KSK'01**, is currently in his first year of an MBA program at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Other former or current associates include **Sarah Kama KSK'04**, **Talia Ruth KSK'02** and **Daniel Truong KSK'05**.

"As a student at Kapālama, I knew about the schools' land, but I didn't know about the Financial Assets Division," said Ruth, who plans to apply to graduate school and complete her rotation in 2013. "As an associate, I appreciate having the opportunity to give back to the school."

FAD is an intimate and driven group of 15, and to work within the division is a rare chance to be an insider to this less publicly seen, but very important, arm of Kamehameha.

Two-thirds of Kamehameha's annual spending on education – or approximately \$215 million – is funded by investment income from FAD. Last fiscal year, Kamehameha's endowment fund provided a 20.6 percent total return, ending the year with a fair market value of \$9.06 billion.

The program's rotational structure allows associates an opportunity to work closely with investment managers by

attending meetings, analyzing data and generating reports, conducting research projects and presenting recommendations.

"Some program graduates will end up working in endowment management, others for hedge funds. The program is intended to help associates position themselves for the next career level," Yuen said. "There is no clear or singular path for associates. We hope they will leverage this experience to achieve their goals."

Recruitment occurs as associates rotate out of the program. Applicants should be recent college graduates with an interest in finance and should have

Investment associates **Talia Ruth KSK'02** (center) and **Dawson Kaaua KSK'01** (right) interact closely with staff from Kamehameha's Financial Assets Division during their 30-month rotation, including a discussion here with administrative supervisor **Yvonne "Pee Wee" Sai Ryan KSK'61**.

some previous work experience.

Positions are limited and highly coveted, and program openings are advertised globally. Kamehameha does not apply its preference policy to the associates program.

For more information on the program, email Tina Keane, FAD senior investment analyst, at [tikeane@ksbe.edu](mailto:tikeane@ksbe.edu).



## TAKING CARE OF BABY

Wai'anae High School senior Nicole-Lee Fountain demonstrates infant feeding as part of a 10-week baby simulator pilot program launched in partnership with the school's Health Academy. Students took home and cared for the high-tech, infant simulators and were then asked to reflect on their experiences. The program is offered through Kamehameha Schools' Hi'ilani Early Childhood Family Education program and is an ongoing example of the innovative collaborations taking place on the Wai'anae Coast in support of Kamehameha's Ka Pua initiative.



## WINNING WRITING

KS Kapālama junior Shane-Justin Nu'uhiwa KSK'13 was one of five students statewide named winners last fall of the High School Essay Contest, sponsored by the APEC 2011 Hawai'i Host Committee in partnership with the Department of Education and the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools. Here's Nu'uhiwa (center) with (from left) state House majority leader Blake Oshiro, Senate majority leader **Brickwood Galuteria KSK'73**, Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz and Hawai'i Host Committee chair Peter Ho. Nu'uhiwa's essay, selected from among 500 entries, was in response to the question "Why is sustainability important to you, Hawai'i and APEC?"



# COLLEGE SUCCESS COUNCIL AIMS TO CREATE A COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE ON THE WAI'ANAE COAST

According to the 2010 census, nearly 30 percent of individuals over the age of 25 in Hawai'i hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

When considering specifically the Wai'anae Coast, those percentages drop to nearly 6 percent in Nānākuli, nearly 14 percent in Mā'ili, 9 percent in Wai'anae and a little more than 12 percent in Mākaha.

Only 38 percent of students – compared to a statewide average of 50 percent – who graduate from high school on the Wai'anae Coast go on to enroll in post-high institutions.

Reflecting on the economic and social benefits of holding a college degree, it begs the question: How is the connection between students on the Wai'anae Coast and higher education strengthened, and what is needed to bring about transformational change?

Early last year, Kamehameha Schools' Ka Pua initiative team (Ka Pua's long-term commitment toward excellent education, strong community involvement and a committed presence on the Wai'anae Coast) helped Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex Department of Education leaders bring together a number of key stakeholders and community organizations to start to develop strategies that strengthen pathways to college and career for Wai'anae coast students.

The result was the development of the Nānākuli-Wai'anae College Success Council (CSC).

The CSC is a collection of educators who are working collaboratively to develop a K-12 framework for college readiness. There are CSC representatives from the DOE's Nānākuli-Wai'anae complex schools; public



Kamehameha Career and Post-High Counseling and Guidance counselor Nohea Walker works with 2008 Wai'anae High School graduate Zank Bungo during a March financial aid workshop for Wai'anae Coast students.

post-high partners including the University of Hawai'i system's Hawai'i P20 Partnership; Leeward Community College; UH-West O'ahu; UH-Mānoa; Kamehameha Schools; and organizations such as ALU LIKE, INPEACE, MA'O Organic Farms and Ka'ala Farm.

"The vision for the College Success Council is that every child on the Wai'anae Coast has the choice, vision and support to achieve post-secondary success," said Ku'ulani Keohokalole, project analyst for Ka Pua and project lead for the CSC.

"While we realize that college may not be the pathway for everyone, the knowledge and skills needed for college will prepare students for any career path in the future. Our desire is to see that every student on the coast is informed and feels supported on their pathway through and beyond high school."

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– Ku'ulani Keohokalole, Ka Pua  
Project lead, Nānākuli-Wai'anae College Success Council

The goals of the council include building college credit momentum, strengthening college aspirations and expectations and supporting academic pathways that maximize college as an option.

Programs and activities currently being developed by the council include hosting financial aid workshops, developing curriculum where students can earn college credits and acceptance well before they graduate high school supporting parents and families for college-going and providing experiences for students in a college setting.

In November 2011, 139 educational leaders, organizers, policy makers and community advocates came together for a planning summit on how to support Wai'anae Coast students.

Three workgroups (College Knowledge, Way Finding, and Key Content and Cognitive Strategies) were created, comprised of representatives from the various education organizations involved with the council.

Work groups continue planning to support key initiatives identified through the summit.

The CSC has put together a number of activities this year.

Kamehameha's Career, Post-High Counseling and Guidance Department has

Nānākuli New Tech Academy students Kathleen Papas (left) and Alexis Paulo-Meyers explore academia during an overnight visit to the UH Mānoa campus coordinated by the Nānākuli-Wai'anae College Success Council last August.

hosted experiences for students at Nānākuli High and Intermediate to help prepare them for college and career.

Three students attended a career exploration day at Bishop Museum in January. Another 80 seniors participated in mock interviews in February, gaining valuable practice and preparation for the future.

Ka Pua has also helped to develop and support a student leadership cohort at Nānākuli New Tech Academy, of which three students participated in a youth leadership conference in California. The intent is to create

more opportunities and build capacity for youth leadership, fostering positive peer-to-peer relationships.

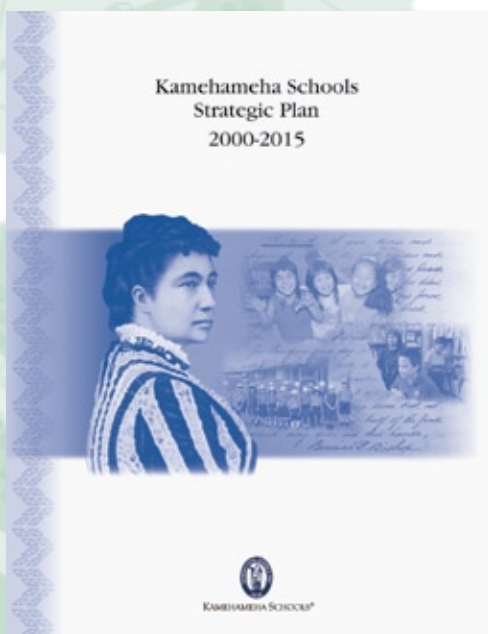
In addition, CSC hosted a March college financial aid one-stop-shop at the Kamehameha Schools Community Learning Center at Nānākuli. The event offered assistance with the college financial aid process, including help with filling out forms and even filing of tax forms.

In April, the CSC participated in two community events (We Love Nānākuli and the Wai'anae Coast Keiki Spring Fest) to share more information about their program and goals.

"We really want to increase community awareness and knowledge of the college process," Keohokalole said.

"We hope that through these events, we can help to build an understanding of the benefits of a college degree and how critical 'ohana support is to college-going."

To stay informed on the latest Ka Pua efforts, sign up for email updates at [www.ksbe.edu/kapua/about](http://www.ksbe.edu/kapua/about) or "Like" the Ka Pua initiative Facebook page at [facebook.com/KaPuaInitiative](http://facebook.com/KaPuaInitiative).



## CONTRIBUTORS TO KS STRATEGIC PLAN 2000-2015 UPDATED ON ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRESS

charted by hundreds of passionate, smart people back in 2000," Mailer said.

"Receiving that validation of being on the right 'path' is so important for our next strategic plan planning process. Our community, for the most part, will always guide us to do more and feels we have a very strong foundation to do so."

In summarizing overall feedback by group, community collaborators and civic clubs were generally happy with the fact that more than 700 young men and women are graduating from Kamehameha's three campuses every year. Alumni, on the other hand, were largely proud of the trust's extensive outreach which touched nearly 47,000 learners and caregivers in fiscal year 2011.

"I was most impressed by the number of children who now benefit from Kamehameha. Not everyone is able to attend one of the three campuses, so to reach out and help those who are in the public schools, charter schools, or homeless, from preschool to post high, is inspiring," said **Sharon Tomiyama Goodman KSK'77**.

When asked what the school could do better, attendee responses varied from one region to the next.

Continental alumni and stakeholders requested more Hawaiian cultural support and education, such as an annual Explorations-type program.

O'ahu attendees generally

asked that early childhood education continue to be a top priority.

Sustainable practices on Kamehameha lands and access to Kamehameha's resources were the focus of neighbor island 'ohana.

The most intriguing request came from the youngest attendees – recent Kamehameha graduates who also attended several meetings. Global awareness is a primary concern to this group.

"Getting global exposure and increasing our global awareness of differing cultures would really help to prepare graduates, like me, to interact and compete internationally," **Skye Young KSK'08** said.

Young's sentiment, echoed by other recent graduates in various regions, was duly noted by Mailer

and the strategic planning team which will have Kamehameha's post-2015 strategic plan prepared by July 1, 2015.

"Since the year 2000, our 'ohana of faculty and staff have diligently poured their hearts into working toward achieving the seven goals, 18 sub-goals, and 57 sub-sub-goals of the current strategic plan, and the outcome of that work gives me great hope for achieving our mission," Mailer said.

Visit [www.ksbe.edu/progressandpromise](http://www.ksbe.edu/progressandpromise) for an update on Kamehameha Schools' 2000-2015 Strategic Plan. Click on the "share a comment" button in the left column of the website to provide your mana'o. The comment feature will be available until June 30, 2012.



In a meeting held at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas on Sept. 30, 2011, Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club treasurer Vincent Souza shares his mana'o with Kamehameha facilitator Kau'i Burgess of the Community Relations and Communications group while Darrel Hoke, a director with the KS Strategic Planning & Implementation group, takes note.

## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS SPONSORS EDUCATIONAL VIDEO ON COFFEE BERRY BORER PEST

A small African beetle has been causing major devastation in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i. Known as the coffee berry borer (CBB) beetle, this pest has been threatening the survival of Hawai'i's premier specialty crop – Kona coffee.

The devastation occurs when the female beetle bores a hole into the coffee cherry to lay eggs. Once the young maggot-like beetles hatch, they begin to eat the seed.

During harvest, the only indication that a coffee cherry is infected is a small hole in the fruit or the female's rear protruding out of the cherry. If the infested cherry is not detected right away, beetles can easily survive through processing and onto the parchment (or drying) phase.

Discovered in Hawai'i in September 2010, CBB can severely cut productivity and ultimately cost the coffee farmer money.

"Over the past year, we have heard from some of our coffee farmers whose crops have been affected by the coffee berry borer beetle," said KS North Kona land asset manager, Les Apoliona. "With more than 3,000 acres of West Hawai'i land in active coffee production, Kamehameha Schools is committed to ensuring our farmers and their livelihoods thrive."



In order to help control this coffee pest, integrated beetle management strategies have been developed and an instructional video to highlight these techniques was recently produced.

Directed by local journalist Gary Sprinkle,

the video demonstrates the three main aspects of integrated CBB management: sanitation – removing cherries from the orchard in a timely manner; spraying with a fungus – the only legal, effective pesticide for CBB; and trapping beetles.

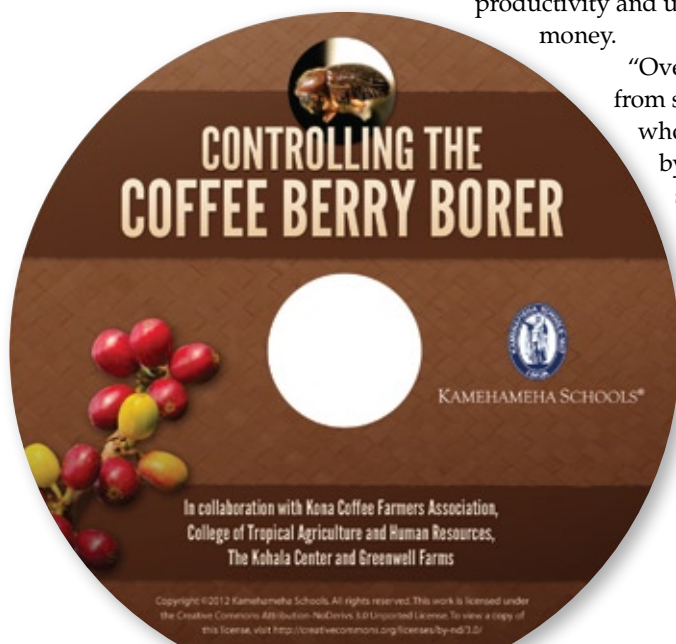
Techniques to assist coffee mills are also highlighted.

"In a region such as Kona, where 700 farms are in close proximity, the beetle crosses farm boundaries with ease," said Suzanne Shriner, Kona coffee farmer and member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. "Information is needed to saturate the community immediately and community cooperation is imperative to help reduce everyone's losses."

"Controlling the Coffee Berry Borer" video is a collaboration between the Kohala Center, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and Kamehameha Schools.

KS, as landowner of 70 percent of Kona coffee farms, was the primary funder of the project.

The video is available online at [www.youtube.com/KamehamehaSchools](http://www.youtube.com/KamehamehaSchools) in both English and Spanish versions. If you would like a DVD copy or more information, please contact [land@ksbe.edu](mailto:land@ksbe.edu).





# CLOAKED IN TRADITION

**K**S Kapālama senior **Nicholas Lum KSK'12** is cloaked in the vibrant tradition of his kūpuna.

The high schooler mastered the art of Hawaiian feather cape-making as part of a service requirement to his school. His elaborately designed cape was blessed at a special KS Heritage Center ceremony on Founder's Day last December.

KSK high school students are required to complete two quarters of school service prior to graduation. Lum dedicated two years of his time to study feather cape-making under the tutelage of Heritage Center curator Nu'u Atkins.

"Making a feather cape involves very detailed and meticulous work, which can only be done by someone who's committed to such a project," Atkins said. "Nick

Nicholas Lum KSK'12 masters the art of feather cape-making. His cape was fashioned with more than 15,000 goose feathers and took two years to complete.

was not only committed, he was determined, diligent in his work and displayed patience and perseverance throughout the entire project."

Meticulous may be an understatement. In crafting the cape, Lum not only fashioned the net backing to serve as its foundation but also cut, bundled and tied more than 15,000 goose feathers. Lum gained much more than cape-making skills from his kumu.

"I learned two major life lessons from Uncle Nu'u that will help me accomplish my life's goals – discipline and patience," Lum said.

"Without these qualities, a

cape cannot be created. These qualities will help me be successful for many years to come – at college, in marriage and raising children."

As Lum's kumu, Atkins had the kuleana of naming the cape, much the same way as a parent names a child. He chose the name Kealomālamalamaokeali'ikūikeauhou, "The magnificent presence of the chief standing at a new dawn."

The name incorporates Lum's Hawaiian name, Keali'i, and the name of the musical group, Keauhou, which he is a part of with his brother **Zachary Lum KSK'10** and friend **Jonah Solatario KSK'10**.

A mele inoa, or name song, with lyrics by Atkins and music

by Zachary Lum, was presented as a ho'okupu (honored gift) at the cape blessing. Lum said he would like the cape to be displayed at sites throughout the Kapālama campus and in the community to educate students, faculty and others about the ancient art of cape-making.

"We at the Heritage Center are very proud of Nick's accomplishment and know that he will continue to excel, especially in the area of Hawaiian culture," Atkins added.

Lum plans to attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to double major in Hawaiian language and an additional field. His dream job is to return to the Kapālama campus as a Hawaiian language kumu.



KS Kapālama Kahu Kordell Kekoa KSK'80 offers a blessing for the cape as Lum's family, teachers and friends surround him.

## HA'I'OLELO A KE KAHU

Kahu's Message



### MY LIFE IS MY MESSAGE

by **Wendell Davis KSK'71**  
Chaplain, KS-Hawai'i

**P**ono is a Hawaiian word that commonly associates itself with righteousness. Pono literally means "goodness, moral uprightness, just, virtuous, fair or even.

Similarly, na'au pono refers to a deeper sense of pono because it refers to a deep-felt "position" of duty and moral integrity with reference to an upright heart and mind.

For Hawaiians, pono has always had a strong cultural and spiritual significance, especially, as it applies to a state of harmony and balance. The standard for living was to be moral and proper. It was the Hawaiian way.

Today, it's so important not to just talk the talk, but, to walk the walk. To live pono, not just talk pono! Even, to practice what you preach.

Eventually, the message remains the same: be sure that life and lip agree! If our conduct is not in harmony with our Christian faith as it applies to our lifestyle, then, it nullifies the testimony of the gospel which we proclaim.

The game of Scrabble involves the bringing together of 26 letters in the English alphabet and arranging them to form words. The goal of this game is for players to set out letters, then, based on the product of a valid word, a point system accumulates its value.

Likewise, Christians are to live their lives in a way that their actions would come together to form a "word" that is of value to

God. The goal of living the Christian life is to arrange one's lifestyle so that it now looks like the existence of a person saved by grace.

Mahatma Ghandi never became a Christian, but, he once made a very profound statement. When asked to put his message into one short sentence, he simply replied, "My life is my message."

That's powerful! Because we can never win hearts for our Lord, unless His love is embodied in our lives and impacting others through His Spirit.

Philippians 4:9 says, "Keep putting into practice all you learned and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you."

*"You are witnesses, and so is God,  
of how holy, righteous and blameless  
we were among you who believed."*

– 1 Thessalonians 2:10

We've got to practice, on Monday, what we said "amen" to in our church huddle on Sunday. Why? Because our life is our message! Do you remember the singing group, Milli Vanilli?

They were a hit sensation, until someone exposed them as a fake because the guys were lip-synching, instead of singing themselves.

There's a lesson in this story for us, too. I'd like to suggest that instead of trying to lip-synch the Christian life by faking our way through and mouthing all the right words, why don't we "life-synch" the Christian life?

All we need to do is imitate God completely. By doing so, you become the mind, mouth, hands and feet through which God can express Himself! After all, your life is your message.



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“I also played sports in school – football, track and wrestling. Organized sports are a good metaphor for life because you learn a lot of valuable lessons. You learn that it’s team first, before individual. You learn about sacrifice. You learn about not letting others down, and you learn about being able to take constructive criticism from teammates and coaches.

“Sports are a tremendous way to prepare yourself for success in a career, especially if you’re in a semi-military organization like we are in now.”

HFD assistant chief Harvest, who was admitted into Kamehameha in the seventh grade, says that campus dorm life prepared him for life as a firefighter.

“During my first week with the fire department I realized

that it was just like dorming at Kamehameha,” Harvest said. “I live in a dorm like I did in school, we are all responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the station, and we work as a team.

“When we go out on an alarm we depend on each other – it’s life and death. In the dorms at school we developed that same kind of kinship.”

Those considering a career in firefighting should know that competition for the jobs is fierce. Exams for entry into the HFD are administered every three years.

According to Silva, of the more than 4,000 people who take the exam, only about 150 are hired over a three-year period.

“The firefighter exams are like SAT exams on steroids,” said Silva. “They not only test the candidates’ verbal and math skills, they also test for mechanical aptitude and

the ability to follow directions.

“The reason it’s so competitive is that a lot of candidates are college graduates – accountants, engineers, college professors, lawyers and teachers. They have education and experience, but at some point they realize that their jobs aren’t fulfilling. So they look for something else.”

Firefighter candidates who make it through the testing phase are required to successfully complete a physical agility test to ensure that they meet the demands of the job. The tasks include pulling hoses, climbing ladders, swinging a sledge hammer, lifting heavy equipment, climbing stairs, swimming and diving.

Those who pass the agility test are considered for employment when positions open up.

Candidates with the highest test scores are considered first, and are interviewed for the jobs.

“Interviews are a critical part of the selection process,” Silva said. “One of the important traits we look for is whether a candidate is committed to providing service, because that’s who we are. We’re here to serve the public.”

Other desirable qualifications include: compassion, discipline, communication skills, the ability to work in a team, and physical and mental conditioning.

Once selected, recruits are assigned to a fire station and must perform assigned duties and abide by fire department rules.

“We clean toilets, we mop floors, and we take orders,” Silva said. “Being disciplined and following orders is important. For instance, recruits are not allowed to carry a cell phone or wear earrings, and they must shave every day.

“If you have a problem with discipline or can’t follow directions, you’re going to hurt somebody or hurt yourself out in the field, and we don’t need you. This job is not for everybody. Firefighters are challenged cognitively and physically every single day. It’s extremely intense.”

A group of Kamehameha graduates gather at the HFD Kaka’ako headquarters to celebrate the retirement of assistant chief **Thomas Perkins KSK’74**. **Front**: Tommy’s brother, battalion chief **Kimo Perkins KSK’77**. **Back row, from left**: firefighter **Kevin Mokulehua KSK’92**, firefighter **David Jenkins KSK’88**, captain **Eric Abella KSK’88**, firefighter **Kedlii Paiaina KSK’92**, captain **Chris Ah Mook Sang KSK’85**, captain **Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85**.



Firefighters work 10 days a month in 24-hour shifts. They work, play, eat, sleep and celebrate milestones like marriages and children together.

“What distinguishes us from other career professionals is our closeness – we’re like family,” said Silva.

Harvest acknowledges the pros and cons of the profession. “Our job is so gratifying, because families are always so appreciative,” he said. “But there are other times, when we get to an alarm, and it’s so sad – usually because the incident involved children.

“Sometimes you just have to focus on the task at hand and it will get you through the event. This job is challenging for all of us, but when you’re a young firefighter, it’s especially tough.”

Firefighters exposed to trauma can rely on the wisdom and support of their more experienced peers. The department also has a mentor-driven stress management program and an employee assistance program staffed with mental health professionals.

Silva says that firefighting can be a rewarding career for folks who are up to the challenge. “You won’t get rich, but you’ll be able to feed your family, put your kids through school and buy a house.

“If you’re built for the job, you won’t find a more rewarding career than this. I’ve been at it for nearly 30 years and can’t dream of doing anything else. On the flip side, expectations are super high. When someone calls 9-1-1, and you show up, they have expectations. You have to play your ‘A’ game all the time.”

Silva has some sage advice for aspiring firefighters.

“Remember that you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. Never think that your opportunities are limited.

“Kamehameha helped me develop a vision and gave me the opportunity to be anything I wanted to be, and for that I am grateful.”

# FIRE CAPTAIN ELENKI BLAZES A TRAIL OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

**Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85** loves a good challenge. So when a friend dared her to take the Honolulu Fire Department’s grueling physical agility test, she trained hard and passed it, just to spite him.

That spark of tenacity at age 19 ignited a 25-year career with the fire department and earned her the distinction of being the HFD’s first female firefighter and its first woman to rise to the rank of captain.

Eleneki was promoted to captain in 2005 and is based at the Makiki fire station. She is currently on special assignment as battalion chief of the HFD’s Administrative Services Bureau in Kaka’ako.

Her kuleana includes inking out master agreements with vendors, maintaining department resources and reviewing the department’s \$95 million annual operating budget.

Eleneki’s achievements are major milestones in a field historically dominated by men. But despite her well-deserved accolades, she doesn’t consider herself a pioneer.

“I never thought of myself as a trail blazer – the door of opportunity was always open,” she said. “I was just the first one to step in the door. But since I’ve stepped in, there has been much more public awareness and education on firefighting as a career option for women.”

Eleven O’ahu women have risen to the challenge of firefighting since Eleneki joined the department in 1987. While this is progress, they only make up 1 percent of the HFD’s 1,126 firefighters. The national average is about 8 percent.

There is no shortage of firefighters in the Akiona ‘ohana. Eleneki’s father, the late Peter Akiona, retired from the HFD as a captain. He and the late Deborah Akiona had seven children – Eleneki is the youngest.

Her brothers **Byron KSK’70**, **Aaron KSK’72**, and Kevin (Kailua High School ‘73) are also retired

Hawai’i’s first family of fire – *front, from left*: Timothy Bannan (Debbi’s brother-in-law), Peter Akiona Jr., **Peter Akiona III KSK’83**. *Back*: **Aaron Akiona KSK’72**, Kevin Akiona, **Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85**, and **Byron Akiona KSK’70**.



Capt. Debbi Akiona Eleneki KSK’85 is the first female firefighter in the history of the Honolulu Fire Department.

firefighters; and her brother **Peter KSK’83** worked with the HFD’s rescue team until recently being promoted to captain.

Her brother-in-law **Todd Hugo KSK’79** is also a firefighter.

Having grown up with so many

CrossFit, or P90X.

“It’s necessary that we incorporate a physical fitness regimen into our daily activities because the occupation can present very physically demanding situations.

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brothers, living in a firehouse with up to as many as 15 men was nothing new.

“When we first come into the station it can be a little awkward,” Eleneki said. “But I think our women have done a really good job at making the men feel comfortable. Because we’re not the ones adapting, they are too.”

Firefighters work 10 days a month in 24-hour shifts. “After a couple shifts they realize we’re just trying to be one of them, she said. “You can see them loosening up and acting like themselves again – but always showing respect.”

Eleneki said that there is a public perception of what the job of firefighting entails.

“I think that the biggest misperception is that we stand around and play volleyball all day, waiting for an alarm! Volleyball is actually part of our physical training. We usually play before or after other workouts like weight training,

“There’s also a misperception that women don’t perform the same agility test or training as the men. We do. We don’t receive special treatment. But we sometimes feel like we’re their kid sisters. In that sense, they do take care of us.”

Eleneki’s family includes her very supportive husband Alika, a telephone station technician at Hawaiian Telcom; son Ka’aha Akiona KSK’16; and daughter Makana, 9 (an Enchanted Lake Elementary fifth-grader).

Eleneki says that she would definitely encourage her children to become firefighters if they were interested in the field.

“Pauahi gave us the gift of education,” she said. “We’re able to take this gift and serve the community through firefighting and so many other fields. I think Pauahi would be proud. I think she is smiling down on us right now.”



## DATA MATTERS

News from the Kamehameha Schools Research & Evaluation Division

### PRESCHOOL AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

Every year one hears of stories about the large number of children who are “not ready for kindergarten.”

For many children, preschool is an essential step in preparing for this important milestone. Kamehameha Schools preschools have helped thousands of Native Hawaiian families ensure their keiki are ready for school since they first opened in 1984.

According to recent figures from the U. S. Census Bureau, almost half of all 3- and 4-year-old Native Hawaiian keiki enroll in preschool each year. Two out of three of these children are beneficiaries of KS.

In 2010-11, 1,547 keiki enrolled in the 31 KS preschools and 2,330 more received scholarships from KS to attend other preschools. Together, these two programs served 30 percent of all preschool age Native Hawaiian children.

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Each year Kamehameha tests its preschoolers to be sure they are making satisfactory progress. The results are very positive.

The number of keiki who scored in the average range or higher on vocabulary (compared to other children of the same age) grew from 48 percent at the beginning of the school year to 66 percent at the end of the year.

The results are also strong in other areas. For example, at the beginning of the year 11 percent of the KS preschoolers were rated proficient in social skills, compared to 74 percent at the end of the year.

The changes seen in preschool are most valuable if they translate into success later on in life. In 2010, KS completed a study of how former KS preschoolers were doing in the public schools.



More than 1,540 students were served in 31 Kamehameha preschools last fiscal year.

As a group, they outperformed their Native Hawaiian classmates through grade seven. These results are encouraging because studies of many other preschools have shown that any effects they made on test scores were completely gone by grade three.

This school year, Kamehameha researchers are conducting a study of keiki who received KS scholarships to attend other preschools.

There is still room to grow.

The proportion of keiki enrolled in preschool is far short of the Keiki First targets developed at the request of the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2008. Those targets call for 80 percent of 4-year-olds in Hawai'i to be enrolled in a quality early education program.

Also, the group of former KS preschoolers does not yet perform as well as non-Hawaiian students in the public schools.

Terry Kelly, interim director of Community-Based Early Childhood Education at KS says that, “We are proud of what our keiki, their ‘ohana, and our staff have achieved. We are committed to a future when all Native Hawaiian keiki do as well as or better than children from any other ethnic group.”

## KOAI'A ATHLETIC FACILITY FIRST KE KUPU MĀLAMALAMA PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED

Ke Kupu Mālamalama is the master plan to transform the KS Kapālama campus. The master plan also includes new middle school dormitories and a parking structure. **Top right:** the Koai'a Athletic Facility, which addresses needs in both the athletics and physical education departments, was the first Ke Kupu Mālamalama project to be completed in January. The name Koai'a refers to the warrior who was the senior trainer and instructor of Kekūhaupi'o, the warrior who trained Kamehameha. **Below:** the KS Kapālama Middle School will hold dedication ceremonies in August. **Below right:** the Kaiwakilomoku Hawaiian Cultural Center is on schedule to be completed by late September.



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## 1940s

■ **Betty Ellis Jenkins KSK'45** was recently named the 2011 North Shore Kama'āina of the Year by the North Shore Chamber of Commerce (NSCOC). The award honors individuals who have made a lasting and significant contribution to the North Shore community. Betty was given the award at NSCOC's annual Christmas party and auction in December 2011 at the Turtle Bay Resort on O'ahu. She was selected for her service as a teacher, a founder of Hālau o Hale'iwa, cultural advisor for Waimea Valley and her many contributions to the North Shore community.

■ **Lorna Chu Kaeck KSK'48** recently released her first CD, "Lady Lorna with Love." After graduating from Kamehameha, Lorna continued her education in New York City where she was invited to sing with a group at Carnegie Hall. Her music career highlights include singing for Mel Torme on an evening radio show. She later returned to Hawai'i and performed at the Tahitian Lanai in Waikiki. For more information on her CD, call (808) 845-7744.

## 1950s

■ On April 21, 2011, Kahuku High and Intermediate School renamed its health and learning center The Geraldine Meade Health Learning Center after **Geraldine Heirakuji Meade KSK'54**, a longtime Kahuku educator who passed away in June 2010. The health center offers classes on anatomy, health nutrition and physiology. The center also offers students training on checking vital signs, temperature, blood pressure and pulse rates. Geraldine taught at Kahuku for many years, mostly in physical education and health courses. She was also involved with the North Shore Neighborhood Board and instrumental in establishing the Ko'olauloa Community Health and Wellness Center, a nonprofit that offers health care and information to the poor, uninsured, underinsured and homeless.

■ **Lynette Kaopuiki Paglinawan KSK'57**, a world-renown practitioner of ho'oponopono, was selected by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i as one of five Living Treasures for 2012. Ho'oponopono is the traditional Hawaiian conflict resolution process. The Living Treasures program was created by the mission to honor Hawai'i residents who demonstrate continuous growth in their field, have made significant contributions toward a more humane and fraternal society, and have continuously strived for excellence and a high level of accomplishment. Lynette's



**Betty Ellis Jenkins KSK'45** (third from right) along with her E Ala E group, which offers cultural experiences on O'ahu's North Shore. From left, Betty's husband Jack Jenkins, Coco Leong, **Lavina Silva Agader KSK'68**, Betty, Honey Awai-Lennox, **Dorothy Mathias Awai KSK'51**.

selection was based on her work to draw peace from conflict and also on her efforts to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and music.

■ **Stella Hing Carter KSK'57** is currently the queen of the Daughters of the Nile's Egyptian Temple #33 (Hawai'i). Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women 18 years or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile – or who are majority members in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls. In March 2012, Stella was installed as high priestess, Hawai'i Court #60, Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America. The goals of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine are to promote sociability, good fellowship and the betterment of all ladies connected with the organization.

## 1960s

■ **Claire Wilmington Pruet KSK'60** was named the 2011 recipient of the Kukui Lama Kū Award from the O'ahu Council at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' 52nd Annual Conference held in October 2011 at the Turtle Bay Resort in Kahuku, O'ahu. Claire was selected based on her expertise in Hawaiian culture and for perpetuating the values of Hawai'i. Her career includes work as an assistant teacher, a guidance counselor for Child and Family Services, and a data systems coordinator,



Claire Wilmington Pruet KSK'60

outreach counselor and financial aid specialist for Kamehameha Schools' Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi Scholarship Program. While living in Washington D.C., she helped establish the first Hawaiian Civic Club on the east coast, Keali'i Maka'ainana Hawaiian Civic Club. She is currently a member of both the Prince Kūhiō and the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu.

## 1970s

■ Retired police Lt. **Robert Hill KSK'79** was recently named the new executive director of the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. The facility is a living memorial dedicated to the Japanese-American veterans of World War II. The center houses the Maui Adult Care Center and the Kanska Preschool; together they form the state's only intergenerational facility. With 25 years of service with the Maui Police Department, Robert retired as the commander of the traffic section. He also is a lieutenant colonel in the Hawai'i Army National Guard,

Medical Command. His education includes a bachelor of science in nutrition and a master's in business administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

## 1980s

■ **Vanessa Chong Kuna KSK'80** was selected to participate in the 2011 Fulbright Program for International Education Administrators in Japan. During the month of June, she, along with six other international education administrators visited ministries, universities and organizations in Tokyo, Kyoto, Fukuoka and Hiroshima. In addition to studying the education system, the participants also learned about the culture and society of Japan. A faculty member at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Vanessa serves as an advisor at the Study Abroad Center, which offers summer, semester, and year-long programs in Asia, Australia, Europe, the Pacific and South America. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright program provides thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research abroad.

■ **Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe KSK'82** was appointed as the new chief executive officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. He replaces Clyde Nāmu'o, who retired on Dec. 30, 2011, and steps in at a time when OHA is strengthening its focus on a number of initiatives aimed at improving conditions for Native Hawaiians. Kamana'opono has been a part of OHA's 'ohana since joining their executive team in November 2009 as research director. He came to OHA from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, where he served as a licensed psychologist and director of training. He is the founder and president of 'Aha

## KSK'70 PLANNING 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Oct. 26 to 28, 2012**

Ka'ūpūlehu Interpretive Center

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

Hosted by 1970 Hawai'i island classmates, the weekend will include camp or hotel accommodations, golf, tours and a birthday party at the Beach Club; lots of field trips and storytelling; open ocean swimming and salt gathering; and a lū'au at Ka'ūpūlehu. On Sunday, church service and lawn games will be offered before the farewell. Housing packages are being assembled. Ground transportation, tents and bedding for camping can be provided if needed. More information and sign-up to follow. Questions? E-mail Bobby at ryamada001@hawaii.rr.com, or laukeya at abright@hawaii.rr.com. Want to get on our 1970 class e-mail list? Contact Linda at opae70@gmail.com.

## Share your news!

I Mua invites all Kamehameha Schools graduates to share news about their personal, professional or academic achievements. Please limit announcements to 100 words. Digital photos should be jpg or tiff files, 4 x 6 inches in size and at 300 dpi resolution. Please see "Submissions" information on page 3. Mahalo!



New OHA CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe KSK'82

Kāne Native Hawaiian Men's Health Conference, and received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

■ **Reydan "Tita" Ahuna KSK'84** was inducted into Hawai'i Pacific University's (HPU) 2011 Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 24, 2011. In her 11 years as the Sea Warriors women's volleyball head coach, her team won two NCAA national championships. In 2000, Reydan led HPU to a perfect season, going 28-0 – the first-ever perfect season in NCAA Division II history. She is the all-time career leader in HPU volleyball wins with 206. Currently, Reydan is the club director and head coach at TAVA Volleyball Hawai'i Club – a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable organization committed to providing quality physical and personal development in volleyball. Visit [www.tavahawaii.org](http://www.tavahawaii.org) for more information.

■ Multi Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner **Lehua Kalima KSK'84**, one third of Nā Leo Pilimehana, launched her solo album, "Rising In Love," in November 2011. Her solo debut features all original songs penned by Lehua, the album's producer **Shawn Pimental KSK'90**, and Kaleo del Sol. Also featured on the album is guitarist **Imua Garza KSK'02**. For more information, please visit [www.mountainapplecompany.com/lehua](http://www.mountainapplecompany.com/lehua). In addition to her CD



Lehua Kalima KSK'84 releases new solo album

release, Lehua has also been hired as the new arts program specialist for the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. In this role, she will serve as the point person in coordinating and executing the commission's annual statewide celebration events.

■ **Michelle Kauhane KSK'86** was appointed deputy to the chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission by Governor Neil Abercrombie. Michelle had served as the executive director of Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) since 2006. HCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Development Financial Institution and HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency with a particular focus on serving Native Hawaiians. She earned a bachelor of arts in public relations from Gonzaga University.

■ **Dr. Sydney Iaukea KSK'87** recently released her book titled "The Queen and I." Initiated by questions about property disputes in her immediate family, she explores Hawai'i's historical archives and discovers the central role played by her great-great-grandfather, Curtis Iaukea, in Hawai'i politics in the late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century – particularly, his trusted position with Queen Lili'uokalani. For more information, visit [www.ucpress.edu](http://www.ucpress.edu).

■ **Capt. Michael Contrades KSK'88** has been promoted to deputy chief of the Kaua'i Police

Department (KPD). A 17-year KPD veteran, he has served in many different capacities including property crimes detective, lieutenant with the vice unit, officer assigned to patrol the Kawaihau, Lihu'e and Kōloa districts, sergeant and district supervisor for the Patrol Services Bureau in Waimea and Lihu'e, district commander for the Hanalei district, and most recently, captain of the Patrol Services Bureau. Michael was instrumental in the opening of the Kaua'i Police Activities League Youth Center (KPAL) in Kapa'a where he currently serves as director for the center. In addition, the new deputy chief has received numerous awards including Humanitarian of the Year in 2009 for his work with KPAL, the 1998 Officer of the Year for the County of Kaua'i and the 1999 Officer of the Year for the state of Hawai'i.

## 1990s

■ **Matt Sproat KSK'90**, **Kale Hannahs KSK'96** and **David Kamakahi KSK'98** of the band Waipuna recently released their second CD titled "E Ho'i Mai," a collection of songs that pay tribute to where they have come from, recognize the people who have provided them guidance, and provide a glimpse as to where their music will lead them. For more information, please visit [www.waipunaonline.com](http://www.waipunaonline.com).

■ In January, **Keiki-Pua Dancil KSK'91**, Ph.D., was hired as vice president of Bio-Logical Capital's Hawai'i operations. Bio-Logical Capital is a land investment, development and conservation company. Previously Keiki-Pua was the president and chief executive officer of Hawaii Science and Technology Institute and Hawaii Science and Technology Council, where she was involved in developing strategic partnerships between state and federal agencies, private and public schools, and the business community on issues including



Michael Shibata KSK'00

work-force development and economic revitalization in science and technology. She received her undergraduate degree from Santa Clara University in physical and analytical chemistry, her doctorate in chemistry and biochemistry from the University of California-San Diego, and her master of business administration from Harvard Business School.

## 2000s

■ **Michael Shibata KSK'00** received his certified planner designation from the American of Institute of Certified Planners in January. Michael is currently a project manager with PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., a land planning, environmental planning and landscape architecture firm in Honolulu. As a project manager and planner, his projects have included accepted environmental impact statements for the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu, the Ho'opili urban development project in Kapolei, and the Wai'ale residential and commercial development in central Maui.

■ **Ian O'Sullivan KSK'01** recently became the first Hawaiian guitarist to receive a master's in music from Yale University in New Haven, Conn. He is currently working on an album titled "Classical Guitar Music of Hawai'i." In addition to several of his own original compositions, the album will include works from several Hawai'i composers, including Byron Yasui, Michael



**Lisa Farias KSK'92** (left) and **Gina Johnson KSK'92** (right) help Hall of Fame Inductee **Reydan Ahuna KSK'84** celebrate her achievement.



**David Kamakahi KSK'98**, **Matt Sproat KSK'90** and **Kale Hannahs KSK'96** of Waipuna



## HAWAIIANS IN THE NORTHWEST

Kamehameha graduates from the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Western Oregon University and the University of Miami met in Eugene, Ore., to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by **Taylor Tsuji KSK'10** and her family. Pictured in 38 degree weather – some wearing shorts and no shoes – from left, first row: **Keanu Haina KSK'11**, **Sky Akau KSK'10**, **Kylie Watson KSM'10**, **Taylor Tsuji KSK'10**, **Chelsea Bega KSK'10**, **Kiana Nakanelua KSK'10**, **Kayla Mahiko KSK'10**; second row: **Niutao Seau KSK'10** and **Preston Ha'o KSK'10**.

Foumai, Jeff Peterson, Darin Au and Bailey Matsuda. To help raise funds for the album, Ian launched a Kickstarter project in March 2012 with the goal of raising at least \$5,500. He also has plans for a concert in August at the Atherton Performing Arts Studio in Honolulu. For more information, call (808) 230-6930.

■ **Brandie Cazimero KSK'03** was crowned Miss Hawai'i USA on Nov. 14, 2011 at the Ala Moana Hotel. The newly crowned beauty queen is currently a flight attendant for Hawaiian Airlines. The pageant is the official preliminary to the 2012 Miss USA Pageant.

■ In May 2011, **Daniel Truong KSK'05** was hired as an investment associate with the Kamehameha Schools Financial Assets Division (FAD). In this role, he is responsible for producing investment and analytical reports

used to monitor and manage the Kamehameha Schools investment portfolio. Other responsibilities include maintaining the investment databases, performing qualitative and quantitative analysis on investment exposures and performance, and monitoring receipt reports. Prior to joining the FAD team, Daniel was a budget analyst with the Hawai'i State Senate Ways and Means Committee. He earned a bachelor of arts in economics and a minor in psychology from Stanford University in June 2009.

■ **Brandon Hardin KSK'07** just finished his senior season as an Oregon State University football player, a season that was cut short with a season-ending shoulder injury during fall camp. He was expected to be the Beavers' starting cornerback for the 2011 season. Despite the injury, Brandon was able to return to play in the East-West Shrine



Shantel Hunt KSK'07

Game at the end of the season. In April, Brandon was selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Chicago Bears.

■ **Shantel Hunt KSK'07** was awarded the Outstanding Collegiate Award by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at their national conference in October 2011. SWE is a not-for-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Shantel was nominated by NAVSEA and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility for her commitment to outreach, an ability to lead, and a track record for academic excellence. She is currently SWE's section president at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where she is studying electrical engineering.

■ **Jason Campbell KSK'08** and **Josh Costa KSK'08** are members of the Colorado State University at Pueblo football team. Jason is a starter at linebacker and Josh is the starting safety. A Division II school, the Thunderwolves finished their 2011 season as outright champs of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with an 11-0 record, a first in the school's history. The team went on to play in its first playoff game since 1982 against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. CSU-Pueblo would end up losing that game 24-21.



Ciera Cummings KSK'08

■ **Ciera Cummings KSK'08** was hired in September 2011 as a research assistant for the Kamehameha Schools Research and Evaluation Division, a support division that conducts research utilized for the design and revision of educational and community programs at Kamehameha Schools, as well as provides evaluation reports on all existing KS programs. Raised on the Kaua'i, she received her bachelor of arts in economics from Mills College in May 2011, and also interned with Kamehameha Schools Financial Assets Division during the summer of 2011.

## 2010s

■ Congratulations to **Keanu Morris KSK'10** who graduated from basic training from the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 30, 2011. He served in technical school for four months at the Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Keanu will continue on at another technical school in North Carolina before leaving for his permanent assignment at the Lakenheath Air Force Base in the United Kingdom.



Daniel Truong KSK'05



Brandon Hardin KSK'07



Keanu Morris KSK'10 with family members from left, grandmother Fran Morris, mother France Morris, Keanu, sister **Kaimanu Morris KSK'08**, aunt Melanie Morris and grandfather Alexander Morris.

## E Kala Mai

**Desiree Cauton Pavao KSK'85** should have been identified as a Kamehameha Schools graduate in the Service Awards mahalo page which appeared in the Winter 2012 issue of I Mua.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to the proud parents!

■ **Dana Ing KSK'06** and Kila Delovio welcomed son Brody on Jan. 22, 2011. Proud family members include grandfather **Clayton Ing KSK'76**, aunty **Robyn Ing KSK'09** and uncle **Ricky Ing KSK'12**.

■ **Solomon Kaawaloa KSK'95** and wife Patricia welcomed daughter Annabella Lynnecca on June 14, 2011.

■ **Keala Chang Roberts KSK'95** and Evan Roberts welcomed daughter Taylor Uala'iokeamalu Chapman on April 25, 2011. Proud relatives include uncle **Keoni Chang KSK'89** and aunty **Noenoe Chang Barona KSK'90**.

■ **Pohai Kaho'onei KSK'99** and Kendall Kelson, Jr. welcomed daughter Hilina'iakealoha Kaliko-akauakanilehuaakamahinapoepoe-

maiku'upoli Ella-Marie on Nov. 9, 2011. Proud relatives include paternal great-grandmother **Marie Loa Kelson KSK'54**; uncles **Kanoa Andrade KSK'91**, **Kellen Kelson KSK'05**, and **Zachary Ah Chong KSK'06**; aunties **Chandele Tachibana KSK'04** and **Laura Springer Kelson KSK'05**; and god-sister Tehani Kekuawela KSH'24.

■ **Kahikolu Hugo-Pihana KSK'96** and Sonny Pihana welcomed their son Kahiku Alaka'i Sonny on Jan. 16, 2011. He joins older brother Kanaluakea (2).

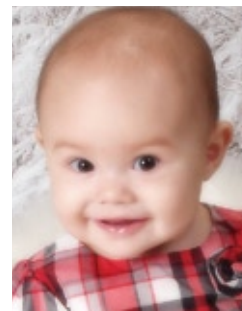
■ **Joseph Celebrado KSK'90** and Ling Loo welcomed son Iokepa Keahe'olu on Oct. 6, 2011. He joins big sister Kawenaluahoano.



Brody Delovio



Annabella Kaawaloa



Taylor Roberts



Hilina'iakealoha Kelson



Kahiku Hugo-Pihana



Iokepa Celebrado

## PCED AND PELATRON LEADERSHIP

### *Kamehameha Schools Graduates Give Back to the Community*

**L**okomaika'i is the concept of giving and sharing with others to perpetuate greater return and benefit to the community.

This concept is a driving force behind the Pacific Center for Economic Development (PCED), a nonprofit Native Hawaiian organization. In July 2004, **Aimoku McClellan KSK'66**, **Harvey Kim KSK'66** and **Kimo Kahoano KSK'66** organized and founded PCED.

Since then, the PCED has expanded to include board chairman **Bob Lindsey KSK'66**, vice chairman **Warren Ah Loo KSK'65**, board director **Ululani Packett KSK'66** and **Ku'ulei Stockman KSK'66**, who serves as director of cultural resources.

PCED is creating sustainable economic opportunities for Native Hawaiians and tangible economic betterment for Native Hawaiians and the residents of Hawai'i. PCED is structured as an umbrella organization under which for-profit companies operate and share revenue to PCED to ensure the nonprofit is able to continue and fulfill its mission.

Pelatron is PCED's first for-profit company.

In 2011, Pelatron, Inc., was awarded the No. 1 ranking of the Fastest 50 business award by Pacific Business News, for having doubled



PCED Board of Directors. From left: Kimo Kahoano KSK'66, Bob Lindsay KSK'66, Warren Ah Loo KSK'65, Aimoku McClellan KSK'66, Harry Kim KSK'66. Not pictured: Ululani Packett KSK'66.

its revenues every year – a remarkable achievement considering that the overall economy was experiencing a significant recession.

Pelatron has become a premier technology company and industry leader – having produced the first true on-the-move command and control system for the military, for which it recently received its largest single contract to date to further develop and produce additional systems.

This accomplishment is usually associated with large companies such as General Dynamics, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin and other prime contractors. Pelatron's continued success is translating to high quality job opportunities in Hawai'i, and is providing resources to expand PCED's work in entrepreneurial and business training for Native Hawaiians.

CEO McClellan credits the company's success to the talent and work ethic of Pelatron's staff. The company's employee count has risen to 100, of which 11 are Kamehameha School graduates, and nearly all Pelatron staff are kama'aina.

McClellan and business partner Kim, president and chief operating officer, credit their special bond and trust from being KSK'66 classmates and a key reason for Pelatron's successes.

Last year, **Gil Tam KSK'66**, vice president and chief administrative officer, and **Bronson Aken KSK'02**, vice president and chief engineering and technology officer, joined Pelatron's executive team to prepare, expand and create more job opportunities in Hawai'i.

Other Kamehameha alumni working for Pelatron are **Les Kahalekai KSK'66**, **Mike Lo KSK'67**, **Eric Kim KSK'68**, **Carl Miyamoto KSK'98**, **Amy Tano KSK'99**, **Tyler Yates KSK'03**, **Coreene Choy Zablan KSK'74**. **Koiku**



Pelatron employees from left: **Bronson Aken KSK'02**, vice president, chief engineering and technology officer; **Harvey Kim KSK'66**, president and chief operating officer; **Tyler Yates KSK'03**, financial analyst; **Coreene Choy Zablan KSK'74**, executive administrator of corporate affairs; **Aimoku McClellan KSK'66**, chairman and chief executive officer; **Amy Tano KSK'99**, enterprise systems administrator; **Mike Lo KSK'67**, director, resources and supply chain; **Gil Tam KSK'66**, vice president, chief administrative officer; **Carl Miyamoto KSK'98**, enterprise network engineer; and, **Eric Kim KSK'68**, director, manufacturing services. Not pictured: **Les Kahalekai KSK'66**, director, technical processes.

**Richardson KSK'66** is a former employee.

"As a country kid from Wahiawā, Kamehameha Schools gave me the foundation to be part of Pauahi's legacy of developing 'industrious men and women' of Hawaiian ancestry," Kim said. "I witness the power of Princess Pauahi's vision almost daily and am so proud of all KS graduates and the huge impact we are making in all aspects of our community. I mua Kamehameha."

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“Those were three watershed accomplishments that we faced with courage, with sensibility, and with the right ideas about the direction of the trust and the future,” she said.

Plotts said she is confident she is leaving the board in good hands.

“All of the new trustees bring diversity, just as our group did when we came in. I sense a mutual respect and a willingness to debate issues civilly and arrive always at the best solution for Kamehameha Schools,” she said. “Bringing diversity to the discussion makes for a good board.”

During her tenure, Kamehameha Schools faculty and staff members earned the respect of Plotts, and she said she will remember them as being “extraordinarily special.”

“They are just a wonderful, kind, generous, giving, caring group of people. A group that came through a very stressful time and yet those who came through it and stayed continued to care so much about Kamehameha.

“The way teachers feel spreads throughout this organization. Teachers are very special, they work for the love of nurturing the best in children and that feeling permeates to all of us who serve this mission.”

As for herself, Plotts said she doesn’t want to be remembered personally.

“I want to be remembered as part of a great team of trustees who really worked well together. In terms of the respect we had for one another and the common goal of always trying to do the best thing for the schools, it’s been one of the best boards I’ve ever had the opportunity to serve on.”

As she packed away the last few items in her office and wiped her desk down for the last time, Plotts offered one final thought for the KS ‘ohana.

“I really want to thank everybody for the incredible experience they’ve provided me,” she said. “It’s been a wonderful journey. Everybody I’ve met, everybody I’ve touched – I’ve learned something from all of them. It really has been incredible.”

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“My question was ‘What can I do to help?’ I feel the role of trustee is not a day job, it’s not something you do, it’s something you are. You have to understand and respect that, and I felt I could do that.”

Wilhelm said he’ll carry two major themes forward throughout his term. One is that as graduates of Kamehameha, as recipients of Pauahi’s gift of education, there is a responsibility to repay that gift and find ways to give back.

“I promised myself that if I was ever given a chance, one of the messages I would always try to convey is that we begin to nurture a culture of kuleana, responsibility and giving back. That can be done so many different ways, but I’d like to see that being enriched and focused on here.

“I’d also like to see our ‘ohana assume leadership roles in the community, whatever their professional endeavors might be. We ought to start expecting of our graduates that as you take this gift that you’ve been given, part of your responsibility is to lead, not just participate, but lead. Whatever your chosen field, embrace the challenge of the mission.”

And as he looks to the future, Wilhem looks to those trustees who preceded him as role models and examples.

“Boy, the Diane Plotts of

the world and those trustees since the year 2000 have done yeomen’s work. An unbelievable amount of effort went into creating an institution that’s far more transparent, far more system process oriented, far more grounded in sound governance and oversight.

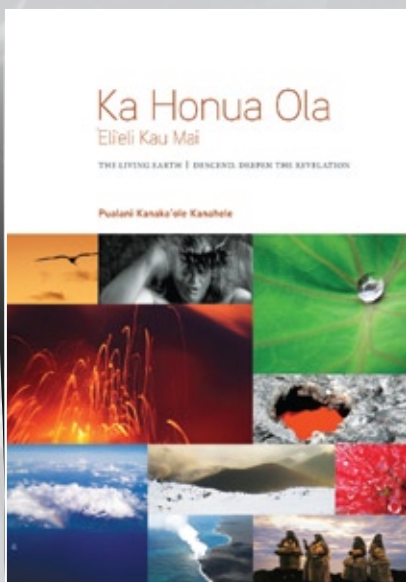
“That stuff doesn’t just happen. They worked hard at it. I can only imagine the amount of time and effort that they put into that. We’re blessed that we had people like that to lead us at that juncture and the institution is much the better for it.

Although the dynamic of Kamehameha’s board of trustees may be changing, Wilhelm is confident that the organization will not miss a beat.

“I know I have big shoes to fill. Absolutely,” he said. “In a lot of ways I don’t even try. There’s no point in trying, I could never have done what they did and I don’t even pretend that I could.

“We’re going to do different things, we’re going to attack different problems, but they were remarkable people. I do believe that this current board is well stocked with individuals with the skills, talents, experience and passion to take on the tough issues of this generation and bring added luster and honor to Kamehameha.”

## 2012 BOOK OF THE YEAR



**Winner of the 2012 Samuel M. Kamakau Award**  
Hawai'i Book Publishers Association

**Ka Honua Ola: The Living Earth**  
A new book by Pualani Kanaka'ole Kanahale, PhD

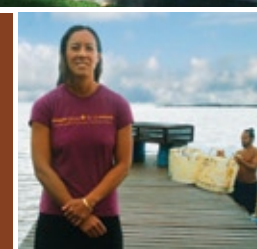
‘Ō‘ili pulelo ke ahi i Halema‘uma‘u! The fire has returned victorious to Halema‘uma‘u! Ka Honua Ola has brought home two awards from the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association, the award for excellence in Hawaiian language, culture and history, and the Samuel M. Kamakau award for book of the year.



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## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the happy couples!

■ **Ivy Jenkins KSK'77** and **Herman Kanahele, Jr.** were married on Oct. 15, 2011 at the Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel in Waikiki, O'ahu. The wedding party included **Myra Imamura KSK'71** as the maid of honor. In attendance were children **Ariel, Ethan** and **Russell Torres KSK'05**, **Lea** and **Kanoa Kanahele KSK'00**, and the bride's stepfather **Ronald Barringer KSK'52**.

■ **Hailama Farden KSK'89** and **Elena Savaiinaea KSK'93** were married on Sept. 10, 2011 at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel by Kahu **Kordell Kekoa KSK'80**. In the wedding party were best man **Harold Pang KSK'87**, groomsman **Hiapokeikikane Perreira KSK'92** and bridesmaid **Cathy Leonardi KSK'93**.

■ **Moani Wright-Van Alst KSK'99** and **Keli'i Pomroy** were married on July 9, 2011 at Kualoa Ranch, O'ahu. In the wedding party were Moani's classmates **Whit Germano, Dre Kalili** and **Jonathan Tungpalan**. Also in attendance were aunty **Ilona Mendoca KSK'64**, cousin **Dayna Mendoca KSK'89**, **Alaka'i Paleka KSK'74**, kumu **Karl Baker KSK'76**, **Kirsha Durante KSK'97** and **Jaime Aki KSK'90**.

■ **Alisha Kang KSK'01** and **Alan Medeiros** were married on Nov. 1, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. In attendance was aunty **Stephanie Rockstroh KSK'00**.

■ **David Elia KSK'03** and **Jennifer Fitzgerald KSK'03** were married on July 30, 2011 in the Bernice Pauahi Bishop

Memorial Chapel by Kahu **Sherman Thompson KSK'74**. In the wedding party were **Kristin Elia KSK'02**, **Chelsea Berdon Miller KSK'03**, **Kelly Fitzgerald KSH'14**, **Kyle Peru KSK'03**, and **Keoni Mahelona KSK'03**. In attendance were **Natasha Elia Sato KSK'91**, **David Sato KSK'91**, **Kimberly Coleman KSK'03**, **Lindsey Doi KSK'04**, **Valen Ahlo KSK'03**, **Malcolm Nozoe KSK'68**, **Michael Peloso KSK'94**, **Billie Jo Kaopuiki Peloso KSK'93**, **Jackie Ng-Osorio KSK'94**, **Kane Ng-Osorio KSK'94**, **Kaleo Kaleohano KSK'02**, **Carlee Kondo KSK'05** and **Samson Souza KSK'03**.

■ **Kamuela Yong KSK'03** and **Tasha-Leigh Chang** were married on July 2, 2011 at Kahalu'u Fishpond in Kahalu'u, O'ahu. The couple is currently residing in Iowa City, Iowa, where Kamuela

received his doctorate in applied mathematics in May 2012.

■ **Erin Kealoha KSK'04** and **Richard Fale** were married on Jan. 15, 2011 at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel. The wedding party included the bride's father **Earle Kealoha, Jr. KSK'75**, brother **Colin Kealoha KSK'99**, maid of honor **Beth Keolanui KSK'04** and bridesmaids **Trisha Tamashiro KSK'04** and **Marisa Lloyd KSK'04**.

■ **Leah Hugo-Melrose KSK'04** and **Jeremy Yim** were married on Sept. 17, 2011 at Kawaiaha'o Church in Honolulu by Kahu **Curtis Kekuna KSK'66**. There were over 250 in attendance, including many of the Hugo 'ohana and other Kamehameha Schools alumni.



**Ivy Jenkins KSK'77** and **Herman Kanahele, Jr.**



**Hailama Farden KSK'89** and **Elena Savaiinaea KSK'93**



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**Erin Kealoha KSK'04** and **Richard Fale**



**Leah Hugo-Melrose KSK'04** and **Jeremy Yim**

## CLASSMATES GATHER FOR CIVIL WAR 2011

**Brandon Hardin KSK'07**, **Kahaku Ka'ai KSK'07** and **Corinne Chun KSK'07** held a mini reunion at the 2011 Civil War rivalry football game between the University of Oregon and Oregon State University on Nov. 26, 2011 in Eugene, Ore. Brandon was the starting cornerback for Oregon State University until an injury ended his senior year. Kahaku attended Puget Sound University in nearby Washington state where he also played football for the Loggers. His brother **Koa Ka'ai KSK'11** is a redshirt freshmen on the University of Oregon football team. Corinne attended Oregon State University and was on its cheer squad. Pictured are, from left: Kahaku's mom **Pua Ka'ai**, **Brandon Hardin KSK'07**, **Kahaku Ka'ai KSK'07**, **Corinne Chun KSK'07** and dad **Bill Ka'ai**.



# DEATHS

It is with sincere regret that we note the passing of the following graduates:

## 1941

■ **John Kaina** of Hau‘ula, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 30, 2011. Born in ‘Ōla‘a, Hawai‘i, he was a retired Hawaiian Electric Co. superintendent and an Army veteran.

■ **Charlotte Kunane** Meyers of Honolulu died on Dec. 1, 2011. Born in Honolulu, she was a bookkeeper at various companies.

## 1944

■ **Edward Wilcox** of ‘Aiea, O‘ahu, died on Jan. 2, 2012. Born in Honolulu, he was a retired general foreman pipefitter at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

## 1945

■ **Marjorie Kanae** Akana of Lynnwood, Wash., died on Sept. 23, 2011. She was born in Honolulu.

## 1948

■ **Samuel “Tucky” Seto Jr.** of Medford, Ore., died on Nov. 11, 2011. Born in Hanapēpē, Kaua‘i, he was a military veteran who was a cold weather mountain climber, instructor and paratrooper. He was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars, two Air Medals and numerous foreign awards. After the military, he returned to Honolulu and worked for Dole Pineapple.

## 1949

■ **Kahu Harold Teves** of Oceanview, Hawai‘i, died on Dec. 4, 2011. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, a medic and member of the Green Beret, the founder and kahu of the Kahuku Congregational Church, and a police chaplain with the Hawai‘i Police Department.

## 1954

■ **Ernest Ho-a Jr.** of Denver, Colo., died on Feb. 3, 2012. Ernest was one of the first Kamehameha students to work as a student photographer with the late Luryier “Pop” Diamond and is credited with giving Diamond the nickname Pop. He spent 31 years in the Air Force and 27 years working for the federal government, always with a camera by his side.

## 1955

■ **James Kaina** of Honolulu died on Sept. 26, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a musician and a retired eastern regional sales representative for the Hawai‘i Visitors Bureau.

## 1956

■ **Louise Soong** of Honolulu died on Jan. 8, 2012. Born in Honolulu, she was a retired customer service agent with Hawaiian Airlines.

## 1957

■ **Andrew “Moose” Akina Jr.** of Kapolei, O‘ahu, died on Dec. 28, 2011. Born in Hilo, Hawai‘i, he was a retired electrician with Hawaiian Electric Co.

■ **Lana Soares** Hudson of Waipahū, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 4, 2011. Born in Kahuku, O‘ahu, she was a retired executive assistant for Callaway Golf.

## 1958

■ **Kamuela “Lala” Ah Yat** Larsen of Honolulu died on Sept. 24, 2011. Born in Honolulu, she was a retired Honolulu Police Department dispatcher.

## 1959

■ **Winona Ebinger** Anzalone of Kailua, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 4, 2011. Born in Honolulu, she was a hotel and travel industry retiree who worked in sales.

## 1961

■ **Samuel Keanini Jr.** of Honolulu died on Dec. 19, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a retired Honolulu Police Department lieutenant and an Army veteran.

## 1962

■ **Prince Kekaulike** of Honolulu died on Sept. 24, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a Honolulu police officer and retired Army chief warrant officer.

■ **Henry Maunakea** of Honolulu died on Oct. 14, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was the proprietor of Maunakea, Inc.

## 1963

■ **William Burchett** of Wai‘anae, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 30, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a retired firefighter for the federal government and an Air Force veteran.

■ **William Cooper** of Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu, died on Dec. 5, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a retired Mutual Welding purchasing agent and an Air Force veteran.

■ **Michael Kukonu** of Carson City, Nev., died on Nov. 25, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was an employee at the Rio Casino.

## NATALIE OANA KSK’77 LOSES LEUKEMIA FIGHT



After a brave and hard-fought two-year battle against acute mylogenous leukemia, **Natalie Oana KSK’77** died March 6 at Queen’s Medical Center in Honolulu.

Oana was leukemia free when she returned to Hawai‘i in late January, following a bone marrow transplant at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

in Seattle, Wash (Read story in the Fall 2011 I Mua at [www.ksbe.edu](http://www.ksbe.edu)).

She died from complications of the transplant.

Oana’s stay in Seattle was buoyed by a dedicated team of volunteers consisting almost entirely of Kamehameha classmates and other alumni.

Following her diagnosis, Oana and friends helped spread awareness about the lack of Native Hawaiians in the national bone marrow registry. They registered almost 1,200 potential donors through numerous statewide bone marrow drives, including one at the 2011 Kapālama campus Ho‘olaule‘a which resulted in a positive match for another patient.

Oana is survived by daughters, Jeannin and Brigitte Russo, as well as sister **Jeanine Oana Kiko KSK’69**. A volleyball tournament is being planned in Oana’s honor to raise money for other transplant patients.

■ **Darlene Keama** Lee of Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu, passed on Nov. 4, 2011. Born in Honolulu, she was a former secretary at Sutton Construction.

## 1968

■ **Bruce Parker** of Honolulu died on Dec. 20, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a retired Honolulu Fire Department captain with the Waimānalo Fire Station and a student safety officer for Kalani High School and Mid-Pacific Institute.

## 1971

■ **Paul Newhouse** of Hau‘ula, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 15, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he worked for Continental Airlines providing technical support for aircraft maintenance.

## 1973

■ **Cliff Ahue** of Lāhainā, Maui, died on Jan. 26, 2012. Born in Honolulu, he was a kumu hula for Tihati Productions and of Na Maile Ku Honua.

## 1978

■ **Mervin Kawainui** of Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu, died on Oct. 25, 2011. Born in Honolulu, he was a certified fire sprinkler fitter for the state of Hawai‘i Local 675 and 669.

■ **Tane Wailehua** Mosher of Kāne‘ohe, O‘ahu, died on Dec. 15, 2011. Born in Honolulu, she was an Office of Hawaiian Affairs human resources manager.

## 1979

■ **Duane Ibarra** of Makawao, Maui, died on Jan. 18, 2012. Born in Honolulu, he was a firefighter with the Maui County Fire Department, where he served for 20 years.

## 1982

■ **Dean Harvey** of Tigard, Ore., died on Oct. 26, 2011. Raised on O‘ahu, he worked at Nike, Inc. for the last 15 years in a variety of management roles.

## 2011

■ **Tayler Nanea Pangan-Fergerstrom** of Kuli‘ou‘ou, O‘ahu, and Kainalu, Moloka‘i, died on Oct. 28, 2011. She was a student at Kapi‘olani Community College.

# THE STORY OF THE FIRST KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS YEARBOOK

by Janet Zisk  
Kamehameha Schools archivist

Warning! You will not find any yearbooks prior to 1924 in the Kamehameha Schools Archives. Why? Because there were none published!

Although Kamehameha Schools opened for business in 1887, the school did not offer Grade 12 until school year 1923-24. No Grade 12, no yearbook.

The change from a junior high school to a senior high school began in 1922 with the introduction of grade 10. Grade 11 followed in 1923. The last class to graduate with a standard grade nine diploma had been 1920-21.

In addition, there was no school newspaper following the final issue of “Handicraft” in June 1913, until the first issue of the newspaper entitled “Cadet” debuted in October 1923.

This left a gap of ten years in which there was no publication informing readers at the time (and in after years, like now) about student attendees and student life at Kamehameha Schools.

The dedication of the first yearbook reads “To the lasting memory of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a devoted benefactress of her race and founder of Kamehameha Schools, the Class of nineteen twenty-four affectionately dedicates ‘Ka Moi.’”

A group photo of “Members of the Annual Staff” (all Boys’ School students) is an introductory statement: “This is the first publication of a year book of this kind ever attempted by our school. The idea of getting out such a book was thought of near the end of the last school year. The organization of the staff then began... .”

Individual photos of the Class of 1924 (10 men and three women) are accompanied by their home town and island listing, study program selected, and school-related activities.

Sections on the juniors, sophomores, freshmen, and the preparatory (elementary) students are included.

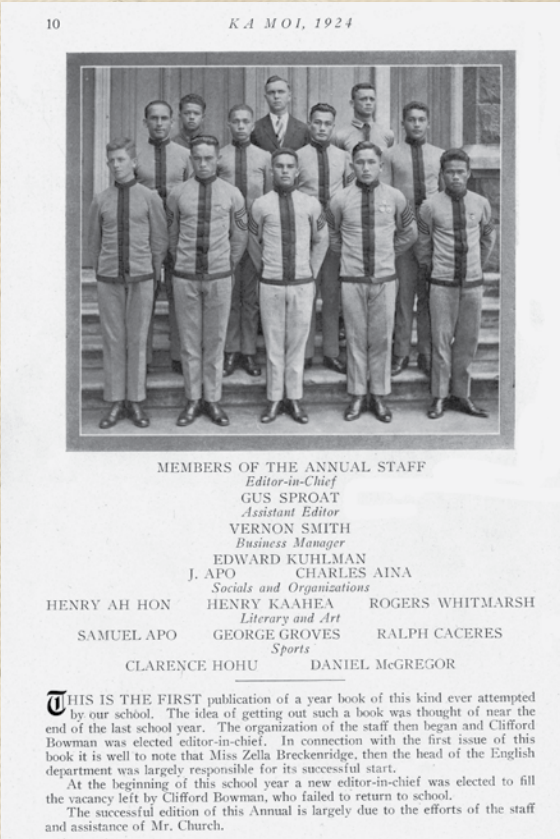
“Ka Moi” (same title as the yearbook from 1930-1931 through 1943-1944).

There has been only one year when no yearbook was published – 1943. This was announced in the April 9, 1943 issue of the newspaper Ka Moi: “Due to the shortage of paper materials and other conditions occasioned by the war this year the Kamehameha Schools usual Ka Moi annual will not be published and for the first time in 20 years there will be no annual....”

An article in the Ka Moi newspaper of Jan. 12, 1945, announced: “Seniors Select Na’i Aupuni as New 1945 Yearbook Title.” The article continues: “ ‘Na’i Aupuni,’ which means ‘The Conqueror,’ is the new name given to the year book, William Stewart and Alice Ignacio, co-editors-in-chief of the Kamehameha 1945 annual, revealed this week.”

The title “Na’i Aupuni” was grammatically corrected to “Ka Na’i Aupuni” for the 1953 yearbook title.

Co-editor Stewart is quoted as saying: “Annuals don’t grow on trees. They are products of conscientious hard-working students. Hours of work go into photography, write-up and make-up of a single page. Therefore, the key to a good annual is spirit and cooperation throughout the student body.”



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