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The legacy of Ke Ali‘i Pauahi
lives on

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Aloha e nā ‘ohana o Ke Kula ‘o
Kamehameha,

As the school year wraps up, we pause to reflect with much aloha for our Founder, Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Pākī Bishop, and the people who continued to carry her legacy forward. In 2021, we celebrated and honored Princess Pauahi on the 190th anniversary of her birth. With the stroke of her pen, she set into motion a chain of events that would serve to sustain her people during times of great challenge and change. It is because of her – her love for her people, her faith and her vision to restore her people through education – that we have the privilege of serving haumāna and their families today.

When I reflect on the character of Ke Ali‘i Pauahi and her life, I recall a quote from Queen Lili‘uokalani: “I was with Mrs. Bernice Pauahi Bishop, where I was ever under the kind care of her husband, Hon. Charles R. Bishop, a couple whose principles of exalted piety, whose love for all that is good, honorable, and pure, are too well known to need at this moment the least praise from me, and whose protection was ever and always surrounding my earlier life. Such were the lives of those with whom my own life has been passed.”

The love and adoration for her hānai sister is evident in the mele Pauahi ‘O Kalani written by our Queen and sang each Founder’s Day:

E ola ‘o Kalani e Pauahi lani nui
A kau i ka pua ‘ane‘ane
E ola ‘o Kalani e Pauahi lani nui
E ola loa nō a kau i ka wēkiu

Long live, Pauahi, the heavenly one
To extreme old age
Long live, Pauahi, the heavenly one
Live until she reaches the highest place

It is with deep gratitude that we present this edition of I Mua magazine in celebration of Ke Ali‘i Pauahi and the legacy of generosity that she cultivated, and inspires us to exemplify today.

I Mua,

Jack





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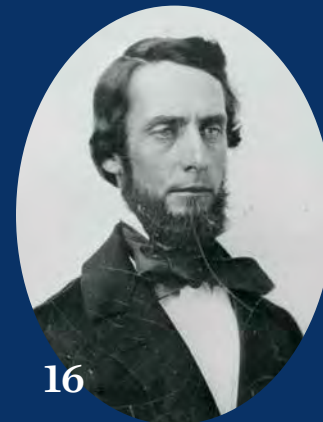
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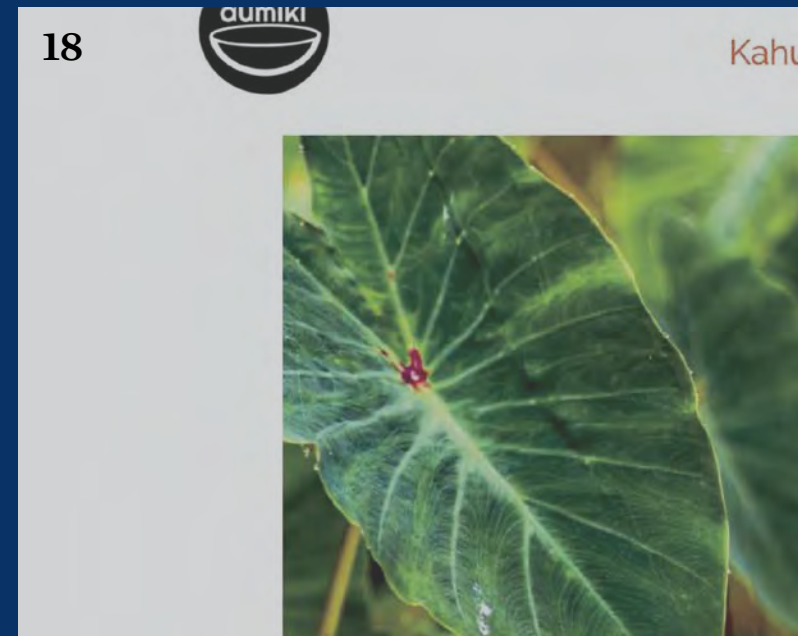
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KS Kapālama staff engage in professional development powered by E Ola!

As part of a shared kulea-na, Kamehameha Schools employees – in particular kumu and school staff – are dedicated to educating haumāna through Hawaiian culture-based education so they can succeed in E Ola! learner outcomes demonstrating readiness to serve as ‘ōiwi leaders.

More than 400 kumu and school staff participated in the professional development day dubbed “Kula Hawai‘i 2021” on Nov. 29 at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama. The event kicked off in the Ke‘elikōlani Auditorium with opening protocol performed by KS Kapālama Hawaiian Ensemble haumāna led by Kumu Hula **Kaleo Trinidad KSK’93**, focusing on the effects that climate change has on the environment, and was followed by a welcome message from Po‘o Kula Dr. **Taran Chun KSK’95** and a keynote address from U.S. Rep. Kaiali‘i Kahele.

“As I look at our haumāna, I envision future leaders that, true to many of our kumu and staff, will lead our lāhui to a brighter future for our Native Hawaiian people, and all people of Hawai‘i,” Chun says. “I see confident leaders in front of us today when you see our haumāna. We are trying to educate and equip our haumāna here at KS Kapālama to inspire them to go forward and be the ‘ōiwi leaders of tomorrow.”

Participants had the option to engage in huaka‘i at 11 ‘āina-based learning sites from Hale‘iwa to Mokauea, and attend some of the 47 virtual, in-person or hybrid learning and wellness sessions led by 60 presenters from the community and extended KS ‘ohana, including multiple alumni. Through E Ola!, KS educators will ensure that all haumāna are grounded in Hawaiian culture world-views and ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i; follow a unique, personalized path; respond to the needs of the ‘āina and lāhui; and engage in a rigorous education relevant to modern, global environments and technologies.

Some of the popular interactive sessions included “E Ho‘omau Ka Mo‘olelo” led by Cy Bridges, a revered Hawaiian music, language, genealogy and cultural

practitioner; “Teaching math through Polynesian navigation” with award-winning University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu Associate Professor in Mathematics Dr. **Kamuela Yong KSK’03**; “Kapa making: the future and sustainability of an ancient art,” led by Dalani Tanahy; and a three-on-three basketball tournament. “If there’s one thing paramount to the success of an organization or a team, it’s effective leadership,” Kahele says. “For me, leadership actually begins way before they are put in that position. What makes an effective ‘ōiwi leader begins with a person’s values and how they live their life.”

Kahele explains that a person’s ability to lead can be traced back to their “anchor,” which is forged by one’s connection to culture, ‘ohana, history and values. He recalls his experiences with identifying the importance of leadership while growing up in the traditional Hawaiian fishing village of Miloli‘i on Hawai‘i Island’s southern coast.

“Identify your anchor, and I encourage you to think about that. Your anchor will lead to your values, which will form your leadership style and ‘ōiwi leadership qualities,” Kahele says. “Then, you

can teach that to your students, your children, or your players. Alaka‘i lead from the front, by example, and are on the frontlines. Don’t ask your team to do anything that you would not do yourself.

“Take care of your people, invest in their personal and professional development, and take an interest in their lives. It’s the little things that make a big, big difference.”

In addition to the KS Kapālama leadership team and its staff who helped to organize and execute the large-scale professional development experience, more than 50 volunteers from kumu to IT staff helped to ensure the sessions ran smoothly in person and for those tuning in virtually.

“What separates ‘ōiwi leaders from other successful leaders? I believe there is something else that distinguishes the ‘ōiwi, Hawaiian leader – that is aloha, Hawaiians’ greatest gift to the world,” Kahele says. “It is a mindset, a way of life and an attitude that defines who we are and why we are here. In Congress, I always carry the aloha spirit with me. You never know when you will have the opportunity to influence a child’s life.”



At “Kula Hawai‘i 2021,” keynote speaker U.S. Rep. Kaiali‘i Kahele (center, back) connected with Po‘o Kula Dr. Taran Chun KSK’95 (back) and members of Kahele’s staff who are KS alumni. They are (from left): Hanalē Lee Loy KSH’15, Zoe Leonard KSH’15, Jasmine Branco KSK’99, David Chun KSK’70, Roslyn “Roz” Makāula KSK’91, Ikaika Mahoe KSH’06 and Mike Contrades KSK’88.

KS students honored as National Group Youth Advocates of the Year

A group of Kamehameha Schools students representing all three campuses received national recognition for its leadership while helping fellow students across the state in the fight against tobacco.

Joshua Ching and Logan Lau, seniors at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, collaborated with junior Aubrey Ahana from KS Maui and freshman Julie Nacionales from KS Hawai‘i as part of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i Youth Council. The students were part of the cohort selected as National Group Youth Advocates of the Year, and were recognized officially during the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids’ annual celebration event held virtually on Sept. 29 in Washington, D.C.

Each year, the Youth Council hosts “Taking Down Tobacco Day,” wherein keiki from various islands and schools make their voices heard as one by meeting with lawmakers at the state Capitol to advocate for policies geared toward stopping the tobacco industry from targeting young people.

Ching explains that he first got involved with the anti-tobacco effort as a freshman when he “heard a presentation about the tobacco industry, and what struck me was how it specifically targets and exploits the Native Hawaiian community. This is something that is actually impacting the lāhui negatively in a tangible way.”

He eventually established a role on the Council’s leadership team because he wanted to make a positive difference. He meets with legislators and neighborhood board members, heads the sign-waving committee and is the liaison between the Youth Council and the larger Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i.

“I’m definitely interested in going into politics, and I hope to study political science and race studies, and maybe go to law school to make a difference for my community,” Ching says. “One of the most impactful ways to make improvements in society is to fight for or against the laws that impact us directly.”

With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting in-person plans this year, the



KS Kapālama Kumu Rita Kalaukoa, adviser of the school’s Advocacy Club, credits her students, including club co-founder and co-president Joshua Ching KSK’22, for their passionate and innovative displays of leadership.

Youth Council organized rallies, murals and other socially distanced demonstrations across Hawai‘i to increase awareness, improve education and build grassroots support. The group also hosts presentations throughout the year to educate peers and community members across Hawai‘i.

In addition to their day of action, Youth Council members work year-round with local leaders on policies to protect kids and vulnerable communities from the harmful effects of tobacco. In Hawai‘i, tobacco use claims 1,400 lives and costs \$526 million in health care bills each year.

Currently, 5.3% of Hawai‘i’s high school students smoke cigarettes and 30.6% use e-cigarettes, according to the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i.

To combat the toll that tobacco takes on communities across Hawai‘i, the Youth Council advocates to end the sale of flavored tobacco products and is working to preserve dedicated funding for tobacco prevention and smoking cessation programs.

Rita Kalaukoa, an AP psychology and Hawaiian history kumu, serves as the adviser for KS Kapālama’s Advocacy Club, which provides students with a forum to identify issues in the

community and formulate potential solutions. The club first took root in the second semester of the 2019-20 school year, and after a great deal of planning and implementation, it became an official school club last year. Ching is the club’s co-president and co-founder.

“I’m very impressed with our students because they take the initiative and use the skills they have acquired to make a difference,” Kalaukoa says. “Recently, they conducted a training session for their peers who lead different leadership committees that included everything they’ve learned and experienced, and put together this presentation without my help. They did it by watching what is done for them, and doing what is necessary to help themselves, and that’s when learning takes place. I even borrowed aspects of that presentation for when I teach!

“They have a vision and know what they want to do after acquiring these skills as the next generation of leaders. They’re the captains and they steer this ship, and I follow along closely. I’m so proud of them.” ❤️

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Kyle Galdeira KSK’03

Pearl Country Club, located on ‘Āina Pauahi in the ahupua‘a of Kalauao, has quickly become a popular venue of choice for KS Alumni, and the broader KS ‘Ohana. Last fall, students from Kamehameha Schools Kapālana got to experience the picturesque course and honor Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Pākī Bishop during “Walk for Pauahi.” Check out more photos from the statewide events in the “Snapshots” gallery on Page 25.

Photo by **Kyle Galdeira KSK’03**



Hawai'i residents report strong community resilience, hope for the future

by **Wendy Kekahio**
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In the summer 2021 edition of I Mua, we highlighted the impacts of COVID-19 from a statewide survey called “Imi Pono” that was conducted in partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Lili'uokalani Trust. This month we share uplifting data around community resilience and the relationships we form with those around us, the actions we take regarding issues that are important to us, and our outlook on the future.

In a general sense, resilience can be thought of as the ability of individuals and communities to recover quickly from adversity. From a Native Hawaiian perspective, this concept goes deeper and stems from the interdependence of ke Akua (God), k  naka (people), and    ina (natural environment). Through achieving l  kahi (harmony), communities rise and thrive even while facing extreme challenges.

“Imi Pono” findings show residents shared a strong sense of community, with nearly 75% of respondents reporting connections to where they live. These connections, which appear to be stronger in rural communities, can link neighbors and contribute to safety and shared resilience. Most residents (76%) also reported feeling at least moderately connected with those around them in terms of visiting one another, watching each other's homes, and exchanging help. Furthermore, 96% reported knowing a relative or friend who would help in an emergency. This is critical, as relying on support from   ohana or friends was the top strategy for coping with difficult times.

Civic engagement is also a contributor to community resilience. Residents were involved with community issues through writing a letter or submitting testimony on an issue (27%), donating to benefit their community (52%), or organizing an event to address a community issue (13%).

Several issues remain that challenge community connectedness and resilience: the lack of affordable



housing, prevalence of crime and drug use, the economic downturn, and COVID-19. Education quality, access, and broadband infrastructure also vary among communities throughout the state. They can hinder education and workforce development and deter strong community connections.

Despite these obstacles, most residents were fairly satisfied and hopeful for the future: 76% of Hawai'i residents reported feeling satisfied with their quality of life, and 66% reported feeling very or extremely hopeful about the future of their   ohana. One of the prevailing reasons for this hopefulness lies with the belief in the capacity of our youth to be the change in making things pono and in transforming Hawai'i.

For more information on the survey and access to the full brief series including an interactive dashboard, visit ksbe.edu/research/imi_pono_hawaii_wellbeing_survey.   

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A healthy idea: helping others

by **Darrel Hoke**
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Enterprise Student Safety Steering Committee member

With the 2021-2022 school year now under our belts, I'm sure many of you are looking forward to summer break and then what the next school year will bring.

Our lives have been affected one way or another by COVID-19 and its subsequent variants. Simple activities that we once took for granted were no longer available to us and many of our day-to-day routines have changed. Some of you may be going to school or working remotely, while others have structured schedules to work in person, while taking the proper precautions to keep safe and maintain positive mental health and well-being.

Throughout one's life, it's important to understand the value of helping others and understanding that you help yourself in the process. Volunteering provides valuable skills and a sense of purpose, especially when volunteering in meaningful fields.

In a recent Mayo Clinic study, volunteering was shown to reduce stress and increase positive, relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine in the brain. By serving others, volunteers reported feeling a sense of meaning and appreciation, both given and received, which can have a stress-reducing effect. Reduced stress further decreases risk of many physical and mental health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, depression, anxiety and general illness.

As many of you know, all of our haum  na are encouraged to volunteer throughout their time at Kamehameha Schools. Servant leadership is a cornerstone of our world-class educational experience and is vital to the growth of our keiki and   pio into   iwi leaders. Whether it's helping nonprofit organizations dedicated to the stewardship of lands and growing food, or collecting food for Hawai'i Foodbank and feeding the houseless, each of these experiences will influence those participating; some may even find it's a career they want to pursue after they leave us.

Throughout my professional career

and personal life, I have found many different ways to help others who are in need by volunteering to sit on different community organization or school boards; volunteering time to help at my church, shelters, retirement communities, and food drives; or taking part in various community activities that align with my interests and benefit others. I've found it rewarding to contribute to my community, meet wonderful people, and feel good about myself and the time spent helping others.

In this time of Zoom calls and everything going virtual, finding volunteer opportunities is one of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships. The isolation of the past two years has been difficult, for some more than others. Volunteering alongside those who have similar passions and drive will create new social circles, connections and camaraderie that so many have sacrificed.

In this fast-paced world where it seems everything is vying for our time and attention, I encourage you to make volunteerism a priority. You won't regret it. If you're not sure where to start, here are a few suggestions of organizations and causes we encourage you to dedicate your time and talent to.   



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Kamehameha Schools    ina Ulu Collaborators
Visit the    ina Ulu website for volunteer opportunities.
ksbe.edu/ainaulu

Pauahi Foundation
[Pauahi.org](https://pauahi.org)

Hawai'i Conservation Alliance
The Hawai'i Conservation Alliance website lists volunteer opportunities that protect the environment.
conservationconnections.org/opportunities

M  lama N   Honu
malamanahonu.org

Hawai'i Foodbank
hawaiifoodbank.org/volunteer

The Pantry
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thepantry.org/volunteer

American Red Cross of Hawaii
redcross.org/local/hawaii/volunteer.html

Fostering *a* culture *of* giving



**KS Kapālama's Class of 1971
pays it back
by paying it forward.**

Opposite page: As proud graduates of KS Kapālama's Class of 1971, (from left) Kimo Bacon (vice president and executive director), Bill Villa (secretary), Teresa Makuakāne-Drechsel (senior advisor) and David Mortensen (treasurer) serve as board members with the Alaka'iina Foundation.



“As beneficiaries of Ke Ali‘i Pauahi’s legacy, we feel it’s our kuleana to help steward *the* next generation.”

Michael “Kimo” Wong KSK’71

Watching and listening to a passionate group of graduates from the Kamehameha Schools Class of 1971 is likely to bring a smile, and maybe a chuckle or two, to onlookers and passersby.

A foray into a typical conversation yields tales of accomplishments and exploits during their respective careers, memories – some fuzzy – of group outings to Las Vegas, and plans by proud alumni from that class to continue helping the Native Hawaiian community through philanthropic efforts. These classmates are stepping up to pay it forward through their work with the Alaka‘ina Foundation 50 years after receiving the ultimate gift of a lasting education courtesy of Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Bishop.

“At a heartfelt level, we recognize the impact of the education we received; and, as beneficiaries of Ke Ali‘i Pauahi’s legacy, we feel it’s our kuleana to help steward the next generation,” says **Michael “Kimo” Wong KSK’71**, president of the board of the Alaka‘ina Foundation. The nonprofit was certified in 2004 as a Native Hawaiian Organization after being founded by **Vaughn Vasconcellos KSK’71** and Craig Floro, and its leadership board is composed of KS Class of ‘71 alumni.

Along with fellow board members **James “Kimo” Bacon KSK’71** (vice president and executive director), **William “Bill” Villa KSK’71** (secretary), **David Mortensen KSK’71** (treasurer), and **Teresa Makuakāne-Drechsel KSK’71** (senior adviser), the classmates are committed to purpose-driven acts of philanthropy that have a significant and positive impact for the nā pua a Hawai‘i, the youth of Hawai‘i.

“Our mission is to build leadership programs and opportunities for Hawaiian haumāna with the aptitude and vision to lead our communities going forward,” says Bacon, who served 30 years in the U.S. Army as a pilot, and worked for Sikorsky Helicopters for 15 years,

servicing Blackhawk helicopters around the world for foreign militaries, before retiring and taking on the leadership role with the foundation. “As my third career, it’s a unique circumstance in which the four directors of the foundation are all from the Class of 1971, and we’re all retired. So, we’re all on Social Security, and we can focus our time and energy on giving back to nā pua o Hawai‘i and do what we can to help others.

“What you got from Kamehameha was a great education that allowed you to be successful in life, and you have to turn around and re-gift that to the next generation.”

The anticipated opportunity for KSK’71 alumni and their families to come together in 2021 during Alumni Month was not only a cause for celebration that brimmed with food, song and storytelling, it was also an opportunity to mark the monumental half-century reunion by making a collective gift of \$1 million to the Pauahi Foundation to help fund post-high scholarships.

“Who knew when we all met in the seventh grade that one day we’d have an opportunity like this to give back to the Native Hawaiian community in such a way,” says Villa, who recently retired as Chaminade University’s athletic director. “I feel blessed to be part of this board. We’ve been part of this group since 2010, David and I, and the two Kimos started in 2004, so what the foundation has built up to and what we’re able to do by giving sizable amounts of money to the community is so rewarding. We feel like we’re doing good for people, and that’s what Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop wanted us to do – we’re very thankful.”

Alaka‘ina Foundation board members rallied the financial support and enthusiasm of their classmates, along with community supporters in Hawai‘i and on the continent, all of whom recognized the profound impact that collective giving could have. According to Wong, “The endowing of annual post-high scholarships through the Pauahi Foundation is sure to uplift the lāhui in

a way that changes the trajectories for them, their ‘ohana, and for the community at large.”

“It’s really been great to be part of the foundation with my classmates,” says Makuakāne-Drechsel, who worked for the Pauahi Foundation when it first got off the ground, was part of the KS communications department and also served Kamehameha Schools Kapālama as a college financial aid counselor, as well as working with admissions. “My husband and I started the ‘Makuakāne Inspirational Educator’ endowment, so we’ve been donors for a number of years, while also being longtime donors to the UH Foundation. My involvement and experience with different organizations and programs in the community made it a natural fit, and I’m really enjoying being part of the team.”

Also receiving funds from the Alaka‘ina Foundation were Ho‘okua‘āina and Ka Papa Lo‘i ‘o Kānewai to support their important work in cultivating Native Hawaiian leaders.

Pono Ma’a KSK’82, executive director of the Pauahi Foundation and director of advancement at Kamehameha

Schools, praised the class of 1971 and board members of the Alaka‘ina Foundation as “amazing examples of ‘ōiwi leadership at work.”

With 50 years of hindsight, after meeting as classmates at Kamehameha Schools, Alaka‘ina Foundation board members reflect upon the impact that Pauahi’s gift of education has had on their own lives and careers.

“We give because we were given to,” says Mortensen, a retired fire rescue captain who spent 31 years with the Honolulu Fire Department. “It’s a blessing to help Native Hawaiians perpetuate their education and become better citizens in life; hopefully, they want to give back later in life, too. It’s critical that we show these young people that if you’re given an opportunity, you need to give back later because it all comes back.

By fulfilling a commitment to their younger selves to make a difference, these alumni are opening the door for those who follow them to do the same. 🏡

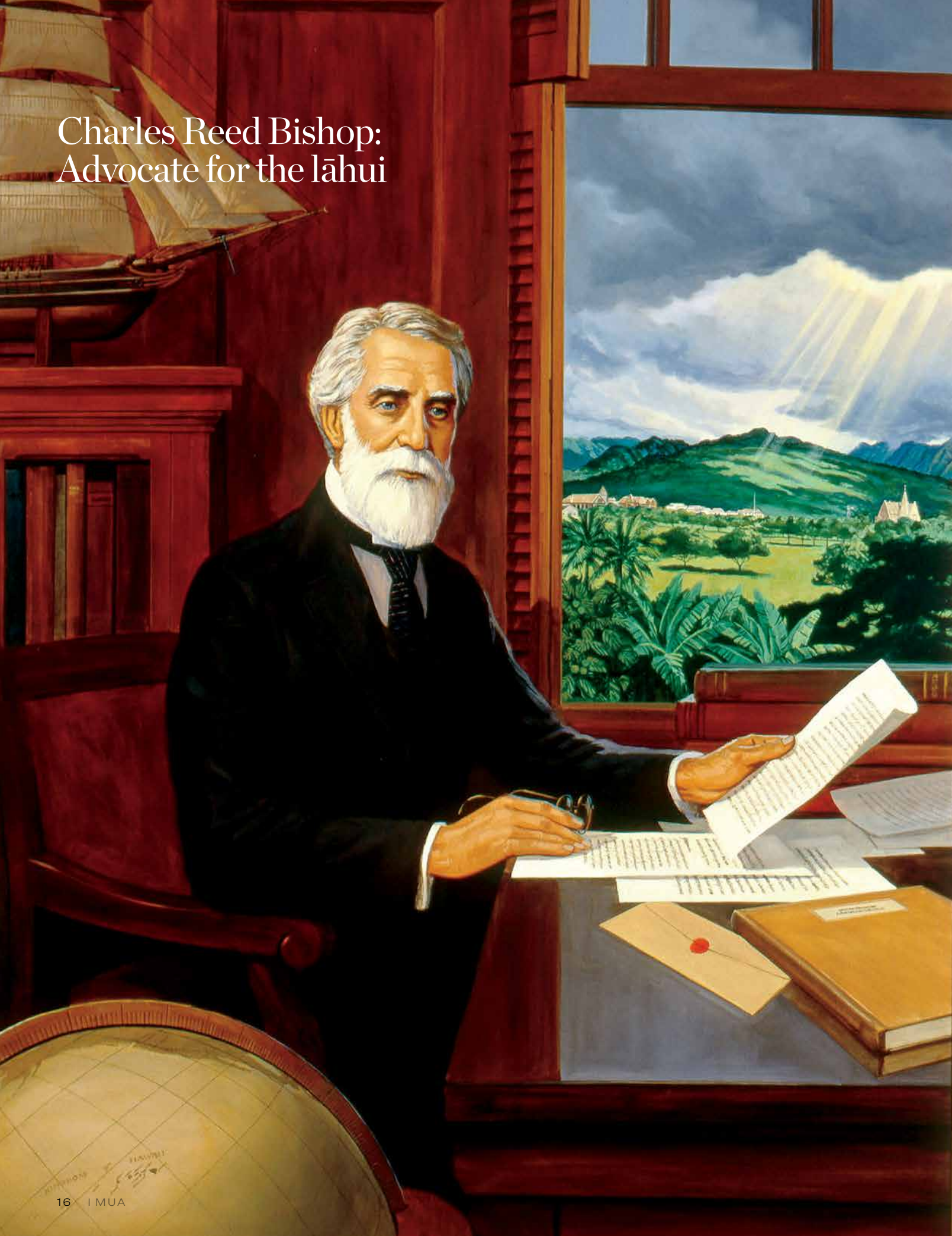
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James “Kimo” Bacon KSK’71



Members of Kamehameha Schools Class of 1971 are stepping up to pay it forward through their work with the Alaka‘ina Foundation five decades after receiving the ultimate gift of a lasting education courtesy of Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Pāki Bishop.

Charles Reed Bishop: Advocate for the lāhui



By I Mua staff

January 25 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Reed Bishop, husband of Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Bishop, and the driving force in the creation of the Kamehameha Schools.

At the sacred burial place of our ali'i, Mauna'ala, a stone monument to Charles Reed Bishop is inscribed "Builder of the State – Friend of Youth – Benefactor of Hawai'i." In honor of his life and legacy of service to ka lāhui Hawai'i, we share more about this man who loved Hawai'i.

Bishop was born on Jan. 25, 1822, in Glens Falls, New York. He traveled to Hawai'i as a young man, landing in Honolulu in October 1846 when treacherous waters forced the ship he was a passenger on to make a detour to the islands. The decision to stay in the islands would be pivotal for both Bishop and the Kingdom.

A bright and industrious young man, Charles quickly became known and welcomed in Honolulu. In 1849, three years after arriving, he became a citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom and was appointed its collector of customs. He decided to remain in Hawai'i after he met and fell in love with Princess Bernice Pauahi Pākī, great-granddaughter of Kamehameha I.

Bishop and Pauahi married in a small ceremony on June 4, 1850. Pauahi had been betrothed at birth to Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, but seeing her love for Bishop, Kapuāiwa released their agreement and gave his blessing to the marriage. Pauahi's parents, ali'i nui Abner Pākī and Laura Kōnia, as well as her adoptive parents Elizabeth Kīna'u and Mataio Kekūanā'ō'a, overcame their initial objections to the marriage when Bishop proved to have the interests of their beloved princess and the Kamehameha family at heart.

The ali'i came to rely on Bishop, and he served in a variety of important positions for five Hawaiian monarchs from 1859 to 1891, including Privy Council member, foreign minister and president of the Board of Education. In 1876, King Kalākaua appointed Bishop to Ho'oulu Lāhui, a committee dedicated to halting the decline of the Hawaiian race.

The Bishops were a power couple



Charles Reed Bishop with Bernice Pauahi Bishop

in the Kingdom, dedicating their lives to philanthropy in health care and education. Over the years, they supported many health organizations, including the Queen's Hospital, Kapi'olani Maternity Home, Lē'ahi Hospital, Kūiueolani Children's Center, and the Salvation Army.

Ke Ali'i Pauahi died on Oct. 31, 1884. Bishop worked for the rest of his life to continue their work. As one of five trustees of her estate, Bishop set in motion the establishment of Kamehameha Schools. He contributed his own funds for the construction of the schools' first buildings and returned all the lands that she had left him in her will to her estate, adding much of his personal lands as well. He also initiated and funded the establishment of the preparatory school at Kamehameha.

Bishop supported many other educational institutions, helping to shape the future of education in Hawai'i. The schools included O'ahu College (now Punahou School), Kawaiaha'o Seminary, the Mills Institute (now Mid-Pacific Institute), St. Andrew's Schools, and Sacred Hearts Academy.

At the time of his wife's passing, the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna'ala was crowded with caskets. Bishop built an underground vault for Pauahi and more

than 20 members of her royal 'ohana. The family was ceremoniously interred there together in 1887.

In 1889, Bishop founded the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum as an enduring memorial to his wife to protect the mea makamae – treasured heirlooms – of the Kamehameha family. Bishop hoped the museum would serve as a place where Kamehameha haumāna could learn and draw pride from their cultural heritage. Today, Bishop Museum continues to steward these treasured heirlooms, along with many other unique and irreplaceable collections and objects that honor and perpetuate Hawai'i's cultural and natural history, as a nonprofit 501(c)3 entity.

A benevolent man, Bishop established the Charles Reed Bishop Trust in 1895 to support causes that had been important to him and Pauahi. Today, the beneficiaries of the trust include: Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Central Union Church, Kaunakapili Church, Kawaiaha'o Church, Kamehameha Schools, Mid-Pacific Institute and Lunalilo Trust. And, to this day, Bishop's trust continues to provide for the upkeep of Mauna'ala.

Bishop passed away in Berkeley, California, on June 7, 1915, at the age of 93. When news of his passing reached the islands, flags were flown at half staff. His ashes were returned to Hawai'i and a kāhili service was held in his honor at Kawaiaha'o Church. A testament to the aloha the ali'i felt for Bishop, this was the first time such a service was held for a white man since the death of John Young, trusted adviser to Kamehameha I. A procession to Mauna'ala followed. His ashes were placed in the vault of the Kamehameha family.

Hawai'i remains indebted to Charles Reed Bishop's legacy of love for Ke Ali'i Pauahi and the Hawaiian people. History illuminates him as a man of integrity who through his noble actions had gained the aloha of our ali'i and the Hawaiian people. ❤️

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‘Aumiki: he hanauna hou o nā mea haku ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i *



Left to right, **Ku'ulei Bezilla KSH'08**, **Kamalani Johnson KSK'11** and **Kapuaonaona Roback KSK'10** created aumiki.com to normalize 'ōlelo Hawai'i so that the people of Hawai'i can have better relationships with 'āina, mauli, and nohona.

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Ku‘ulei Bezilla KSH’08

* ‘Aumiki’ inspires a new generation of Hawaiian language content creators

Social and digital media have allowed ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, mo‘olelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian stories), and kuana‘ike Hawai‘i (Hawaiian perspectives) to be shared with global audiences on a much larger scale than at any other time in our history. We have new opportunities to record and preserve cultural knowledge, continuing the innovative and adaptive traits of our kūpuna, who began recording more than a million pages of information in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i in the nūpepa (Hawaiian language newspapers) from 1834.

Following in the footsteps of their elders, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo graduates **Ku‘ulei Bezilla KSH’08**, **Kamalani Johnson KSK’11** and **Kapuaonaona Roback KSK’10** created aumiki.com, which strives to normalize ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i so that the people of Hawai‘i can have better relationships with ‘āina (land), mauli (identity), and nohona (lifepaths). Aumiki also sparks conversations on social media via

Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

“Aumiki is a way for us to get the ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i community and the larger Hawaiian community engaged in these types of discussions, ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (in Hawaiian language),” Bezilla says.

The word “aumiki” can refer to fresh water mixed with noni juice, which is usually served after drinking ‘awa. The aumiki was a sign that the elevated ceremonial portions associated with consuming ‘awa were concluded; ceremonial restrictions were lifted and formal speeches were finished. People would sip aumiki and have conversations, enjoying each other’s company. The freedom of flowing and pleasant conversation was what the group had in mind when they formed Aumiki.

“Instead of waiting for something like a Pinterest blog to happen, ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i or wishing that there was a tutorial ma ka ‘ōlelo

Hawai‘i, we decided that we would try and create that pathway, learning as we go,” Bezilla says. “There are people who can ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and who want more than just to learn ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i; they want to engage ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i in current topics and situations that are relevant today and to them.”

Creating a wide variety of content in different digital mediums can be challenging. Doing so ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i adds another layer of complexity to the effort. Bezilla, Johnson and Roback actively try to strengthen their creative media processes, though the fact that the group started off as friends makes this work easy and enjoyable.

“The three of us come from different backgrounds,” Bezilla says. “We use technology, we use video and printing, some of us are really good editors; but really trying to put those things together to bring forth a particular kind of voice and brand that is Aumiki is something that we have been trying to perfect.”

The team hopes Aumiki will serve as an inspiration for others and jump-start the creation of even more resources and environments that help ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i thrive.

“We hope that what we put forth will inspire people to actively engage ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and to think ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, and to create their own products ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i,” Bezilla says.

‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i was the language of Kamehameha Schools founder Ke Ali‘i Pauahi and continues to be one of the foundations of KS’ work. Uplifting and promoting ka ‘ōlelo o kēia ‘āina is an important part of the KS ‘ohana’s kuleana. Telling stories in Hawaiian through digital mediums like Aumiki invigorates kaiaulu Hawai‘i (Hawaiian communities), helps to reimagine the world, and enables mauli (identity) to continue and thrive in every new generation.

E holomua kākou! 💙



GENERATION KO

At a time when even the most seasoned professionals are having to define what it means to work in a virtual environment, Nakupuna Foundation Executive Director **Lindsay Ah Loo KSK'00** says the organization's four summer 2021 Kāpili 'Oihana (KO) internship program cohort members, all of whom participated virtually, played a pivotal role in transforming their workforce.

"We're still in such a great period of uncertainty, and the fact that an intern can demonstrate such aptitude, flexibility and collaboration, along with their willingness to learn how to be part of a team, is just so incredible," Ah Loo says. "It makes us optimistic about where our workforce is heading and our ability to manage and navigate these new environments."

Kāpili 'Oihana, meaning "to build a career or profession," strives to provide Native Hawaiian college students with the opportunity to apply academic experience, meet and learn from professionals in their field of interest, develop skills and competencies and build their network of contacts.

Launched in 2009 with 27 students, KO has since built a network of nearly 900 students, offering an average of 80 haumāna placements in various industries throughout the year. The program expanded in 2018, adding fall and spring sessions.

In 2020 during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, when infectious disease experts called for the closure of schools and businesses, the KO team called out to their community partners to find those who could offer virtual internships to Native Hawaiian college students.

Their kāhea was answered by 22 organizations across Hawai'i, including the Blue Zone Project, DTL Hawai'i, Mana Up, 'Ōlelo Community Media, Purple Mai'a and WCIT Architecture. The partners provided 48 virtual internships in the fields of architecture, sustainability, community health, education, technology and more.



Kaihehau Goo
KSK'20 credits
the Kāpili 'Oihana
internship program
with providing an
opportunity to
gain professional
experience in a field
he otherwise would
not have been
exposed to.

The following year, the program continued with virtual employment placements, eventually forming a partnership with its first continent-based company, and now offers students flexible internship periods across the academic year.

It was the flexibility KO provided that attracted O’ahu native and then-Northern Arizona University student Elray K. Santiago Jr., who remained in Flagstaff, Arizona, for the duration of his internship. But it was the emphasis on giving back to the Native Hawaiian community and the ‘ohana values instilled by employer Nakupuna Foundation that he says made his experience second to none.

“I was anxious about working remotely and in telecommunications, which is a field I had little experience in, but from the first day I checked in with the team, there was never a feeling of being more than 3,000 miles away and I was provided with every opportunity to gain more knowledge about an emerging field of work,” says Santiago, who has since graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and retained full-time employment with a company in Arizona. “My time with Nakupuna Foundation truly taught me that it does not matter what your situation is – what matters is what you make of it.”

Creating access, closing the gap

For local girl Michele Ching, wearing the title of vice president of sales for California-based digital media guru Slightly means nothing if she can’t give back to her community.

A recipient of post-high scholarships



With a company philosophy of being dedicated to future generations, Piko Provisions founder Ethan West (left) had no reservations in registering as a site coach for the Kāpili ‘Oihana internship program, which provided University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa student **Kaihehau Goo KSK’20** (right) with professional experience in the marketing and communications field.



Although his time with Nakupuna Foundation was virtual, Elray K. Santiago Jr., or “Mana” to his colleagues, had the opportunity to visit the local offices in Honolulu and work alongside Wain Iwaki, vice president of Na Ali‘i, a Nakupuna company.

administered by the Pauahi Foundation, Ching, a graduate of ‘Iolani School, reached out to see if there was an opportunity to provide budding ‘ōiwi leaders with experience in the digital media field and help close both an industry and innovation gap.

She was connected to members of KS’ Career Pathways Unit and briefed on the team’s work via KO to improve access for haumāna to high-demand and emerging sectors by developing partnerships with businesses and organizations.

Ching’s inquiry led to KO’s first continent-based partnership and virtual placement of three interns – **Pōla’a Yim KSK’18**, **Michael Murata KSK’20** and 2020 St. Louis School graduate Daniel Merrit Nguyen – who have each had the opportunity to work on national digital media accounts in addition to working directly with representatives of Hawai‘i-based initiatives.

“Right now, it would be impossible for me to move home and pursue a career in digital media,” Murata says. “However, I know my experience with Slightly and mentorship by Michele will put me in a better position to help move Hawai‘i’s innovation meter as it relates to digital media so that I can pursue a career from the place I call home.”

In the name of Hawai‘i’s future generations

At 19-years-old, **Kaihehau Goo KSK’20** can’t say with certainty what professional path he’ll forge, but the born-and-raised Kaua‘i boy knows whatever it is, community will be at the center.

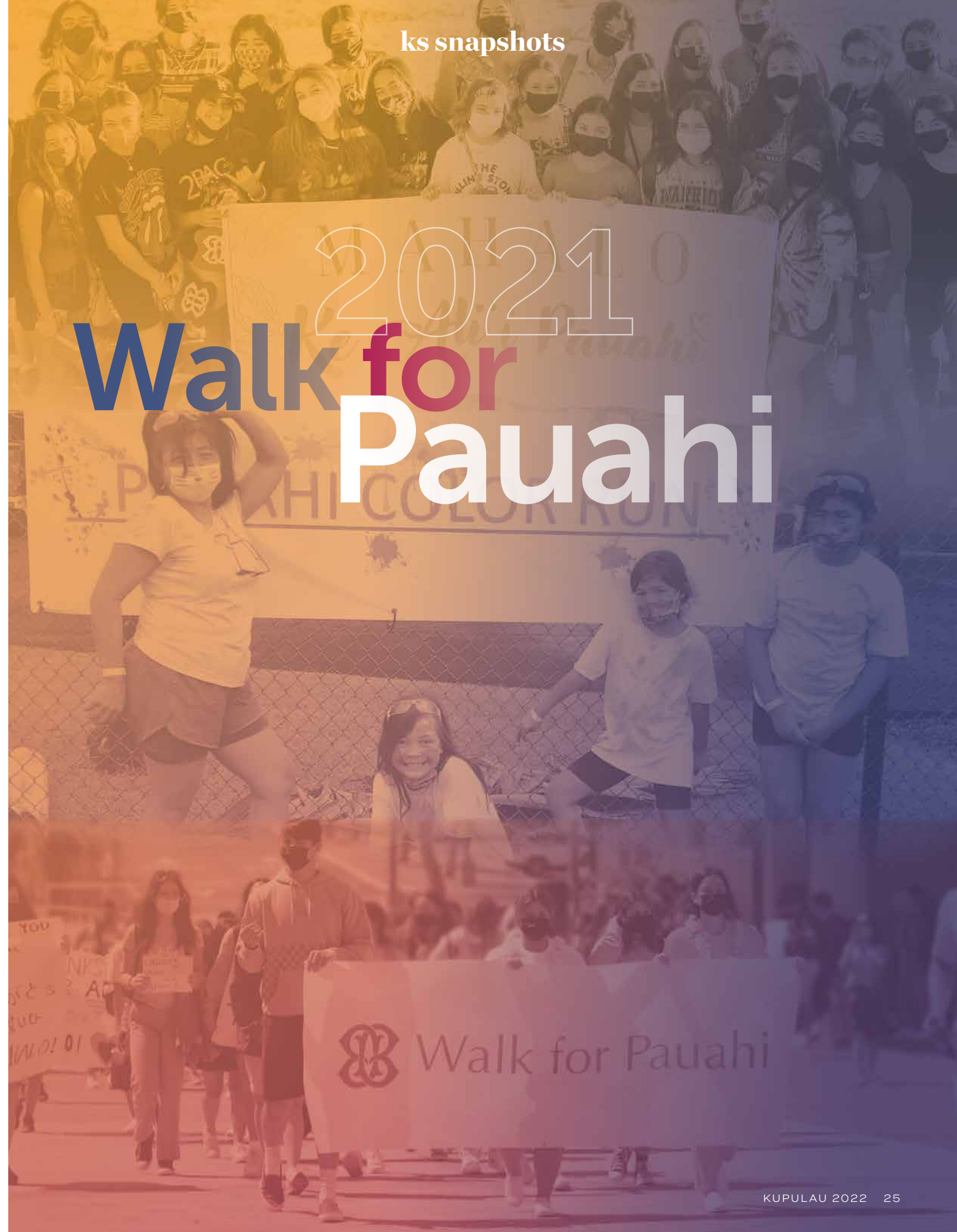
He received a taste of professional experience meets community as a marketing and communications intern for local company Piko Provisions that provide families with healthy, trustworthy, and clean-label nutritional products for their growing keiki.

“Kāpili ‘Oihana provided me with an opportunity to gain more interest in a career path that I previously wouldn’t have been exposed to and showed me the value of leaning on your local resources in order for the larger community to thrive,” says Goo.

Piko Provisions founder Ethan West had no reservations in registering as a KO site coach and used the opportunity to mentor and expand the professional network of students like Goo.

“Our company philosophy is being dedicated to future generations so if we want to hire the best we have to help them get there,” says West. ❤️

2021 Walk for Pauahi



ks snapshots



KS Kapālama at Pearl Country Club

The “Walk for Pauahi” began as a Senior Legacy Project by a KS Hawai‘i senior and was held as a K-12 event to build pilina between elementary, middle and high school haumāna. The scope of the event broadened in 2019 to a tri-campus walk. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a more cohesive tri-campus Pauahi Week was held with virtual and individual efforts to celebrate Ke Ali‘i Pauahi. Haumāna from KS Kapālama’s Residential Life program attended a walk and spent time reflecting at Pearl Country Club, which is part of ‘Āina Pauahi.





Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Elementary
In addition to enjoying time with classmates and kumu, these young haumāna learned about the importance of giving back as the next generation of Alaka'i Lawelawe, 'ōiwi leaders and responsible stewards of the Hawaiian culture.



Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i
After a brief hiatus, the Pauahi Color Run returned in October to Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i, where haumāna, staff, 'ohana and alumni gathered for fun and fellowship, all while dodging colorful powder bombs along a 5k course. The student-led fundraiser was created in 2016 by former KSH students **Cienna-Lei Daog KSH'17** and **Kailee Yoshimoto KSH'17** to honor Ke Ali'i Pauahi by generating donations that will go to funding scholarships at the Pauahi Foundation.



Kamehameha Schools Maui
Kamehameha Schools Maui was awash in pink to culminate Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. Studies show that Native Hawaiian women have among the highest mortality rate for breast cancer compared to the general population. The disease took the life of KS founder Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Pākī Bishop at the age of 52. KSM Māhele Lalo (lower division) haumāna honored Princess Pauahi by wearing pink and participating in a walk across campus.



voices of the lāhui

Compiled by [Jessie Coney KSH'15](#)

Enjoy some touching tributes to our beloved Ke Ali'i Bernice Pauahi Pākī Bishop shared on KS social media channels during Pauahi Week.

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram (@kamehamehaschools and @kamehamehaalumni) and Twitter (@ksnews).



Barbara Herras

Forever grateful 🙏🌹🌹
Happy Heavenly Birthday
Princess Pauahi 🌹🌹

on Facebook



big_phil_productions

Mahalo Pauahi ❤️❤️our kindness
and compassion still lives today.
Let aloha reign.

on Instagram



Rick Oku

Thanks for sharing this! Founder's Day
celebration was always beautiful! Class
of 1961 ❤️❤️👍👍👍👍👍👍🌈

on Facebook



Phyllis Cayan

**Mahalo Princess Pauahi for
your generosity of education
for Na Kamalii o Hawaii nei.**

on Facebook



KekoaMDphD

#ThrowbackThursday @KSNews
Kamehameha '08 grad

I wouldn't be where I am without our beloved princess –
Ke Ali'i Pauahi. Like many #PacificIslanders I get to care for,
Princess Pauahi passed from #breastCancer, in a time we nearly
went extinct #mahaloPauahi #imuakamehameha

on Twitter



Lopaka Ani

**Mahalo, My 'Very Beautiful Princess Pauahi', for 'My Kamehameha
Education and 'Giving All Hawaiian Children the Gift of 'Education
& Pride in Our Culture and Ethnicity'~~~Mahalo, My Princess~~
and 'Hau'oli La Hanau'!~~~**

on Facebook



SamMusubee

The gift of a quality education has
been life-changing for me. Princess
Pauahi was wise and generous and
I am forever indebted to her.

on Twitter



Kaipo Crowell

**Mahalo Ke Ali'i. We will
continue your servant
leadership.**

on Facebook



ainaarchaeology

Aloha Lā Hānau e Bernice Pauahi Pākī
Bishop 🌟 Her legacy of aloha for her
people and her āina lives on through
generations of kānaka maoli. E ola 'o
ka lani e Pauahilaninui!

on Instagram



Stephanie Mahelona

Hauoli Lā Hānau, Ke Ali'i Pauahi.
Mahalo nui for your Legacy

on Facebook



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**Oh so gracious she was to us all!!!
We are forever grateful!**

on Instagram



LucillesMoopuna

**Mahalo e ke Ali'i Pauahi. We are,
I am, forever a proud recipient of
your love. The foundation that
you created has allowed for
past and future generations of
Hawaiians to receive education and
resources integral to our future.**
#mahalopauahi
#imuakamehameha

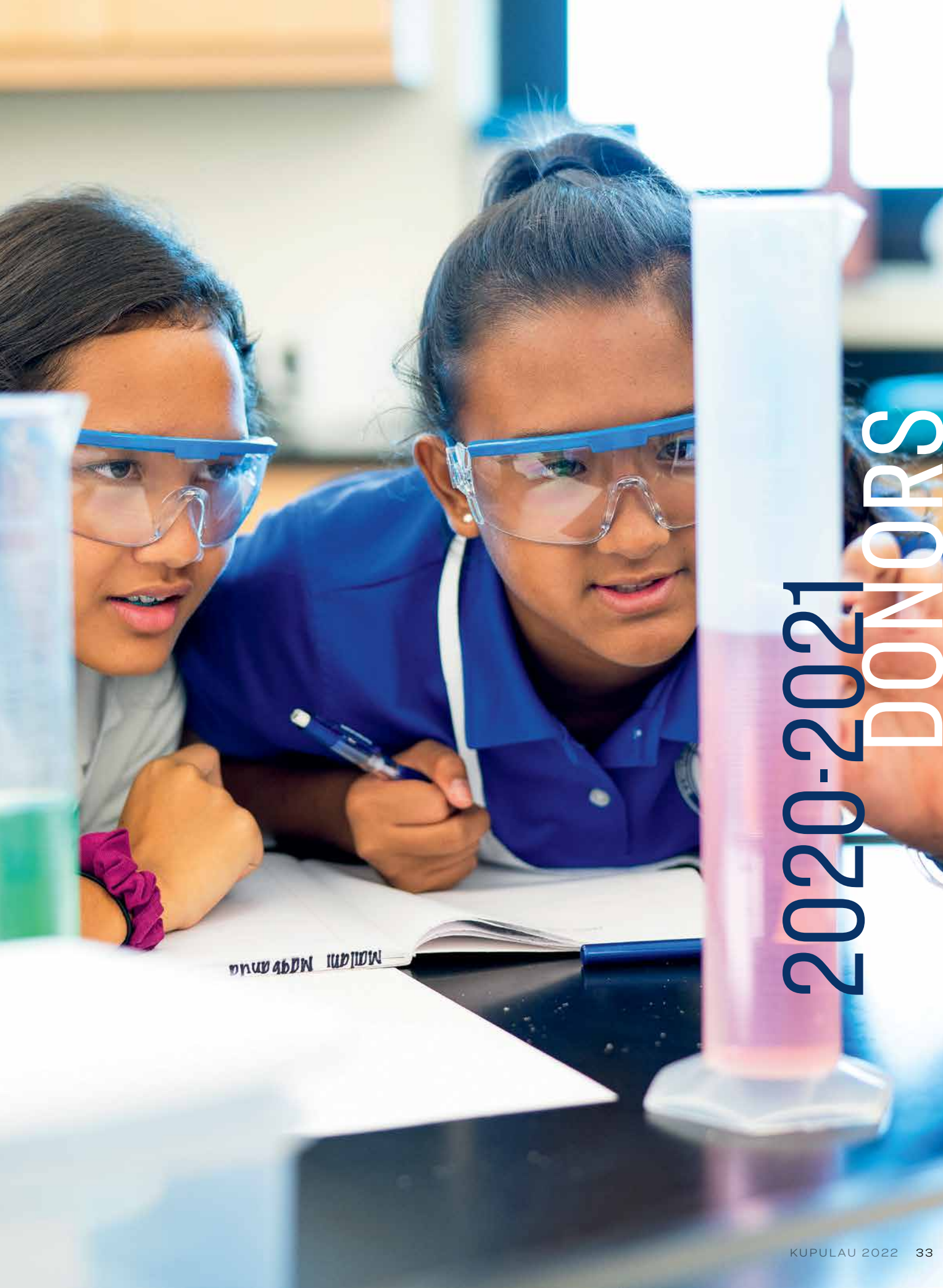
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I am proud to have been working
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Keeping it Pono

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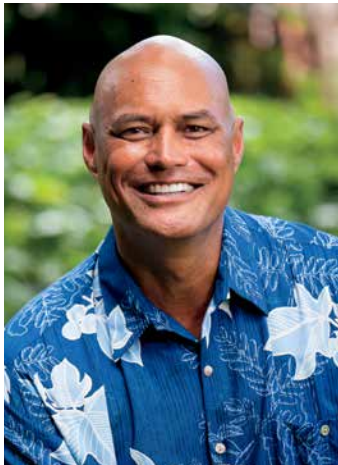
Aloha Mai Kākou! We'd like to take a moment to acknowledge everything we accomplished together in 2021, including the introduction of Pearl Country Club as a Kamehameha Schools venue of choice for alumni, our first ever hybrid alumni reunion celebration, and a record-high year for giving through the Office of Advancement and Pauahi Foundation.

Evidence of the fortitude, resilience and commitment of our kaiāulu, and in the face of so many challenges and changes wrought by the pandemic, is seen and felt by our school, students, alumni and donors who have emerged with a deeper appreciation for each other and a greater sense of purpose. For alumni, as beneficiaries of Ke Ali'i Pauahi Bishop's legacy, and for all of our community partners, awarding scholarships is our way of paying it forward and helping to steward the next generation. The motivation behind 2,265 scholarship gifts from our current hui of donors, including a planned gift of \$4 million from alumnus **John A. Meyer KSK'51** and Georgia J. Meyer, and the Alaka'ina Foundation's \$1 million gift for post-high scholarships. The degree of generosity – and the level of resilience – we have seen this year is nothing short of inspiring.

We have enjoyed seeing you in person again during our tri-campus Alumni Reunion events in celebration of the classes ending in the 2s and 7s. Last year's successful hybrid reunion events showed us the varying ways we can continue to incorporate our alumni across the pae 'āina and around the world in our reunion celebrations.

We will continue to welcome alumni and their 'ohana to events on 'Āina Pauahi, including Pearl Country Club. Be on the lookout for more from the Office of Advancement throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Pono Ma'a



Continue the conversation with Pono by listening to and watching the "Keeping it Pono Podcast" on the Kamehameha Schools YouTube channel and the KS Alumni website: ksbe.edu/alumni.

1940s

■ **Ione Rathburn Ryan KSK'44**, **C. Manu Boyd KSK'80** and Thomas Boyd celebrated their mahina lā hānau on Auntie Ione's 95th birthday. Ione Ryan was a dormmate in 1938 and lifelong best friend of Manu's mother, **Marian L. Lake Boyd KSK'44**, and became the second wahine doctor from Hawai'i after following the lead of good friend, Isabella Kauakea Aiona Abbott. According to Abbott's daughter, Manu and Tommy were considered hānai of her mother.



Standing, from left: Manu Boyd and Thomas Boyd; seated: Ione Rathburn Ryan

1970s

In early October, **Derek San Diego KSK'79** graduated from Oahu Transit Services as a Handi-Van operator. He looks forward to serving the City and County of Honolulu's handicapped and disabled community.

1980s

■ **Sharon Badoyen Ounapuu KSK'85** has started the self-publishing process via Amazon, advancing a growing passion for graphic design and realizing her longtime writing ambitions. Her new brand, Makana Creations, features various types of journals, diaries, planners and coloring activity books for kids and adults.

■ **Devin Oishi KSK'87** recently became professor of art, teaching ceramics at Chaminade University. He showed at his first exhibit at the grand opening of Beyond Pastry Studio, which featured a timeline of his work that started with a teapot made in class at Kamehameha. After its conclusion, Oishi brought the pieces to Chaminade and converted the art professor's office into a mini art

gallery, with its first installation by St. Francis students under the direction of Clendenice "Jenice" Severson. Devin will also have an exhibit at Ichiriki restaurant on Pi'ikoi, called "Kilo," based on aumakua watching over the community and imploring audiences to look to them for 'ike. Some of his Chaminade students also created exhibits this spring at Ichiriki's 'Aiea and Pi'ikoi locations.

■ **Kelly Chafin Vannan KSK'88** recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a doctorate in criminal justice. She is currently teaching at the University of North Florida and Flagler College in Saint Augustine, Florida.

1990s

■ **Dr. Jason Bruce KSK'95** was appointed to the position of chief medical officer at Boys Town National Research Hospital and Clinics, effective Oct. 1, 2020. Since joining Boys Town Pediatrics in 2006, Jason has held the positions of pediatric practice leader, medical director of same-day pediatrics and, most recently, associate medical director for primary care. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, his leadership while working with the organization's incident command has played a key role in maintaining the highest quality of care for patients.

■ Warrant Officer 3 **Remy Kapena Coloma KSK'95** retired from the U.S. Army on Dec. 31, 2020. The ceremony took place at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. In attendance were his girlfriend, Laura Emmons, parents Jerry and **G. Sui Sin Poy Coloma KSK'71**, and sister Jaci Coloma. Unable to attend were his daughter, Makaela Kanani Coloma, and brother, **Kele Coloma KSK'93**. He currently resides in North Pole, Alaska.

■ Kamehameha Schools alumni and Denver Broncos staff members **Tioni Smith Taylor KSK'95**, **Harmony Aiona KSK'13** and **Paiao Wright-Ah Sam Thornton KSK'08** recently celebrated the bittersweet departure of **Cassidee Young Owens KSK'08**, who has left Colorado and returned home to O'ahu.

2000s

■ **Theresa Hi'ilei Martinson KSK'02** was named project manager for OHA-funded Project Mahi'ai, an Amazon-style distribution system for native-grown products. OHA awarded a yearlong grant to Upcountry Maui-based nonprofit Pa'upena Community Development Corporation to execute the project, and she will help design and operate an online ordering platform for consumers, with farmers and ranchers making deliveries

of fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, eggs and dairy items that proudly display a "Grown by the Native Community" label. Martinson is a Keokea Homelands farmer of taro, bananas, squash and native mamaki tea, and is also participating in the Malama Aquaponics Project run by nonprofit Ke Kula Nui O Waimānalo in partnership with Pa'upena CDC.



John Afong and "Dining Out" editor Annie Lee.

New restaurant adventure

In 2019, **John Afong KSK'70** began a new adventure as co-owner and general manager of **Kabuki Restaurant & Delicatessen**. In an interview with "Dining Out," he explained that after 36 years of working as an electrical contractor by trade, he was looking for something new to do. After owning Home Bar on Kalākaua Avenue for a short period in 2018, he looked for a new venture and came across Kabuki, whose owner wanted to retire. As Kabuki's new owner, John hasn't changed the menu and welcomes his classmates and all Kamehameha alumni to drop by. He's also thankful to all the loyal customers who continue to support him during these difficult times.



A teapot made by Devin Oishi KSK'87 during ceramics class at KS.



Kelly Chafin Vannan KSK'88



Remy Kapena Coloma KSK'95



Harmony Aiona KSK'13, Cassidee Young Owens KSK'08, Tioni Smith Taylor KSK'95, and Paiao Wright-Ah Sam Thornton KSK'08.



Theresa Hi'ilei Martinson KSK'02



Cassidee Young Owens KSK'08 and her mother, Cherie Young

■ **Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio KSK'08** will release “Remembering Our Intimacies: Mo’olelo, Aloha ‘Āina, and Ea” in conjunction with Nā Mea Hawai‘i/ Native Books. Jamaica was involved as an artist and activist in the short film “This is the Way We Rise” by kānaka maoli film director Ciara Lacy, along with her father, Dr. **Jonathan Osorio KSK'69**.

■ After eight years with the Denver Broncos, **Cassidee Young Owens KSK'08** has returned home to Hawai‘i as a brand management specialist at Hawaiian Airlines. She joins her mother, Cherie Young, who has been a guest service agent at Hawaiian Air for 15 years.

■ **Kailee Seto Freitas KSK'08** owns Mahina Made, which aims to perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture through modern, practical products. During the pandemic, she wanted to come up with a way to support other ‘ōiwi & kama‘āina businesses, so she created Ho‘omau Hawai‘i Market, a pop-up event featuring businesses that are primarily Native Hawaiian-owned and integrate Hawaiian culture. The first event was held in June, with a second held Dec. 11 and 12 at the International Market Place in Waikīkī. A total of 50 vendors – 44 of which were Native Hawaiian-owned, including many Kamehameha alumni – sold products that perpetuated ‘Ike Hawai‘i.

■ Congratulations to **Tazialynn Hegarty Lynam KSH'09**, who recently became an advanced practice registered nurse in Hilo. She also doubles as an emergency registered nurse at Hilo Medical Center. Tazialynn says she is “so grateful for the opportunity Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop has graced me with. Kamehameha Hawaii has provided me with so much knowledge, hope and love for our Hawaii community. As a Hawai‘i resident and Hawaiian myself, I am here wanting to serve our rural Hawai‘i community and bring culturally appropriate care and love to our keiki through kupuna. May we move forward prospering our community as always!”



Tazialynn Hegarty
Lynam KSH'09

2010s

■ Hulō! Hulō! to Author **Sarah Leialoha Kekauoha Humpherys KSH'10!** After graduating from UH Hilo with her bachelor’s degree in English, she served

Kamehameha Kalo Days

Members of Kamehameha Schools Maui’s junior varsity baseball team volunteered during an Aug. 21 workday at Waiohuli/Keokea Hawaiian Homestead in Upcountry Maui. The boys harvested and cleaned 100 pounds of kalo as community service to benefit the nonprofit Pa‘upena Community Development Corporation. Pa‘upena later that day delivered fresh and steamed kalo, poi and lū‘au leaves to more than a dozen kupuna at Waiohuli Hawaiian homestead, West Maui.

Photo top right: Workday participants included Kamehameha Kapalama alumni and JV baseball players. Holding their cleaned corms are (from left, back row): ‘Akahi Phillips, ninth grade; Micah Torres, 10th grade; Ka‘imi Kahalekai, 10th grade; Gauge Dumlao, ninth grade; Kamalei Cua, 10th grade; and Noah Gabriel, 9th grade. (Front row, from left): KSK alumni/Pa‘upena director **Jonathan Kainoa Pestana KSK'06**; kako‘o (supporter) **Melani Paresa Abihai KSK'67**; co-founding chairwoman of the board **Kekoa Enomoto KSK'64**; director **Tetetia Tahauri KSK'06**, and kako‘o **E. Ha‘eha‘e Abihai Phillips KSK'05**. Pestana also serves as interim preserve manager of the 12,000-acre Pu‘u Kukui Watershed Preserve in West Maui.

Photo bottom right: Kamehameha Maui ninth graders Gauge Dumlao (foreground left) and Noah Gabriel

wielded stone poi pounders as they mashed steamed kalo into poi Aug. 22 during the second Upcountry workday. Six Kamehameha Maui JV baseball players each provided 16 hours of weekend community service to the nonprofit Pa‘upena Community Development Corporation. Pa‘upena later that day delivered fresh and steamed kalo, poi and lū‘au leaves to more than a dozen kupuna at Waiohuli Hawaiian homestead, West Maui.



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an 18-month mission in the Philippines before earning her secondary education teaching license from BYU-Provo and getting married in 2018. Sarah realized a dream when her book, “Aloha State of Mind,” was published under the pen name Leialoha. “Going to Kamehameha Schools, I felt so blessed to be surrounded by a culture that promoted values of aloha,” she says. “These values, such as mālama, ‘ike loa, pono, and more, stuck with and inspired me throughout my high school career, as well as helped me get through some really tough times in life.” The book, which explores 24 traditional Native Hawaiian values, will help “create paradise where you are,” Sarah adds. “I am so grateful for my time at Kamehameha Schools that influenced

and inspired me to live with aloha and share that aloha, no matter where I am. I hope it also inspires you to carry aloha with you always.”

■ **T. Kui Aikau-Osurman KSK'12**, along with brothers **Casen Cluney KSK'18** and **Cheyne Cluney KSK'17**, graduated with the Honolulu Fire Department’s 110th Firefighter Recruit II class on Sept. 17. They have joined HFD’s ranks as probationary firefighters, assigned to various stations around O‘ahu.

■ **Isaac Kealohapau‘ole Ahuna KSH'12** recently launched a new clothing line called Kū | Hina (Kū me Hina), featuring culturally conscious designs at affordable prices. Follow @kumehinaofficial on social media or visit kumehina.com.

■ **Kellen Apuna KSK'22, Joy Domingo-Kame‘enui KSK'20** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), **Tobias-Jesiah Keohokapu KSK'19** (Rochester Institute of Technology), **Jake Uyechi KSK'19** (University of Portland), **Kyle Yoshida KSK'14** (Harvard University and Stanford University) all attended the American Indian Science and Engineering Society’s national conference last September in Phoenix. The conference, a premier event for indigenous STEM professionals and students, attracted over 2,000 attendees, including indigenous high school and college students, educators, professionals, tribal nations and tribal enterprises, universities, corporations, and government agencies.

■ **Kūlia Fernandez KSM'17**, graduated from Pacific University in May with a bachelor’s degree in science, public health and a minor in biology. She remains at Pacific, having enrolled in the university’s college of optometry in fall 2021.



Kūlia Fernandez
KSM'17



Leialoha Humpherys KSH'10



Isaac Kealohapau‘ole Ahuna KSH'12 (left) recently launched a new clothing line called Kū | Hina.



(L to R) T. Kui Aikau-Osurman KSK'12, with brothers Casen Cluney KSK'18 and Cheyne Cluney KSK'17



(L to R) Kellen Apuna KSK'22, Joy Domingo-Kame‘enui KSK'20, Tobias-Jesiah Keohokapu KSK'19, Jake Uyechi KSK'19, and Kyle Yoshida KSK'14 at the American Indian Science and Engineering Society’s national conference last year.

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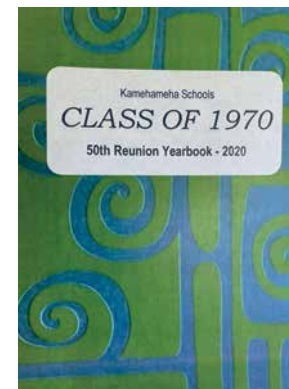
Franklin Johnson KSK'70 returned from Seattle in June to celebrate his BIG 7-0 with family, and he tossed out an invitation to his fellow 1970 classmates! After spending over a year connecting via Zoom, webinars and Facetime, the outdoor Waimānalo pā'ina was just what the doctor ordered (in addition to a vaccination)! There was lots of ono mea'ai, laughing and talking story, and wonderful live entertainment by four KS 2019 and 2020 alumni. One of the young group's members, **Taisamasama Ka'imina'auao-Eteuati KSK'20**, is Franklin's nephew and a recipient of our Class of 1970 scholarship! The talented KS graduate will double-major in Hawaiian language and music in the fall and plans to teach ōlelo Hawai'i to future generations.

2021 Alumni Month

Lorraine Haili Alo KSK'70 and her son and daughter-in-law, **Noa Alo KSK'98** and **Tracilyn Waiamau Alo KSK'98**, prepared 300 lū'au plates to make this year's Alumni Month Kūpuna Pā'ina a great success! Classmates who signed up got to see Lorraine when they picked up their plates at Haili's Hawaiian Foods on Kapahulu Avenue. Awesome job, Lorraine!



Marsha Heu Bolson KSK'70 and Lorraine Haili Alo KSK'70 outside Haili's Hawaiian Food in Kapahulu.



Updated "Yearbook" a great memento for the 2020 50th Reunion that wasn't

As many other classes did during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Class of 1970 canceled all plans for its 50-year celebration in June. Instead, they regrouped and held a Founder's Day program and spring social on Zoom, complete with traditional readings, music, games, class updates and lots of long-delayed catching up!

Christine Nakagawa Ladd KSK'70 wondered how else the class could commemorate such a reunion milestone, and the solution was an updated yearbook with new headshots and memorable quotations! About 170 classmates submitted updated photos and quotes, and more than 150 classmates purchased a copy of the 130-page publication that also included a hali'a aloha section to honor deceased classmates. The project was also a fundraiser, raising nearly \$10,000 for the Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund!



Jie Wayne Brigoli KSH'14 and **Jordan Chung Brigoli KSH'14** were married on July 3.

Jie and Jordan have dated since their junior year at Kamehameha, when they met in Speech 101 class with Auntie Pua.



Aloha 'Oe Eric!

Classmates bid a final Aloha to Eric Adams Jr. KSK'70 on July 10, joining many family members and friends at Hawaiian Memorial Park for visitation and memorial services for the Honolulu Fire Department firefighter who retired as assistant chief in 2010. Honolulu Fire Department personnel passed in review, along with classmates who were former and retired firefighters, including, below, from left: Gary Lai, Dexter Gomes, Fred Mattson, C. Pu Iona, Byron Akiona and Albert Ae'a. Eric died May 21, 2020, after a long battle with cancer.



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■ Wayne and **Sherry Pokakaa Kaiwi KSK'93** were married on Feb. 21. Wayne and Sherry have two daughters, Meleana and Kuana.



■ **Duke Kaleihoku Maunakea KSK'10** married Morgan Fullmer on Oct. 3 at Trentadue Winery in Sonoma, California. Groomsmen included **Joshua Wong KSK'09** and **Devin Lee KSK'10**.



■ **Nellie Kalehuamakanoe Stewart Johnson KSK’47**, died Aug. 8 at assisted-living home Hale Ola Kino. Born in Honolulu on July 18, 1929, she celebrated her 92nd birthday three weeks before she passed. She was a longtime educator and administrator with the Hawai‘i Department of Education.

■ **Blanche Rachel Edgar Futrell KSK’48** died Oct. 5 in Fresno, California.

■ Born in Lahaina, Maui, **Howard Martinsen KSK’48** died June 2 in ‘Ewa. Howard loved growing up in Lahaina with his many cousins, attending Kamehameha III School. He moved to O‘ahu to attend Kamehameha Schools, where he enjoyed dorm life, football and friends; he was a Warrior until the end. Howard worked for Napa Auto Parts and

Dana Corporation; he was also a member of the Hawai‘i Army National Guard.

■ **R.A. Kulamanu Robinson Varnell KSK’53**, died Sept. 13 in Tyler, Texas. She was born Mar. 16, 1935, in Waihe‘e, Maui, to parents Anna Hiilani Leong Chang and John Adam Robinson Sr. She spent her childhood in Lahaina, and after high school she enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming a hospital Corpsman. While on active duty, she met and married Jack L. Stone in 1955, and they were married until his death in 1975. They had two children, Leilani Ann (Stone) Smith and Darrell W. Stone. In 1977, Rosalie married Ferman R. Varnell, and during the mid-1980s she pursued her passion to become a licensed vocational nurse. For many years, she worked for Dr. Robert Hughes at the Arc in Hawai‘i

Elmer Kaihehau Chu KSK’48 (1930-2021)



Elmer Kaihehau Chu KSK’48 died July 21 in Los Angeles. Elmer was born Nov. 1, 1930, at Kaai homestead in Kalamaula,

Moloka‘i. While at Kamehameha, he was company commander in Kaleiopapa and served as student body treasurer. After graduation, Elmer attended dental school at the University of Southern California and completed his military service as a dentist in Europe before establishing his dental practice in Wilmington, California, in the early 1960s. He also served as Polynesian Society President, where he was affectionately known as “Daka Chu.” Elmer was a “Big Bear” dad with Indian Guides and belonged to Friend of Kids, and ran marathons in multiple locations. He was a member and served as president of his Optimist Club, loved singing bass in his church’s choir, and enjoyed playing ukulele with other Hawai‘i transplants in Gardena. Elmer turned 90 last year and enjoyed talking story on the phone with

sister **Haliimaile Chu Goo KSK’56**, sharing memories of growing up on Moloka‘i and their years at Kamehameha and expressing how fortunate they were to have had Grandma and Grandpa Kaai’s homestead and Kapuaiwa Coconut Grove to roam with bunches of cousins. Elmer raised four children – two sons, Grant and Douglas by his first wife, the late Doris Agnes Mae Bittenbender; and two daughters, Lori and Joerline, from his second wife’s previous marriage. His two granddaughters, born and raised in California, attended Kamehameha’s Explorations Program, formally introducing them to ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. Granddaughter Tate, a music major at USC, offered her rendition of mele “Kalamaula,” accompanied by her dad on ukulele at Elmer’s memorial on Aug. 6 near their home. He is survived by wife Marion Christino Candari, children, grandchildren, sisters Denona Chu and **Haliimaile Chu Goo KSK’56**, and brother Arthur K. Chu. The family will bring his ashes for his final journey to Moloka‘i, his ‘āina hānau, at a later date.

until her first retirement in 1994. After moving to Sutherland Springs, Texas, she became a post office clerk and helped volunteer to provide food for local residents.

■ **Samuel K. Kaleikini KSK’60**, of Wahiawa, died April 5 at Tripler Army Medical Center. He was born on Jan. 1, 1943, in Honolulu and was married to Sylvia Jean Kaleikini until her death in 2004. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Samuel served his nation as a Seabee in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving the majority of his career with the emergency service division at the Pacific Warfighting Center at Pearl Harbor as a federal civil service supervisor.

■ **Ileana Kehaulani Hano Derouin KSK’61** of Hilo, died July 16.

■ **Winona Poliolehua Pa Watanabe KSK’61**, of Waiehu, Maui, died in Honolulu on July 18. She was born on July 13, 1943, in ‘Ele‘ele, Kaua‘i, and is a retired State of Hawai‘i employee as well as former Hawaiian Airlines flight attendant, KPOA radio on-air personality and Queen’s Health Systems CareResource Hawai‘i employee. She is survived by grandchildren **Kyle Ikaika Watanabe KSM’07**, **Nevan ‘Ioane Watanabe KSM’17**, and **Mālie Julia Watanabe KSM’20**.

■ **Aaron Akaka KSK’63**, of Kaneohe, died Oct. 1.

■ **Raymond E. Gurczynski KSK’65**, of Honolulu, died July 22 in Honolulu. He was born in Hawai‘i.

■ **Roberta Kahuanani Kaupu KSK’65**, died Aug. 31 in Alexandria, Virginia. She was born in Hilo.

■ **Rachelle “Momi” Lutz Fitchett KSK’67**, died Oct. 10. Born in Honolulu, Momi retired from United Airlines after 50 years of service. Momi’s passions included her ‘ohana, reading, crafting and crossword puzzles.

■ **Leina‘ala Sybil Weber Ah Loo KSK’68** died Aug. 31 in Las Vegas at the age of 71. Born and raised in Koloa, Kaua‘i, Leina‘ala was a beloved mother, grandma, daughter, sister, cousin and friend. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, **Arthur Ah Loo Jr. KSK’62**, and parents Frederick Weber and **Sybil Mahikoa Weber KSK’36**. She is survived by children **Irene Ah Loo Mayan KSK’88** (Ali‘i),

Theodore Kawahinehelelani Blake KSK’67 (1949-2021)



Theodore Kawahinehelelani Blake KSK’67, 72, died July 19, in Kōloa, Kaua‘i. He was born March 1, 1949, in

Līhu‘e. He was a cultural preservationist and is survived by his wife, Tatiana Fara‘uo Blake; brother Hartwell Blake; sister Patti Blake-Silva; son Jenson Merrick; daughters **Lahela Blake KSK’96**, Chloe Blake, Orianne Grillet and Tea‘aupoo Layeillon; grandchildren Ka‘ilialoha Dias-Blake, Kumalie Dias-Blake, Grace Merrick, Lawrence Marston, Ahonui Bambridge and Alaka‘i Bambridge; and great-grandchild Adalynn Ouchi.

Leina‘ala Ah Loo KSK’89 and Dexter Ah Loo; five grandchildren; adoptive-mother Patricia Weber; siblings Frances Murata (Sanford), **Eme Weber Stripling KSK’64**, and Bill Weber (Ellen).

■ **Alana E. Fountain KSK’68** died Dec. 8, 2020, in Fresno, California. Alana worked in the physical therapy department at Fresno Community Hospital for 22 years. She is survived by her mother, Joyce Fountain; sisters Wanda Fountain Moa and Jade Fountain-Tanigawa; brother Steven Fountain; nephews **A. Kalakula Moa KSK’93**, **Timothy Fountain KSK’10**, **Troy Tanigawa Jr. KSK’16**, and Steven Fountain; and nieces **C. Kilohana Moa KSK’98**, Tiffany Fountain, and Marissa Fountain.

■ **Patricia “Pat” Keala Loo O’Grady KSK’70** died May 29 at her home in Redondo Beach, California. She lived in Los Angeles for more than 30 years, working at Delta Airlines as a gate agent and customer relations agent. Prior to moving to California, Pat worked at Hawaiian Telephone Company in Honolulu and returned to Hawai‘i regularly to visit with family and close friends. Pat is survived by her sisters, **Lisa Loo KSK’68** and **Jill Loo Caylor KSK’87**,

brother **Grant Loo KSK’74**, and nephew **Royce Ikaika Loo KSK’16**.

■ **Joseph Waiwaiole Kahiapo Jr. KSK’71**, died Aug. 10. He was born April 3, 1953.

■ **Wendell George Smith KSK’72**, died Aug. 4 in Okinawa, Japan. He was born April 1, 1954 in Waimea, Kaua‘i, to George Aukai Smith Chiyono Fukushima. Wendell was a flight simulator project manager for approximately 30 years and retired in Okinawa in 2018. He is survived by wife Etsuko Smith, daughter Annie and brothers Gordon and Kendrick Smith.

■ **Enoch “Butch” Enoka Kawai Jr. KSK’73**, died July 30 in Sierra Vista,

Arizona. He was born Nov. 21, 1955, in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. He was a U.S. Army veteran stationed in Germany and South Carolina, eventually settling in Arizona.

■ **Haunani Grace “Nani” Vincent Mackey-Rangiuai KSK’76**, of O‘ahu died July 20 at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nani was born May 5, 1958, in Honolulu to parents Henry Vincent Jr. and Lulu Keikilohi Kong. A loving wife, aunt, sister, and friend, Nani earned a bachelor’s degree in business management at Brigham Young University-Hawaii in Lā‘ie after graduating from KS, where she met and married her husband, David Ashley Mackey-Rangiuai. Nani and Dave spent several years living in Honolulu, before

Leanne Ka‘iulani Ellen Kang Ferrer KSK’85 (1967-2021)



Leanne Ka‘iulani Ellen Kang Ferrer KSK’85, of Waipahu, Hawai‘i, died Aug. 12. Raised in Wai‘anae and Kailua, Leanne

graduated in 1985 as a 13-year senior. While at Kamehameha, she participated in many school traditions including band, JROTC, drama and speech league. A fond memory she reveled in was “sweeping” the KS Song Contest with her classmates during both their junior and senior years! She earned a degree in speech communication at UH Mānoa, but also discovered a passion for film and video production while working at PBS Hawai‘i during college.

During her early career, Leanne worked at television station KHON, later joining the local production offices of several Hollywood film productions that shot in Hawaii. She then joined local production company Pacific Focus, and eventually started producing her own short films through her own operation called Punk Productions. Her love for her lāhui steered her career to the non-profit realm,

first assisting Native Hawaiians to achieve home ownership at Nānākuli Housing / Baseyard Hawai‘i and later at Pacific Islanders in Communication. In 2013, she took on the role of executive director at PIC and expanded opportunities for indigenous filmmakers and ensured authentic voices would continue telling stories of the Pacific. Beyond the shores of Hawai‘i, she solidified a place at the table for Pacific Islanders’ stories, spearheading the Hawai‘i Media Makers Conference and working on a Hawaiian handbook for media protocol.

Leanne perpetuated the gift of Pauahi’s legacy as a servant leader through her involvement in the filmmaking community as well as the school. Serving on the Class of 1985’s board, she contributed to countless alumni lū‘au and class projects. Perhaps her most important roles were as a mother to her two children, Ka‘iulani and Keolala‘i, and wife to her husband, Frank. Even with a demanding career, Leanne’s children were her guiding stars, inspiring and motivating her as a mother, community member and leader.

To celebrate Leanne’s life, visit alohaforleanne.com.

briefly moving to Fiji and traveling to New Zealand before settling in Arizona. Following Dave’s passing in 2001, Nani moved to Las Vegas, where she lived until 2018, when she decided to live closer to family in Utah. An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she was also actively involved in community work as a member of Hui Hawai‘i O Utah, a past officer with the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club, a leader in the KSAA Intermountain Region, co-founder of the Office of Living Arts, and The Matlock Foundation.

■ **Lawrence Mahealani Pahukoa-Mirafuentes KSH’09** of Pāhoa, Hawai‘i, died Aug. 20.

■ **Chas William Kekoa Huston KSH’15**, of Hilo, died Sept. 2 at Hilo Medical Center. He was born Aug. 20, 1997, in Hilo, and was a recent graduate from the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo as well as a server at Mio’s Restaurant. During his free time, he enjoyed gardening, exercising, surfing and spending time at the beach.

Peter Kama Jr. KSK’53 (1935-2021)



Peter Kama Jr. KSK’53, president of the Na Pua Mae’ole o Kamehameha Class of 1953 alumni group, died Aug. 13 at home in Waimānalo. He

was born June 27, 1935, in Honolulu. He joined the Army in 1954 and completed four tours in Vietnam along with tours in Europe and Korea before his retirement in 1975 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service, and also served as personal assistant to General Frederick C. Weyand, the last commander of U.S. operations in Vietnam. After leaving the military, Peter worked in the

newspaper industry on the mainland for 13 years before moving home to Hawai‘i, where he joined E Noa Tours as a tour escort and driver. He was also active with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Waimānalo, a member of The Old Soldiers, Hui Kako’oainaho’opulapula and the Waimānalo Health Center. Peter loved golf, was a member of many golf clubs and played until his last days. He was devoted to his family and will be remembered for his beautiful soul. A memorial service was held at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery in Kanē’ohe on Sept. 9, and he was buried the next day at Hawai‘i State Veterans Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Kim-Kama, children Ramona, Shaun, Curtis, Wayne, Sweetie and Robin; and 13 grandchildren.



It’s not how much but how

by Kahu **Kalani Wong KSK’74**
Kamehameha Schools Maui

I’ve always had a wish to be rich. Who wouldn’t? Not for myself, of course, but because that would give me the resources to be able to give more and do more.

I look at all the needs here at school or in my community, and my heart aches for those struggling. The pandemic escalated the existing problems and placed more ‘ohana in need. Whether it’s trying to decide to pay the electric bill or feed their family, or foregoing the much-needed car repair because their rent is due, I’d love to give so they may truly live.

God doesn’t care about how much we give, but rather how we give. One day, he watched as people made their donations at the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums while a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. He told his disciples that this woman gave more than all the others, for they gave out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty, giving everything she had (Mark 12:41-44). We also read in II Corinthians 9:7, “Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Our hearts need to be in the right place so our gifts are pono.

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While we may not have the financial resources, we can still give our time. Consider Ke Ali‘i Pauahi and how she gave. She gave generously to start our school, but she also gave of herself to individuals who needed an ear to listen or a prayer when ill. If she could take that time, so can we. We all have gifts or abilities that can make a difference. Use them to make an impact. Use them for God’s glory. ❤️



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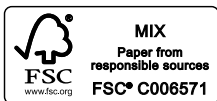
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