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1930s

Former Kamehameha Schools Industrial Education department head **Walter Tuck Chang '39** writes that he is slowly recovering from a stroke he endured five years ago. Under Chang's guidance, Kamehameha Schools was the first high school in Hawai'i to offer AutoCAD training in its curriculum, and Walter's 1984 senior architectural drafting class drew the original plans for the Kapālama Campus' \$3.5 million Industrial Education complex. Chang, who was selected one of the 2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century by the International Biographical Centre in January 2004, said that quite simply "Kamehameha Schools has been my life." Kamehameha Schools president and Kapālama Campus headmaster Dr. **Michael Chun** said, "Because of Walter's vision then, our students now have access to the very best in design technology, and Kamehameha owes Walter a huge *mahalo* for his leadership." Chang spent 26 years on the Kapālama Campus.



Walter Tuck Chang '39



Louis "Buzzy" Agard '42 is honored with certificates of resolution by the Hawai'i Senate and House of Representatives.

1940s

Members of the Class of 1941 gathered at the Kapālama Campus in April to welcome **David Merritt Peters** as an honorary member of their class. David graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1946 with a degree in engineering. He remained in the Army until 1973 after service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He has received many military decorations including the Silver Star for action in Vietnam, four Legions of Merit,

a Bronze Star for valor, and a Bronze Star for meritorious service. David taught at the University of Hawai'i from 1973-1976 and was an executive assistant to Sen. Daniel Inouye from 1976-1990. He has served as a trustee with Queen Lili'uokalani Trust since 1978.

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, the Hawai'i Senate and House of Representatives presented certificates of resolution honoring **Louis K. "Buzzy" Agard Jr. '42** for his "tireless work over the past six decades for causes of the Native Hawaiian people." Louis was recognized for helping to protect and preserve the land rights of the Hawaiian community; for his prolific writing on Hawaiian issues, including *Native Hawaiians – Their Concerns and Status*, and *Politics, Hawai'i Sandalwood Trees and Hope*; and for ongoing service to organizations such as the Council of Hawaiian Organizations, where he is vice president, and the Native Hawaiian Advisory Council and the Hawaiian Environmental Alliance – where he is treasurer for both organizations. "Uncle Buzzy" is also a former member of the Lili'uokalani Children's Center Advisory Council, the Congress of the Hawaiian People, the Aloha Association, the Hawaiian Homes Commission and is a former president of the Hawai'i Fishing Boat Association as well. And though he may be 80 now, Louis is still employed at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, where he has served in a variety of capacities for nearly eight years.

Ilona Wiebke Parker '44 and husband, Robert, reside in eastern Colorado (Brush, Colo.) where they plant trees, and trees and more



From left, Helen Young '45, Inge Hopkins, Tin Hu Young, Jr. '45, Milton Beamer '45, and seated, Mervyn Thompson '45 at class luncheon.

trees on their 6,700 acres of land. They've planted pines, Rocky Mountain juniper, Eastern red cedar, plum caragena, sumac... "you name it, we've probably planted it," says Robert. After graduating from Kamehameha, Ilona attended Texas State College for Women where she majored in art education. Most of her working career was spent as a stockbroker while also raising five children and assisting her husband in his many pursuits. One of the main goals of Ilona and Robert has been to create a haven for all forms of wildlife and to plant a forest on the prairie on their little section of earth. They have done just that. Ilona and Robert recently celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Vesta Parker Will '44 keeps herself busy by supporting community events such as University of Hawai'i athletic events. She recently made friends with the UH mascot, Vili "The Warrior" Fehoku.

KS '45 welcomed **Mervyn Thompson** as a member of their class as he was presented an honorary diploma in April 2004 at a luncheon for classmates, family and friends. Mervyn is a retired certified public accountant who is active with his class and contributes to community projects... State Rep. **Ezra Kanofo '45** and **Andrew Poepoe '53**, district director of the Small Business Administration, were honored with 2004 O'o Awards in April. The award is presented by the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (NHCC), an organization whose mission is to strengthen Native Hawaiian business and professions by building on a foundation of rela-



From left, Dr. Michael J. Chun, Kate Shim, David Peters '41 and Ethel Au '41. Seated: Alvin Shim '41— sharing in the celebration of David's return to the class.



Vesta Parker Will '44 sharing a cheer with UH-Mānoa's mascot, Vili.



Larry Mehau '48 and Albert "Cowboy" Silva '48 at celebration honoring Albert for his years of community service in the Leeward O'ahu region.

tionships, resources and Hawaiian values. The O'o Award is a symbol of recognition for Hawaiian business professionals who have excelled in the community.

The "Great '48" celebrated the lives of two classmates, **Roselani Robins Butler** and **Edward "Eddie Boy" Thompson Jr.** at separate services at Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel. **Aletha Goodwin Kaohi**, **Stanley Lum** and **Elmer Manley** took part in the services. Classmates were also saddened by the passing of Betty Huddy Cockett, wife of retired Brig. Gen. **Irwin "Yoka" Cockett**. The 50th Annual Memorial Service for all classmates was very impressive this year with great support from Kahu **Kordell Kekoa '80**, **Sherman Thompson '74** and the chapel staff. **Mogul Crabbe**, **Ronald Poepoe**, **Ramona Silva Cabral**, **Gene Naipo** and **Stanley Lum** participated in the beautiful service. Special guests at the luncheon that followed were **Maydell Taitano**, **Ainsley Seto**, **Samuel Keala**, **Katherine Farm**, **Alika Bell '07** and **Timmy Kekoa...** **Albert "Cowboy" Silva** was honored at a surprise celebration at Ko Olina's Lanikūhonua grounds in February with more than 900



From left, Leroy Victorino '55, Dorothy Mahunalii Kekipi '55 and Wendell DeFreitas '55.

guests attending. The Wai'anāe Community and the "Great 48" co-sponsored this event in appreciation of Cowboy's four decades of unselfish help to the community and classmates. Preparing and serving the delicious food included **Gene Naipo**, **Dolly Manley Phillips**, **Elmer Kapuaala**, **Howard Martinsen**, **Clifford Heu**, **William** and **Miriam Kalehua Cockett Deering**, **Alex** and **Terri Bell**, **Larry** and **Beverly Rogers Mehau** and their daughter **Dana** and grandsons **Nick '07** and **Joseph Vericella '07**, **Velma Halas Roberts**, **May Parker Au**, **Stanley Lum**, **Irwin Cockett**, **Aletha Goodwin Kaohi**, and **Elmer Manley**. Best wishes to **Janet Aleong Holokai** who is recovering from recent surgery. (Submitted by class representative **Elmer Manley**).

1950s

Momi Waihee Cazimero '51 was honored in March as the 2004 winner of the Gladys Kamakūokalani 'Ainoa Brandt Kūpuna Award, presented by Pacific Business News. Momi, who was presented the award at PBN's annual Women Who Mean Business event, is the founder of Graphic House, the first woman-owned Hawai'i design company.

KS '54 celebrated a Spring Luncheon at the Willows Restaurant in Honolulu in February. Classmates attending were **Darlene Mahelona Baines**, **Claire Gunderson Paishon**, **Miriam Hui Dunaway**, **Mary Larinaga Atienza**, **Paul** and **Genevieve Kanoe Nahulu Burns**, **Pauline Kakalia Suizu**, **Francis Hasegawa**, **Geraldine Heirakuji Meade**, **Christopher Kekipi**, **Ernest Chan**, **Pua Nasimento Colburn**, **Francis Forsythe**, **Lorna Greenleaf Goings**, **Edward Wells**, **Francis Wing Hong**, **Albert Kahalekulu** and **Caroline Kauahikaua Ponce**.

KS '55 classmates **Leroy Victorino**, **Dorothy Mahunalii Kekipi** and **Wendell DeFreitas** recently received honorary diplomas at a March class luncheon. Forty classmates and guests attended the celebration. Out of state classmates included **Clifford Carpenter**, **Wilmette Tollefsen** and **Matthew Sunada**.



KS '48 classmates at Bishop Memorial Chapel for services in March 2004.

1960s

Congratulations to **William "Billy" Lyman '60** voted "Lion King of the Hill" as the top president among Lions Clubs with 40 members or more. His Waiākea Lions Club was honored as the Best Club in District 50 at the recent Hawai'i Lions 68th Annual Convention. The Waiākea Lions Club was recognized for its 75 community service projects this year, including the formation of the Blind Infants Resources Program and assisting the Panaewa Zoo in constructing a new Primadome for spider monkeys. President Lyman said that "reaching out to help our fellow residents in Hawai'i County is what the Lions organization is all about and we look forward to continuing our tradition of service."

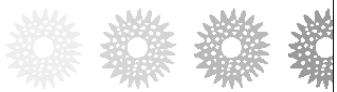
William Wallace III '66, director of Hawaiian Studies at BYU-Hawai'i, helped sail the twin-hulled voyaging canoe *Iosepa* from Hukilau Beach in Lā'ie to Kawaiahae, West Hawai'i. The Hawaiian Studies program at BYU-Hawai'i built the *Iosepa* with help from a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Master carvers **David "Kawika" Eskaran '74**, a member of the BYU-Hawai'i Hawaiian studies staff, and **Tuione Pulotu**, a long-time resident of Lā'ie originally from Tonga, carved the canoe from tropical wood imported from Fiji. Acting as captain on the *Iosepa's* maiden voyage was **Chadd Paishon '81**, a veteran of previous *Hokūle'a* and *Makali'i* open ocean voyages.



Rep. Ezra Kanoho '45



Andrew Poepoe '53



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To learn more about the Kamehameha Schools Archives, visit <http://kapalama.ksbe.edu/archives/> or call archivist Janet Zisk at 808-842-8945, or write to Kamehameha Schools Archives, Midkiff Learning Center, 249 Konia Circle, Honolulu, HI 96817.

On April 1, 2004, Infiniti of Honolulu became part of the King Automotive Group of which **Elizabeth "Liz" Makuakane Hansen '67** and husband Ron Hansen are partners. On April 28, 2004, Kahu **Richard Kamanu '75** of Kaumakapili Church, presided over the blessing. The King Automotive Group also includes King Auto Center on Kaua'i and King Windward Nissan in Kāne'ohe.

1970s

In July, more than 20 classmates helped Sgt. Maj. **Curt Lam Ho '70** celebrate his retirement from the U.S. Army after 30 years of service. The graduates joined a crowd of family, friends and military comrades at the 5-acre Kahalu'u residence of Curt's aunt and uncle, enjoying lots of 'ono Hawaiian food and music. Curt entered the Army in August 1974, and by 1981, had completed the military intelligence analyst course and was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division in Mannheim, West Germany. He returned to Fort Benning, Georgia in 1983 as an MI instructor. Curt's military education also included studies in long-range reconnaissance, intensive Spanish language training and leadership development. Curt's subsequent duty stations and deployments included stops in Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Panama, New York and ended in Hawai'i with his last position as senior enlisted advisor, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific. In retirement, Curt says he'll have more time to help out with his class of 1970 activities, at least until his

wife, Air Force Master Sgt. Danette Marie Robbins Lam Ho, retires in December of this year. Curt has two sons, Jason and Jonathan, and a 2-year-old grandson, Jeziah.

The class of 1970 has begun planning its 35th reunion, so classmates are urged to mark June 10, 2005 on their calendars – it promises to be a great class night during Alumni Week (June 5-12).

In April, **Kirk Durante '70** and wife **Phyllis Campbell '73** traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive Booz Allen Hamilton's (BAH) most prestigious honor, the Values in Practice (VIP) award. Besides receiving a cash award, Kirk and Phyllis enjoyed a free vacation cruise to Alaska this summer. As BAH's senior defense analyst, Kirk next travels to Djibouti, Africa to transition a \$1.4 million project he was just awarded. Kirk retired from the U.S. Army in early 2002, and in April of that year joined BAH-Hawai'i to oversee change management and strategic communications work for various military clients... **Craig Fong '70** sends *aloha* from Singapore where he has been living with his two daughters, Alexandria and Xenia since 1992; except for two years living in Bangkok, Thailand from May 2000 – May 2002. The time in Thailand passed very quickly when he worked for the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel as their director of sales and marketing. In May 2002, Craig joined Meritus Hotels & Resorts as its corporate director of sales and marketing, a Singapore-based hotel management company that owns and manages deluxe city and resort hotels throughout Asia. He reports



At retirement ceremonies in July, Senior Master Sgt. Abramowich presents Sgt. Maj. Curt Lam Ho (right) with a shadow box containing all the awards and decorations earned over his 30-year Army career.

that he's happy and thriving in Singapore, a fascinating and wonderful country, and welcomes any 1970 classmates to venture out and see that side of the world! (Submitted by class representative **Marsha Heu Bolson '70**.)

Congratulations to Dr. **Gerard Akaka '72**, honored as the recipient of Queen Medical Center's Ke Kauka Po'okela, Outstanding Physician of the Year Award. Dr. Akaka's family, friends, classmates and medical staff celebrated the occasion in true Hawai'i style with a genuine sense of *aloha* as Dr. Akaka's father, Sen. **Daniel K. Akaka '42**, took the microphone and sang his rendition of "Ka Makani Kā'ili Aloha." Dr. Akaka previously served as medical director of the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Dr. Akaka directed his energies towards several areas (architecture, speech, auto repair, airline flight attendant) before realizing that he wanted to help others and became a physician. He graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr.



KS '54 at Willow's spring luncheon.



From left, Richard Kamanu '75, Liz Hansen '67 and partners of Infiniti Auto Dealership.



From left, Erin Tagupa '79, Lee Ann Sheldon DeMello '81 and Garrett Kam '81 at class get-together.

Akaka said he feels that it is important to interject the spirit of *aloha* in all that we do so he is teaching his staff the value of courtesy, respect, touch and going out of one's way to help patients. Helping Dr. Akaka to celebrate his honor were his wife Belinda, mother Millie, father Daniel, daughter Rachel, son Gerard Lanakila, sister **Millannie Akaka Mattson '66** and brother Nick.

Kiana Ugalde '73 is one of two female firefighters in the Honolulu Fire Department.

E. A. Ho'oiipo Kalaena'auao Pa '73 was re-elected as chairwoman of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Board of Directors. NARF begins its 34th year of legal advocacy as the legal arm of Indian Country and is one of the first institutions of its kind. Ho'oiipo is one of 13 board members who lend their experience and judgment to the organization as they participate in policy discussions, receive reports from attorneys on their cases, assist with fund-raising and generally direct NARF activities. For the past eight years, Ho'oiipo has been raising Māhealani, the youngest of her youngest sister's five children, now 9 years old, as her *hānai* daughter.

KS '76 – organizers for the 2005 Alumni Week Lū'au – held a March fund-raiser that was a success! It was a most enjoyable event with good food, entertainment and 'ohana. Pālama Settlement provided the perfect setting. *Mahalo* to **Winfred Cameron, Heather McWayne Ahue, Cindy Caswell, Donna Leu, Colleen Shiroma Uahinui, Diana McInerney McKibbin, Erin Mattson, Steven**

Kahili, Ken Alagan, Monica Lee Loy Morris, Kayla Hopkins Sheldon and *lū'au* co-chairs **Gay-Ann Kapuniaia Lambert and Kyle Paishon** for their great teamwork! A special *mahalo* to **David Kawika Trask** for his vision and coordination of the event. To our neighbor island travelers – it was great to have you in Honolulu. *Mahalo* also to our O'ahu classmates who came to support the cause – we had a blast! To those who donated in ways other than time and couldn't make it, we missed you and hope to see you the next time around. We are in the process of updating our mailing list – update your information by contacting Erin Mattson via e-mail: EMHM1976@cs.com. (Submitted by class member Gay-Ann Kapuniaia Lambert.)

1980s

Laurie Leialoha Imbleau

Christensen '80 of Memphis, Tenn., graduated from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law in May 2004. Laurie has been active in the Association for Women Attorneys, Student Chapter, as their professional liaison. Laurie also volunteered with the Community Legal Center of Memphis, which helps low income members of the community gain access to the legal system. Laurie is currently an active member of the American, Tennessee and Memphis bar associations. She and husband Eric reside in Memphis.

KS '81 held a gathering in March at the home of **Garrett Kam**. Members attending were **Lee Ann Sheldon DeMello, Jennifer Carrell, Dirk Soma, Vernal Fukuda Uehara, Alike Watts and Erin Tagupa '79**. Plans for the class' 25th reunion in 2006 were put into motion, including a couples night as well as a grad night. E-mail any suggestions for a class of 1981 fund-raiser to Lee Ann at ldemello@hawaii.edu. Donations of cash/check, gift certificates, or items may be mailed to Kamehameha Schools Class of 1981; 41-566 Inoaole Street; Waimānalo, Hawai'i 96795-1246.



Dr. Gerard Akaka '72 (with lei) and family members from left, son, Joshua; wife Belinda; mom Millie; dad Sen. Daniel Akaka '42; daughter Rachel, son Gerard Lanakila; sister Mellannie '62 and brother Nick.

I Mua, KS '81! (Submitted by class representative Lee Ann Sheldon DeMello.)

Faye Māhealani Manuel Jones '81 was recently awarded Outstanding New Volunteer for 2003 by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for her graphic arts skills contribution to the Hawai'i Race for the Cure. "A power greater than myself led me to leave my job and become a volunteer. The name of that higher power is *Aloha*. *Aloha* is love. *Aloha* is giving of oneself. *Aloha* is hope. *Aloha* has no boundaries!" Faye said in her acceptance speech at the Komen Affiliate Conference in Denver. Following the conference, Faye traveled to Washington, D.C. where she and her sister **Elizabeth Jane Kamakaeha Manuel Melody '78**, a non-commissioned senior officer in the United States Air Force assigned to Bolling Air Force Base, toured the nation's capitol as guests of Sen. **Daniel K. Akaka '42**.



Firefighter Kiana Ugalde '73.



Laurie Leialoha Imbleau Christensen '80 at law school graduation in May 2004 with husband Eric.



From left, Elizabeth Jane Kamakaeha Manuel Melody '78, Sen. Daniel K. Akaka '42 and Faye Māhealani Manuel Jones '81 at Senator Akaka's office in Washington, D.C.

I *Mua* Submissions

Kamehameha Schools alumni who would like to announce Births, Weddings, Class News or College Close-Up information in an upcoming issue of *I Mua* should please write to:

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Keanu Sai '82 at UH-Mānoa's graduation in May 2004 with aunts Martha DeMello (left) and Genevieve Ka'ano'i.

Congratulations to **David Keanu Sai '82** who graduated in May 2004 from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a master of arts degree in political science specializing in international relations. He has also been accepted as a doctoral candidate in political science at UHM. Keanu is presently employed as a graduate assistant at Kua'ana Native Hawaiian Student Development Services at UHM where he is also president of the Hawaiian Society of Law and Politics.

Lee Henry-Chang '83 recently joined the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai'i staff as visitors program director and is responsible for coordinating the wishes of seriously ill children who wish to visit Hawai'i. A wish to visit Hawai'i is extremely popular and Make-A-Wish Hawai'i welcomes approximately 500 visiting families from all over the world each year. To find out more about Make-A-Wish Hawai'i, please call 808-537-3118 or visit www.makeawishhawaii.org.

Congratulations to Sen. **J. Kalani English '84** for recently being recognized as one of three outstanding alumni of Hawai'i Pacific University. Kalani received the professional achievement award for his distinguished career accomplishments as a senator.

Douglas K. Lee '84 resides in Lowell, Ark., where he is Hershey Foods' customer sales executive at Wal-Mart in Bentonville, the world headquarters for Wal-Mart. Doug

and his wife, Angela, have two sons – Mason, age 4 and Logan, age 1.

KS '87 reminds members to check the class Web site at <http://home.hawaii.rr.com/ks87>. If you have any photos to post on the site, please e-mail them to ks87@hawaii.rr.com. (Submitted by class representative **Tracy Silva** Damitio; phone: 235-6598.)

After four years as visitors program director of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai'i, **Carlene Flores '87** was recently promoted to program director/volunteer coordinator and is now in charge of arranging the wishes for Hawai'i *keiki*, as well as recruiting, training, and managing volunteers. Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawai'i grants wishes to children in Hawai'i with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, joy and *aloha*.

Congratulations to KHNL anchor/reporter **Diane Ako Hansen '88**, who received her master's degree in political science from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in May 2004. She is contemplating pursuing a doctorate in the same field. Diane said she earned the degree to improve her skills as a reporter – "better analyze the world around me" – and plans to continue working full-time in television.

Shannon Ugalde Hartley '88 and her family recently visited Hawai'i where they were able to re-connect with their island heritage. Husband Don and daughters Tristin, age 8 and Cassidy, age 2 were fascinated with the sights of Hawai'i and all that that they've learned.

Brandon Hughes '89 is the owner of Cartridge World Aiea, which opened in May in the Aiea

Town Square. Cartridge World is the largest retailer of cartridge refilling services in the world. Brandon is the independent franchise owner of the first location in Honolulu for the organization.

1990s

Recently featured on the cover of *Midweek* (May 5, 2004 issue) was swimsuit model **Keoni Hansen '91**. Keoni is a sales manager for Infiniti of Honolulu. His career in the automotive industry began in 1996 after graduating from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a degree in English. In the past eight years, Keoni has gained invaluable sales experience while working for Subaru, Acura, Honda and Nissan dealerships on the mainland and in Hawai'i.

Gilbert Wyeth Kihapiilani Reyes '92 is a member of a Los Angeles National Guard unit after serving two years with the guard in Arizona. Previously, Gilbert was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas with the U.S. Army. He currently resides in Manhattan Beach, Calif., with wife Columba and daughters Nalani, age 5 and Moana, age 10 months...**Jaydene "Kale'a" Silva '92** earned her master of education degree from Chaminade in December of 2003. Kale'a holds a bachelor's in Hawaiian studies from UH-Mānoa. She's currently in her fourth year of teaching Hawaiian studies, culture, *'ukulele* and *hula* at Ilima Middle School in Ewa Beach.

Kahi Villa '94 is entering his second year of professional basketball in the Phillippines, playing for Talk 'n Text in the Phillippine Basketball Association (PBA). Kahi resides in Manila with his wife,



From left, Carlene Flores '87 and Lee Henry-Chang '83 of Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Parents Kera and Paul Ako, husband Claus Hansen and KHNL anchor/reporter Diane Ako '88.



Shannon and Don Hartley and daughters Tristin (left) and Cassidy (right).

Suelan, and two sons – Jessiya and Telryn. Kahi's *'ohana*, parents **William Villa '71** and **Renae Sanborn '72**, brothers **Kawika Villa '96** and **Kaipō Villa '05** traveled to the Philippines to cheer him on last June as his team won the President's Cup championship.

KS '95 is currently in the planning stages for its upcoming 10th reunion year. Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For meeting locations please call **Kalani Matsuura** at 722-5191 or **Kawena Sukanuma** Beaupre at 542-9687. All members are welcomed to attend. The class directory is currently being updated. Please e-mail your contact information, including maiden and married name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address to **Kanani Nakagawa** at knakagawa@hhsc.org. (Submitted by class representative Kawena Sukanuma Beaupre.)

Three members of KS '96 were sworn in and admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in November 2003. They were **Kanoe Kane**, **Kimberly Iopa** and **Shaundra Liu**, all recent graduates of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

A former choir member of the Honolulu Boy Choir is now its choral director. **Kaimi Pelekai '96** has been the choir's director since 1999 and says that being in the choir is much more than just singing. Kaimi interjects a sense of pride in the boys as they develop self confidence, self esteem, and team building while they rehearse and perform. Kaimi says that he finds "real joy" working with the boy choir and that it's exciting to



From left: Kimberly Iopa, Shaundra Liu and Kanoe Kane at swearing in ceremonies for admission to Hawai'i State Bar.

see the boys grow. Kaimi works full-time as a firefighter with the Honolulu Fire Department.

KS '97 is currently working with KS '96 to plan a joint fundraiser in the fall, possibly a night out at Oceans Nightclub or a similar venue, with *'ono* grinds and great music. If classmates are interested in helping with the fundraiser or have ideas, contact the class officers at imua97@yahoo.com. We are also updating our class list and ask that you e-mail us your new or changed addresses and phone numbers so that you are in the loop on various class events and projects. (Submitted by class representative **Aaron Aina Akamu '97**).

2000s

Laua'e Damien Gouveia '02 was recently selected to participate in the International Mission on Medicine in South Africa from May to June 2004. Laua'e joined 80 other college and university students from throughout the United States interested in medical careers for a culturally enriching experience designed to add to each participant's personal knowledge, as well as academic and pre-professional profiles. Laua'e experienced dialogues with members of the Zulu nation and explored medicinal customs and traditions of healing within their community, in addition to examining the efforts being made to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. He also met with Doctors Without Borders, discovering firsthand the vital role of international non-governmental organizations in providing worldwide medical relief. Laua'e is a student at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Cathryn Masuda '02 completed her second year of studies at the University of Southern California, where she is a member of an all-female *a capella* group called the "Sirens." In April, the club hosted the fourth annual Absolute A Capella competition. The competition was the last concert of the year for the Sirens. One of the songs performed, "Sway" by Bic Runga, featured Cathryn as soloist. Cathryn is a psychology major at USC.

Hawai'i Junior Miss 2004 **Emi Manuia '04** earned a \$5,000 scholarship by winning the fitness category in preliminary competition at the 2004 America's Junior Miss Pageant, held in Mobile, Ala., in June. Shannon Essenpreis – Miss Texas – was selected the 2004 America's Junior Miss.

Hawaiian foster or adoptive families sought

The Hawai'i Behavioral Health PRIDE Program in collaboration with the state of Hawai'i Department of Human Services is currently recruiting foster and adoptive parents to care for Hawai'i's *keiki*.

In 2003, there were more than 5,000 children in the foster care system; approximately 43 percent, or 1,621 children, were of Hawaiian or part Hawaiian ancestry. There is a drastic shortage of families to care for these children.

The PRIDE Program's purpose is to recruit families to be licensed to foster or adopt in the state of Hawai'i, train the families to be prepared to care for children who have been exposed to an array of challenges and assess the capability of the family's commitment to the process of loving and healing children who have experienced loss, grief and pain.

If you are interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, contact the PRIDE Program for more information. On O'ahu, call 454-2570 and on the neighbor islands call toll free at 1-800-995-7949.