

Congratulations to Recent Graduates

Brendan Bailey '90, from University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law on May 19, 2003. In October 2003 Brendan passed the Hawai'i Bar Exam.

Shani Butts '94, from School of Law at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She completed her undergraduate studies at George Washington University, also in Washington, D.C.

Wendy F. Hanakahi '94, from University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law on May 19, 2003. She is presently practicing law in Honolulu at the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP.

Snap Shots

John Velasco '97, **Nathan Silva '01** and **Jake DeMello '03** are students at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, Calif.

Alika Ichinose '00, a student at Norwich University, has been named a Norwich University Scholar.

Rebecca Nosaka '00 is a senior at California State University-Bakersfield majoring in anthropology with a minor in biology. "Becky" was selected by Cal State faculty to present her research on the "Origin of the Inhabitants of Bronze Age Bactria: a Dental Morphological Investigation" to the 2004 meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Tampa, Fla., in April. She is the

daughter of Terence and **Lori Kalama Bartz '78** of Bakersfield.

Kristen Kahaloo '01 studied abroad at Harlaxton College, England in the spring semester 2003. She served as an intern in the British Parliament and traveled throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. Studying British culture and law, Kristen earned credits toward her majors in international studies and political science at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

KS '03 graduates **Courtney Ann Keala Conching**, **Ohulani Aiona**, **Ashley Fernandez** and **Shannon M. Stringert** got together recently on a trip to San Francisco to meet with family and friends. Ashley and Kala attend the



Brendan Bailey '90 (center with lei) at UH Law School commencement with mom Marie to his right and other family members.



From left, Nate Silva '01, Jake DeMello '03 and John Velasco '97 at California Maritime Academy.



Shane Briones '01, student at George Washington University in D. C.



From left, Courtney Keala Conching, Ashley Fernandez, Kala Stringert and Ohulani Aiona enjoy San Francisco.



Mrs. Marjorie Midkiff (seated) with former Midkiff Scholarship recipients: from left, girls Jennifer Hara, Diana Okinaga Paloma and Raine Arndt; guys Ian Chun, Ryan Chun, Aaron Aina Akamu and Kevin Fong.

University of San Francisco and Keala and Ohulani attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif.

The annual Frank and Marjorie Midkiff Scholarship Christmas Luncheon for former recipients was held on Dec. 19, 2003 at the O'ahu Country Club. Attending the luncheon were **Ian Chun '95** (University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine), **Jennifer Hara '01** (Stanford University), **Ryan Chun '02** (University of Southern California), **Raine Arndt '01** (Whitworth College), **Kevin Fong '00** (Stanford University), **Aaron Aina Akamu '97** (Dartmouth College and now manager of Gear Up Hawai'i at the University of Hawai'i), and **Diane Okinaga Paloma '91** (University of California at Los Angeles; MBA, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa).

Jared Laufou '03 is enrolled at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. He and his father, Siuai Laufou – band director at KS' Maui Campus – were met at the Boston airport by **Kristina Lowe '91**, a former band student of Siuai's who took them to their hotel.

Shane Briones '01 is back at George Washington University after spending the past semester in New Zealand.

William Ahue '01, **Guy Carlsward '00**, **Creighton Ho '99**, **Krystle Kageyama '99**, **Gabriel Ramos '00** and **Daniel Sheehan '03** are cadets at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.



Kristen Kahaloa '01 in the courtyard inside England's Parliament compound. The tower behind her is known as St. Steven's Tower – often identified as Big Ben.



William Ahue '01, cadet at United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Enjoying their College Days

KS alumni attending Willamette University, Chapman University, and the University of Southern California recently shared updates with KS 'ohana members.



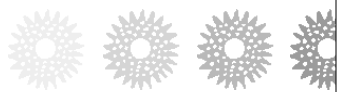
Kristi Kaapu '03 in her dorm room at Willamette University.



Kapu Gaison '03 (Chapman University in Orange, Calif.) with former KS classmates from left, **Katie Lukela**, **Brandi Balutski** and **'Ohu Aiona** (Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif.)



KS graduates at University of Southern California in Los Angeles: From left, kneeling: **Jill Hanunaga '03** and **Leah Wang '03**. Standing: **Amy Jackson '03**, **Billie Gomes '03**, **Trevor Ozawa '01**, **Bryceson Tanaka '03**, **Carley Tanoue '99**.



College Connections from the Heart

The KS Campus College Fair gives students inside information about college

On a sunny Saturday morning last December, about 400 Kamehameha Schools students and parents converged on the Kapālama middle school campus for the eighth annual Kamehameha Schools Campus College Fair, presented by Parents and Alumni Relations (PAR).

The fair, now in its eighth year, gives recent KS graduates currently attending college the opportunity to share first hand experiences and to provide information to families that may not be included in the colleges' admissions brochures. The purpose of the fair is to assist students in grades seven through 12 with college and career choices.

"This fair is to share," said Kamehameha Alumni Coordinator **Gerry Vinta Johansen '60**. "You can only learn so much about a school through their reading materials or their admissions representative. But what you get from speaking with families actually living these college experiences is priceless. Nobody can share that with you on paper."

A former KS counselor suggested that Johansen coordinate

the college fair if the opportunity ever arose. "When I worked with Myron Arakawa, they always wanted to do the fair, but they didn't have time. One day, Myron told me, 'Go get your degree so you can move up.'"

"So, when I was 40, I went back to college," said Johansen, who worked for more than 20 years in Financial Aid as part of the support staff.

Johansen is now the president of the Hawai'i State College Fair. She used the larger statewide fair as the model for the fair at KS, changing one aspect to add value to the event.

"The college fair at Blaisdell features admission counselors. You cannot get from them warm, personal assurances. Here, the students are the facilitators," she said.

"I talk to our Kamehameha students and emphasize giving back, either in time, in service, or whatever. That is our gift back to our school."

This year, KS alumni representing 50 different colleges and universities participated in the event, which also included a student and parent panel discussion. Panel members shared about issues related to leaving home, adjusting to college life, and for parents, learning to let go.

"As a single parent with an only child, it was difficult for me,"

said panelist Jewel Scoggins, mother of **Kalei Scoggins '03**, currently a student at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, Calif.

Jewel recommended parents attend any orientation programs offered by their child's college. She said Loyola's orientation program comforted her. "It instilled confidence in me about the school. My biggest fear was security."

Many of the parents attending this year's fair shared this concern. "Most of the parents ask what it's like in the city and whether it's safe," said **Gail Agas '00**, a fourth-year participant in the fair who is currently attending New York University.

"I spoke to some of our parents, and they said they're glad they came to this event," Johansen said. "I think they have a better understanding of the process from listening to the panel and a better concept of how to plan their child's college education."

"One parent said they are going to come to this fair every year, even though their daughter is now a seventh-grader, because by the time she's a senior, she'll have a pretty good idea of where she wants to go college."

For more information, or to participate in this year's college fair, call the PAR office at (808) 842-8680.



Shanelle Sanborn '00 shares information on the University of Hawai'i.



Roman Maunupau '02 discusses the benefits of the University of Puget Sound.