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Commencement
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Hawaii Baptist Academy

Located in Nuuanu Valley on the island of Oahu, Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) is a Christ-centered, co-educational, college preparatory school for kindergarten through grade 12. Founded in 1949 by missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the school is affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

HBA is a member of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and licensed by the Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS).

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Mission Statement

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On the cover (l-r): Generation Green's Ms. Rachel Kaneshiro, Christien Burgess, Michelle Hong, Nicole Hong, Kiley Nakagawa, Julia Oliveira **Inset:** Jana Tanouye and Jamie Takushi; Tyler Gibo

On the back cover (l-r): HBA Board Chair Morris Kimoto congratulates graduates; Ian Hew; Bonnie Griffin; Shelby Tanaka and Yun Feng Tan; Samantha Smithson; Joshua Keolanui; The Eagle Mascot—a gift to HBA from the Class of 2011

The Eagle Spirit is alive and well at Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA). Together with the Lord's unwavering guidance and support from our HBA family, we continue to help students find their wings—prepared to meet life's challenges and become all that God created them to be.

We are pleased to introduce Soaring Eagle, a new publication for alumni, parents, grandparents, friends and supporters of HBA. More than news from the school, Soaring Eagle will connect you with the Eagle Spirit that exists in each child—a spirit of learning, adventure, creativity and excellence. We look forward to sharing our stories with you, starting with a look back at some highlights from this past school year.



The 2010–2011 school year was remarkable in many respects. In February, we welcomed many of our Mainland Advisory Council members and their families to Honolulu and to HBA for their 35th annual meeting. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with our dear friends who have a deep connection with our school and students through their love for Christ.

In June, another outstanding group of seniors graduated and will begin a new chapter in their lives. We wish the Class of 2011 well and are confident that they will bring glory to God in their future endeavors.

We also bid a fond aloha to several members of our HBA ohana. Teachers John Hom and Mark Kaneshiro, and attendance clerk Cookie Watanabe retired in December. In addition, student services secretary Shirlene Uyehara and teachers Diane Hom, Pamela Metthe, and Diane Yorita retired this summer. We thank them for their humble service and valuable contributions over the years and they will always hold a special place in the school's vibrant history.

I am also pleased to welcome Ron Shiira to the HBA administrative team. Ron brings 30 years business and nonprofit experience to his new position as my executive assistant. As a 1975 graduate and former HBA parent, Ron has remained active within the school's ohana, serving with his wife Cyndi, as MAC host and as an Athletic Booster member. Most recently, he was chairman of the school's Board of Directors.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am pleased to share with you that HBA purchased the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Girl Scout Hale on Wylie Street, which is located in close proximity to all three of our campuses. This purchase supports our Board's vision for the school and HBA's master plan for strategic growth over the long term.

The new property will not only provide a convenient and central location for HBA's administrative offices, but it will open up valuable space at the elementary school for use as additional classrooms as we increase enrollment starting in the 2011–2012 school year. Our official move into the building will take place over the next few months.

Because we are a small, independent school, it is important that we keep the cost of tuition as affordable as possible for all of our families, while continuing to grow and improve our existing facilities. Therefore, all capital improvements and purchases, such as this one, as well as funding for financial aid and scholarship programs, are always funded exclusively by donations from generous supporters and from our prudent investments.

We praise God for giving us the opportunity to move the school forward and provide the very best educational experience for our students. Here's to a promising 2011–2012 school year, and to an exceptional future.

In Christ,

A red ink signature of Richard T. Bento, written in a cursive style.

Richard T. Bento
President



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HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY

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Class of 2011 Baccalaureate

Together with their families, the Class of 2011 gathered at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu on May 29 for a memorable service.

The simple fact is that seeing Jesus isn't that easy in the first place. Many Christians can attest to that. Author George Orwell is quoted as saying "To see what is in front of one's nose needs a constant struggle." It's true, at the best of times, we know that He is right in front of us, and yet we cannot see Him. We are often blind or we are forgetful. And yet, we're promised that if we look, we will see.

All too often, we expect God to be like the Grand Canyon or the Great Wall of China. Instead, Jesus is seen in the little things—the visit from a friend when you are sick, the cup of cold water when you are thirsty, that strong and subtle reminder in the day that you are loved and precious in the sight of the one who made you.

You must learn to look and see—to tune your eyes and your heart and your mind through what you see in the biblical story; that you can catch a glimpse of Him whenever you see mercy, or you see compassion, justice and truth. Whenever you see forgiveness or you see sacrifice. Learn to look and to see, because when you see, then you will know.

And whether you believe it now or not, know that there is a whole world out there that is looking for something, for someone, and they just haven't figured out who it is yet. Perhaps then when they look at you, they will see a reflection of the truth of Jesus, and they will realize what they have been missing all along.

TONY TRAUGHBER, Bible Teacher

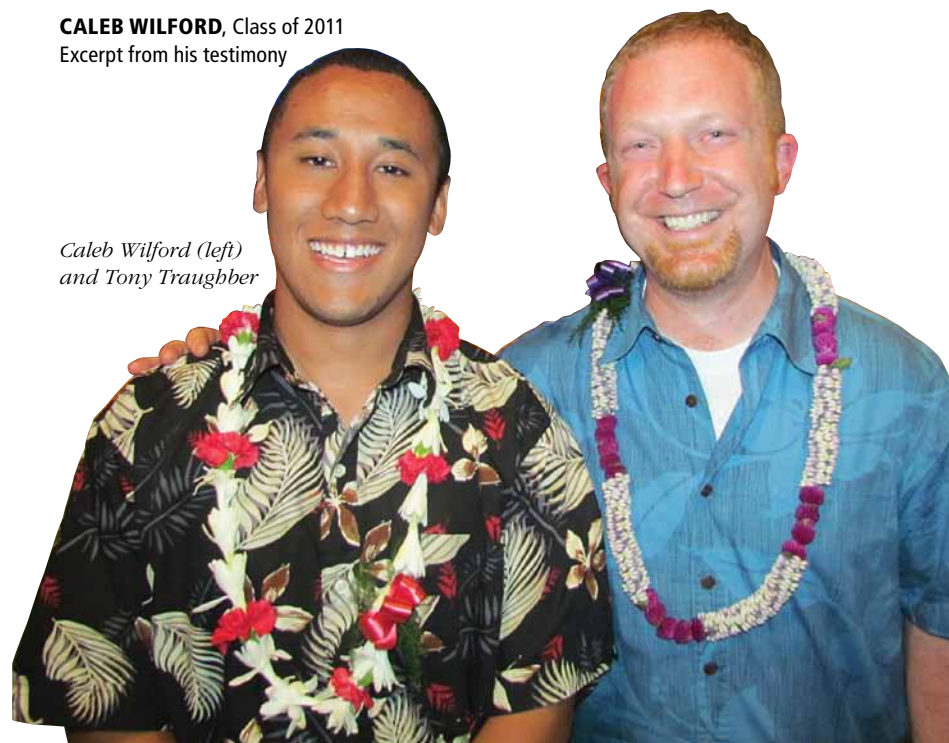
Excerpt from HBA's 2011 Baccalaureate Message

There's only one truth and one way to live my life; to make it purposeful and abundant. And that way is to follow Jesus Christ. In *John* 10:10, it says, "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

We are all going to make mistakes. We're going to make big mistakes. We're going to fail and we're going to lose, but it won't be for nothing. We all have a purpose and a worth. So my hope is for you, and for us, is that as we go out to remember what the truth is no matter where we end up or who we become.

CALEB WILFORD, Class of 2011

Excerpt from his testimony



*Caleb Wilford (left)
and Tony Traughber*

Class of 2011

Jeremy Joshua Aberilla
 Merrill Akemi Adachi ★❖♥
 Reese Shoji Akamine
 Paige Ayako Akiyama ★❖
 Colby Christopher Anama ★❖
 Brandon Eiichi Arakawa S★❖
 Nicolas Jon Morio Ayabe △
 Chalson Christopher Baitlon
 Landon A. Burkhart ♥
 Sarah Mun Yee Chan V★❖
 Tik Yan Chan ★
 Caitlin Rose Takeko Chong V★❖♥
 Wayden Chung Wing Chu
 Sage Keahi Chun-Bulseco
 Kayla Kiana Natsuko Custino
 Rebecca Yukie Mei Chun Dang
 Nicole Yoshiko Dumlao
 Lily Jia Min Fang ★
 Spencer H.G. Fong
 Adam K.M. Freitas
 Jun Marcel Tajima Fritz
 Royce Hidekichi Fujii ♥
 Tracie Ann Masako Fujioka
 Chasen Kazuo Fukuda ♥
 Reyn Mitsuo-Loui Furushima
 Caleb MacKenzie Gaskins △❖
 Tyler Toshiro Gibo
 Bonnie Marie Griffin △❖
 Jami-Lynn Miekio Grumling ♥
 Caden Koali'i Gusman ♥
 Larissa Mariko Hamada ★❖
 Brandon Reece Han
 Sean Michael Yukio Hara △
 Ashley Ann Katsuko Haruki ♥
 Ian Yuji Koon Wai Hew
 Adrienne Hanae Higashida
 Lisa Naomi Higuchi △
 Kallen Takeshi Hosaka △
 Kimberly Wynonna Ing ★❖♥

Tammy Michiko Isobe ★❖
 Matthew Masao Kim Ito ❖
 Andrew Kenji Kanemaru △♥
 Kalen Takemi Kano
 Kayla Mie Kawamura △♥
 Joshua Zane Kanekawaiola Keolanui
 Bryson Kainoa Koichi Kihara
 Jonathan L. Kim, Jr. △❖♥
 Landry Akio Kiyabu
 Torri Miekio Kon △♥
 John Noel Kiyoshi Kuioka ♥
 Kalsi Kar Ning Kwan ★❖
 Nathan Le ♥
 Brennan G.W. Lee
 Eric Kenji Ga-Yiu Lee △
 Johnathan Michael Kam-Kwai Lee
 Reana Megan Lee △❖♥
 Ryan Yuen Loy Leonardo △
 Jonathan T.H. Liang
 Vivian Y.Q. Liang ★❖
 James Tyler Lowery
 Christopher D.H. Ma △❖
 Phillip Mai
 Sharilyn Aiko Masuda
 Tiffany-Amber Sueko McCue △❖
 Connor H.G. McKenzie ★❖
 Reeann Eiko Kaleilani Minatoya ♥
 Travin G.H.Y. Nagasawa ♥
 Thomas Kinji Nakagawa
 Micah Kainoa Nakamura ★❖♥
 Chad Shinji Nakaoka ★❖
 Heidi Christine Nicholls ★
 Keri Ann Mayuri Ogoshi ★❖♥
 Caitlin Kei Jung Omai ★❖♥
 Carter Franklin Ong
 Brendon Christopher Masaru Oshita
 Matthew Takao Ota △
 Jordin C.L.N. Ramos
 Micah Keahenoemaikalani Robinson ♥

Justin Mikio Saito
 Kendra Keola Mai Ka Lani Sakumoto
 Christopher Hiroshi Sekiguchi △❖
 Matthew Keanu Shaw ♥
 Trevor Akira Shibata ★
 Shane Kanichi Shimada
 Lauren Corey Shin △
 Samantha Tomoe Smithson
 Reyn Rikio Sugihara
 Tamlyn Miyori Takeno △
 Jamie Lee Takushi
 Joni Keiko Tamamoto ♥
 Yun Feng Tan
 Jason Mitsuki Tanabe ★♥
 Shelby Yukiko Tanaka ★❖
 Jana Yukiko Tanouye
 Bryson Yun Sing To ♥
 Ashley Tsuru Togami
 Andrew Ryan Traylor
 Tory Ann M. Tsuha
 Aimee Naomi Uyehara ★❖
 Christopher Kalani Vinca
 Caleb Josiah Wilford △
 Chad Stanron Wong
 Matthew Kaichi Wong ★♥
 Rachel Mayumi Wong ★❖
 Archer Tadashi Yamaki
 Kayla Kam Lin Yamamoto
 Rachel Baxa Yonashiro △❖
 Rebecca Charis Yonashiro △❖
 Justin T. Yoshimoto ★❖
 Torri Kazue Yoshizawa ★❖

V Valedictorian
 S Salutarian
 ★ With Highest Honors
 △ With Honors
 ❖ National Honor Society
 ♥ Attended HBA since Kindergarten

Congratulations Class of 2011

Hawaii Baptist Academy held its fifty-eighth commencement ceremony on June 4 at the Neal Blaisdell Center Concert Hall in Honolulu. This year's co-valedictorians were **Sarah Chan** and **Caitlin Chong**. **Brandon Arakawa** was named salutatorian.

Chong received the Eagle Scholar Award for receiving all A's in grades nine through 12. She also was awarded the H.P. and Mary McCormick Distinguished Founders Award for consistently exemplifying Christian character during her years at HBA.

Best wishes to all 110 members of the Class of 2011.

Life lessons

Journalism teacher and senior class adviser George Honzaki gave the commencement address to the Class of 2011. As the students' former middle school history teacher, Honzaki offered his final words to them in the form of mini history lessons. The following was taken from his speech:

The first lesson I would like to impart is to always seek wise counsel in every major life decision.

God has given you friendships, advisers, coaches, pastors, your parents and of course, Himself that

you can turn to for advice. Make sure to consult with those that God surrounds you with...believe me, it can save you a lot of stress, and possibly one or two semesters of tuition.

My second piece of advice is to act with confidence when God calls you to take on the world.

Even if what God is

asking you to do is uncomfortable or seemingly impossible, it is important to remember that God will never abandon you. Your reluctance to follow God's leading will inevitably prevent you from experiencing His full blessings.

The last thing I'd like to leave you with is this: don't fall into the habit of blaming others when things do go wrong.... Developing an attitude of "no excuses" is not for the weak hearted. It takes courage. But, doing what is right is a reflection of your character. I challenge you to rise above the norm in this one area of your life.

When you were in the eighth grade, I could not have imagined how much you all would have grown in just five short years. Intellectually, socially, spiritually, and physically, you have all grown so beautifully, together. Your development confirms in my mind the familiar verse in *Jeremiah* 29:11, which reads, 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

Just like the history of America, your stories are still being written. Although you have grown and achieved so much, this is just the beginning. I am excited, as I know you are, for the future. We are proud of you. We love you. We wish the best for you. God speed. And finally, the best is yet to come."

Sweet Success

Co-valedictorians Sarah Chan and Caitlin Chong gave the valedictory address together. The following is an excerpt from their speech:

After years of struggle and pain, work and heartache, we finally made it to a day in which we can feel both proud of our tireless labor, yet humble because of the sacrifices and investments of those who made us who we are today. Our class has been blessed with so much over these four years—supportive families, loyal friends, caring teachers, and the wonderful opportunity to attend this unique school.

Class of 2011, we would like to briefly take you back to the highlight of our four years as a class with three words, "the sweet ones." Over the years at HBA, we have been gathering ingredients for a recipe to finally create the perfect "sweet ones" treat. This recipe includes experiences, values, lessons and memories that we hope will remind you of what we have learned from our time in high school.

Of course, we would not have been able to come together this year, or be the wonderful class that we are, without the care and guidance of our advisers. For their gentle words of wisdom and their sometimes annoying persistence in loving us, we are greatly indebted. Each adviser has left a little of themselves with us and they are all key ingredients to our recipe.

From Mrs. Nakano, we will stir in hope. The gallons of hope that she has poured into us has taught us to hope in each other and to hope in ourselves. So remember—when mountains appear too high or valleys seem too deep, hope in what you cannot see because "hope will not disappoint."

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Photo by Gary Hofheimer



Co-valedictorians Sarah Chan (left) and Caitlin Chong (right) with salutatorian Brandon Arakawa (center). Chan will attend Saint Louis University and Chong will attend Biola University. Arakawa will attend University of Idaho.

High School Academic and Service Recognition

May 2011



Award recipients (l-r) Micah Higashi, Shawn Saito, and Jonathan Magota.

English

Outstanding in English 9

Chad Kon, Elise Uyehara

Outstanding in English 10

Matthew Johnson, Kara Matthews

English 10 Socratic Award for Critical and Creative Thinking

Diana Holden, Brandon Liu

Outstanding in English 11

Marissa Okada, Bryce Tanaka

Outstanding in AP English Language and Composition

Ethan Chun, Kristin Hamaguchi

Outstanding in English 12

Tyler Gibo, Matthew Ito

Outstanding in AP English 12

Bonnie Griffin, Caleb Wilford

Shakespeare Recitation Contest Winner

Debra Potts

WordMaster Challenge

Highest Scorer

Vanessa Burton, Jeremy Irvin, Matthew Wong

Outstanding in Communication Skills

Shawn Saito, Sarah Chan

Excellence in Public Speaking

Caleb Wilford

Journalism

Superior News Writing

Caitlin Omai

Superior Feature Writing

Matthew Ito

Excellence in Feature Writing

Rebecca Dang

Superior Editorial Writing

Eric Lee

Excellence in Editorial Writing

Matthew Wong

Superior Sports Writing/Hawaii Publishers Assn (HPA) District Award in Sports Writing/HPA Best in State Award in Sports Writing

Spencer Fong

Superior Editorial Cartooning

Kimberly Ing

Excellence in Photo Journalism

Johnathan Lee

Excellence in Layout and Graphic Design

Jared Osaki

Most Valuable Junior Staffer—Newspaper Production

Ethan Chun

Most Valuable Staffer—Newspaper Production

Matthew Wong

Most Valuable Staffer—Yearbook Production

Caitlin Omai

Superior Graphic Design—Yearbook Production

Christopher Vinca

L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Award Recipient: Micah Higashi *The L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Award is presented to an HBA junior who has made a significant contribution of time, talent and resources to worthy causes in the community. A dominant character trait of this recipient is that of helping others selflessly, typifying the giving spirit of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Taylor, past MAC members from Dallas, TX.*

Quill and Scroll (International Honorary Society for High School Journalists) Inductees

Gr. 11: Devyn Teruya; Gr. 12: Kimberly Ing, Matthew Ito, Landry Kiyabu, Caitlin Omai, Christopher Vinca, Justin Yoshimoto

Math

Outstanding in Geometry

Chad Kon, Elise Uyehara, Jensen Vinca

Outstanding in Algebra 2, Gr. 10

Geena Akahoshi

Outstanding in Algebra 2, Honors

Sheldon Arakawa, Matthew Johnson

Outstanding in Algebra 3

Cassandra Koja

Outstanding in Trigonometry

Kacy Buto

Outstanding in Pre-Calculus

Kristin Hamaguchi

Outstanding in Math Analysis with Calculus Foundations

Kallen Hosaka, Vivian Liang

Outstanding in AP Statistics

Caitlin Chong

Outstanding in AP Calculus

Brandon Arakawa

HBA Mathematics Team

Most Valuable Member

Kalsi Kwan, Caitlin Omai

American Mathematics Contest 10 High Scorer

Noa Smith

American Mathematics Contest 12 High Scorer

Kristin Hamaguchi

PE and Health

Outstanding in PE, Gr. 9

Michelle Horio, Taylor Ishida, Kaitlyn Mukai, Preston Kauwe, Jason Shon

Outstanding in PE, Gr. 10

Kristen Lum, Kimberly Matsui, Brandon Liu, Riggs Silva

Science

Outstanding in Biology

Bri'el Kashiwamura, Chad Kon, Elise Uyehara

Outstanding in AP Biology

Jonathan Magota, Bryce Tanaka

Outstanding in Forensics

Merril Adachi

Outstanding in Chemistry

Diana Holden, Matthew Johnson, Kristin Hamaguchi, Bryce Tanaka

Outstanding in AP Chemistry

Sarah Chan, Jason Tanabe

Outstanding in AP Physics

Brandon Arakawa

Social Studies

Outstanding in History, Gr. 9

Chad Kon, Kelsea Yamashita

Outstanding in US History

Matthew Johnson, Kara Matthews

Outstanding in AP US History

Heidi Nicholls

Modern World History

Kayla Mishima, Shawn Saito

Outstanding AP World History

Ethan Chun, Bryce Tanaka

Outstanding Political Science

Bonnie Griffin, Matthew Wong

Outstanding AP Government

Caleb Wilford

Outstanding Economics

Bonnie Griffin, Caleb Wilford

Social Science Scholar

Caleb Wilford

Outstanding Mock Trial Attorney, Team A

Caleb Wilford

Outstanding Mock Trial Attorney, Team B

Alex Mai

Outstanding Mock Trial Witness, Team A

Sheldon Arakawa

Outstanding Mock Trial Witness, Team B

Kimberly Matsui

**Outstanding Mock Trial
Newcomer, Team A**
Kailie Grinder

**Outstanding Mock Trial
Newcomer, Team B**
Brittani Hartley

Visual and Performing Arts

Excellence in Handbells
Davis Wong

**Excellence in Handbell
Ensemble**
Marisa Burkhalter

**Outstanding Freshman in
Wind Ensemble**
Kurk Yi

**Outstanding Senior in
Wind Ensemble**
Andrew Traylor

Overall Drama Award
Carissa Kano, Ian Hew

**Inspired Illustrator in
Textile Design**
Bonnie Griffin

**Advanced Drawing and
Painting Award for
Wholehearted Creativity**
Travin Nagasawa, Keri Ann Ogoshi,
Christopher Vinca

**Outstanding Digital
Photographer**
Aimee Uyehara

**Outstanding Crewmember,
The Art and History of Film**
Matthew Takemoto

Hawaii Meth Project Award
Kayla Custino, Royce Fujii,
Travin Nagasawa, Brendon Oshita,
Chris Sekiguchi, Joni Tamamoto,
Caleb Wilford

**Outstanding Crewmember,
Digital Filmmaking**
Royce Fujii

World Language

Outstanding in Chinese 1
Alex Mai

Outstanding in Chinese 2
Diana Holden

Outstanding in Chinese 3
Tracy Lu

Outstanding in Chinese 4
Sarah Chan

Outstanding in French 5
Heidi Nicholls

Outstanding in Japanese 1
Daniel Kimoto

Outstanding in Japanese 2
Matthew Johnson

Outstanding in Japanese 3
Christopher Akatsuka

Outstanding in Japanese 4
Brandon Arakawa

Outstanding in Spanish 1
Chad Kon

Outstanding in Spanish 2
Kelsey Bajet

Outstanding in Spanish 3
Clara Sachs

Outstanding in Spanish 4
Shane Shimada

Overall Excellence in Chinese
Vivian Liang

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Tammy Isobe

Overall Excellence in Spanish
Christopher Ma

Overall Excellence in French
Bonnie Griffin

2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

Commended Students
Reese Akamine, Eric Lee,
Aimee Uyehara, Matthew Wong
Finalist: Brandon Arakawa

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Awards

PTF High Achievement Award

Gr. 10
Sheldon Arakawa, Kelsey Bajet,
Diana Holden, Matthew Johnson,
Wyllie Louie, Kristen Lum,
Lauren Stein

Gr. 11
Christopher Akatsuka,
Ethan Chun, Kristin Hamaguchi,
Jonathan Magota, Marissa Okada,
Jared Osaki, Bryce Tanaka

PTF Service Award

Gr. 9
Taylor Ishida, Preston Kauwe

Gr. 10
Sharae Times, Wyllie Louie

Gr. 11
Kylee Arima, Marcus Lum

Gr. 12
Shelby Tanaka, Thomas Nakagawa

Special Awards and Service Recognition

**L.O. and Johnnie Taylor
Outstanding Service Award**
Micah Higashi

**Community Builder Award,
Robotics Team**
Kalsi Kwan

**Junior American Citizen
Contest**
Jasmine Healy

**Good Citizen Award Daughters of
the American Revolution**
Third Place in State: Heidi Nicholls

**Community Service Award
Daughters of the American
Revolution**
Eric Lee

**Christopher Columbus Essay
Contest Daughters of the
American Revolution**
Brandon Arakawa

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Voice of Democracy Audio
Essay Contest**
First Place: Jonathan Kim
Second Place: Tyler Gibo
Third Place: Micah Nakamura

National Honor Society

New Inductees

Freshmen
Joslyn Hamada, Jonathan Huster,
Micah Ito, Amanda Lac,
Kaitlyn Mukai, Mary Pascual,
Elise Uyehara, Jensen Vinca

Sophomores
Kelsey Bajet, Marisa Burkhalter,
Jared Dang, Malia Ito,
Matthew Johnson, Nyckolle Lucuab

Juniors
Chazley Baitlon, Ryan Lowe,
Jonathan Magota,
Markus Montano,
Gavin Yamamoto

Hawaii Meth Project Award
(l-r) Royce Fujii, Brendon Oshita,
Joni Tamamoto, Caleb Wilford,
Chris Sekiguchi, Kayla Custino,
Travin Nagasawa



Middle School Academic and Service Recognition

May 2011

Bible

Excellence in Bible, Gr. 7
Sydney Suzuki

Excellence in Bible, Gr. 8
Joyce Lee, Jaryd Sugihara

Spiritual Leadership, Gr. 7
Hellen Chen

English

English Gr. 7

Best Overall in English
Jantzen Nakai, Madison Tanabe

Best Oral Presentation
Hai-Dong (Chester) Hui,
La'akea Vogelgesang

Best Voice in Writing
Tanner Isaacs, Shannon Mau

English Gr.8

Best Overall English
Joyce Lee, Jaryd Sugihara

Outstanding Creative Writer
Jessica Truesdell

Outstanding Novelist
Courtney Togo

Outstanding Poet
Danielle Woo

Outstanding Shakespearean
David Lee, Jana Sasaki

Visual and Performing Arts

Fabulous in Fine Arts, Gr. 7
Hai-Dong (Chester) Hui,
Elissa Ota

Aspiring Artist, Gr. 8
David Lee, Jana Sasaki

Music Maestro, Gr. 8
Jasha Onogi, Sara Utsugi

Dynamic Dancer, Gr. 8
Danielle Toda, Chad Wong

Thriving Thespian, Gr. 8
Riley Cammack,
Megan Horita

Fantastic in Fine Arts, Gr. 8
Christian Chee,
Mikayla Mau



Photo courtesy of George Honzaki

Kuikawa 2011: A special service was held on May 1 for HBA's eighth graders, their parents and families. *Kuikawa*, which means "this special moment" in Hawaiian, focuses on the unique and beautiful qualities that make each eighth grader special to his or her family, to the school, and to God. It was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and celebration. During the service, parents and teachers were given the opportunity to offer words of encouragement to the students as they prepared for their journey to high school.

Physical Education and Health

Outstanding in PE and Health, Gr. 7
Stephanie Dang,
Michael Tawata

Outstanding in PE and Health, Gr. 8
Christopher Caballes,
Christian Chee, Michael Dang, Megan Horita, BJ Hosaka, Jeffrey Liang, Marissa Nakasone, Maclain Oishi, Dana Sur, Sara Utsugi

Math

Excellence in Math, Gr. 7
Hellen Chen, Michael Tawata

Excellence in Algebra, Gr. 8
Riley Cammack,
Dylan-John Loo

Science

Excellence in Life Science, Gr. 7
Elissa Ota, Preston Thiede

Excellence in Earth Science, Gr. 8
Alecia Griffin, Megan Horita

Social Studies

Globetrotter Award for Excellence in Geography, Gr. 7
Kira Ogoshi, Aaron Wong

American History, Facts on Filer, Gr. 8
Junlang Chen, Brianne Higa

American History, Speaker of the House, Gr. 8
Maclain Oishi, Danielle Toda

Outstanding in American History, Gr. 8
Jana Sasaki, Nicholas Siu-Li

Overall Academic Excellence

Gr. 7
Ka'imi Na'auao—Seeker of Wisdom
Hai-Dong (Chester) Hui,
Sydney Suzuki

Gr. 8
Soaring Eagle
Megan Horita

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Service Awards

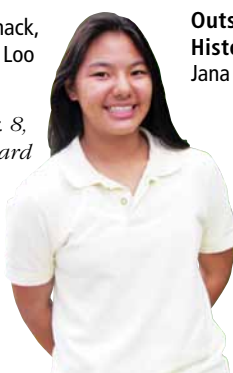
Gr. 7
Annemarie Lee, Jantzen Nakai

Gr. 8
Jessica Truesdell, BJ Hosaka

President's Education Awards Program, Gr. 8

Christopher Caballes, Riley Cammack, Kyle Anthony Castillo, Christian Chee, Junlang Chen, Jared Chun, Alicia Griffin, Jonathan Hayashi, Jonathan Higa, Megan Horita, Ty Ikenaga, Sean Inouye, Kayla Ippongi, Michael Kamei, John Kim, Sydney Lau, Joyce Lee, Nicole Lopes, Adrian Low, Gavin Low, Kara Marushige, Madeline Morgan, Alexa Nucum, Maclain Oishi, Deana Sanekane, Jana Sasaki, Anne Shiraishi, Nicholas Siu-Li, Jaryd Sugihara, Rylie Sumimoto, Danielle Toda, Sara Utsugi, Rylie Wada, Brenner Wakayama, Tyler Yamashiro, Sharon Zhu

Megan Horita, Gr. 8,
Soaring Eagle Award



Sydney Suzuki and
Hai-Dong (Chester) Hui, Gr. 7,
Seeker of Wisdom Award

Robotics Team Places 5th in World VEX Contest



Middle school students from HBA's robotics team were recognized at a year-end school assembly.

Front row (l-r): Madisyn Sim (8), Trent Tsuzaki (8), Gavin Arucan (7), Joshua Laxamana (7), Matthew Omiya (7), Bradley Wong (7).

Back Row (l-r): Anna Young (7), Michael Kamei (8), Gavin Low (8), Bryson Agena (8), Junlang Chen (8), Jonathan Hayashi (8).

Hawaii Baptist Academy's middle school robotics team took fifth place in the world at the 2011 VEX Robotics World Championships. The contest was held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando in April.



Kalsi Kwan, Class of 2011, HBA Robotics Team Captain

"As a teacher, she is committed to the team and gives up a lot of time to help us be the best we can be."

Kalsi Kwan on HBA's Robotics Team adviser Jennifer McFatridge

critical thinking and the use of strategy.

The Championship included top teams from more than 200 VEX Robotics Competition tournaments that took place in cities around the world, nine of which were hosted in Hawaii. In order to qualify for this competition, students had to first win in a regional tournament. For the HBA robotics team,

which included both high school and middle school students, that victory came at the Maui VEX Competition and also at the Leeward Regional competition.

Team captain Kalsi Kwan, a senior at HBA, has been the driving force behind the team's creation and growth. Because of her intense desire to start a robotics team at HBA with her physics teacher Jennifer McFatridge, she persisted in rallying enough support from school administrators to form the team in 2007. In the fall, Kwan plans to put her applied skills in robotics to good use as an electrical engineering major at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

McFatridge currently teaches a robotics class, which is separate from the robotics team that she advises. For her, placing fifth in the world competition was an incredible team accomplishment, but she is even more pleased with many of her students' growing interest in science as a result of building robots.

"I hear my students telling each other that they want to be engineers; not just the ones who are naturally brilliant, but also the ones who are struggling—on the fringes," said McFatridge. "Some of them come in every day, several times a day to work on their projects. And when they compete, there's a sense of pride that they helped to build something. There's so much hidden potential that shines."

The HBA robotics team is already starting to formulate ideas to get to next year's goal of competing in the 2012 VEX Robotics World Championships. The team has a dedicated support system of administrators, teachers, parents, and volunteers from the community to serve as mentors and who are actively participating in various fundraisers to be able to purchase the building supplies they will need to reach their goal.

To find out how you can support the team, make a contribution towards supplies, or become mentor, please contact Ms. McFatridge at jmcfatridge@hba.net.

2010–2011 HBA Robotics Team

Gr. 7

Gavin Arucan
Joshua Laxamana
Matthew Omiya
Bradley Wong
Anna Young

Gr. 8

Bryson Agena
Junlang Chen
Jonathan Hayashi
Michael Kamei
Gavin Low
Madisyn Sim
Trent Tsuzaki

Gr. 9

Daniel Kimoto

Gr. 11

Kylee Arima
Vanessa Burton
Ryan Lowe
Bryce Matsuda

Gr. 12

Colby Anama
Kalsi Kwan (captain)

"I want them to have fun, be innovative, and work with what they have. I also want them to be successful. When you work hard, it pays off in competitions."

Kalsi Kwan on her wishes for her Robotics Team members next year

Elementary School Academic and Service Recognition

May 2011



Learning to Fly—Sixth Grade Graduation: Seventy-four sixth graders were presented elementary school diplomas at their graduation ceremony on May 31. This year's graduation verse was Jeremiah 29:11 — "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Receiving special awards were: **Back Row:** (l-r) Dylan Tsuruda, Ty Minatoya, Kailey Young, Judithanne Young, Kylie Aoki, Lauren Brese, Tori Ono, Esther Chang, Trevor Kubo. **Front Row:** (l-r) Kayci Kumashiro, Lauren Lee, David Toda, Nicholas Kanno, Sarah Uehara

Sixth Grade Honors

HBA K-6

Rylee Adair
Lauren Akimoto
Kylie Aoki
Finnley Baraoidan
Taiga Benito
Lauren Brese
Makenzie Cammack
Justin Ching
Nicholas Domingo
Evan Ebesu
Shalev Eckert
Ryan Higashi
Joshua Joo
Erin Kaneshiro
Nicholas Kanno
Emma Kojima
Trevor Kubo
Saki Le
Tucker Miller
Ty Minatoya
Tyler Moon
Noelle Nakamura
Kaci Omoto
Paige Oshiro
Aaron Oyasato
Katelyn Sumimoto
David Toda
Davis Tsuha

Dylan Tsuruda
Sarah Uehara
Khristian Vinca
Alexa Yoo
Kacie Yoshida
Jeron Young
Judithanne Young
Kailey Young

Soaring Eagle (Honor roll with all A's for four quarters)

Shalev Eckert
Renee Galolo
Joshua Joo
Trevor Kubo
Kayci Kumashiro
April Laxamana
Lauren Lee
Ryan Lee
Paige Oshiro
Kristina Tommee
Dylan Tsuruda
Judithanne Young

Eagle Scholars (Honor roll with an A-minus for four quarters)

Kellie Akiyama
Kyara Bunch
Nicolas Caballes
Makenzie Cammack
Justin Ching

Kiara Chun
Sarah Harada
Eliesse Hihara
Erin Kaneshiro
Nicholas Kanno
Emma Kojima
Ty Minatoya
Tyler Moon
Taylor Nakamoto
Noelle Nakamura
Joshua Nakanishi
Samantha Nucum
Justin Ogasawara
Aaron Oyasato
Chad Suga
Dylan Suga
Chandelle Takahashi
David Toda
Sarah Uehara
John Ushigome
Alexa Yoo
Jeron Young
Khristian Vinca
Kailey Young

President's Education Award Program

Kellie Akiyama
Kyara Bunch
Nicolas Caballes
Makenzie Cammack
Justin Ching
Kiara Chun

Shalev Eckert
Renee Galolo
Ryan Higashi
Eliesse Hihara
Joshua Joo
Erin Kaneshiro
Nicholas Kanno
Emma Kojima
Trevor Kubo
Kayci Kumashiro
April Joy Laxamana
Lauren Lee
Ryan Lee
Ty Minatoya
Tyler Moon
Taylor Nakamoto
Noelle Nakamura
Joshua Nakanishi
Samantha Nucum
Justin Ogasawara
Paige Oshiro
Aaron Oyasato
Chad Suga
Chandelle Takahashi
David Toda
Kristina Tommee
Dylan Tsuruda
Sarah Uehara
Khristian Vinca
Alexa Yoo
Judithanne Young
Jeron Young

TROPHY RECIPIENTS:

All Around

Sarah Uehara
Nicholas Kanno

Scholar Award

Dylan Tsuruda
Lauren Lee

JOY

Lauren Lee
David Toda

Citizenship

Kayci Kumashiro
Dylan Tsuruda

Athlete Award

Ty Minatoya
Kailey Young

Art

Trevor Kubo
Esther Chang

Music

Lauren Brese
Tori Ono

OLYMPIAD MEDALISTS:

Science Achievement Medalist—Shalev Eckert

Nicolas Caballes, Joshua Joo, Kayci Kumashiro, April Laxamana, Lauren Lee, Paige Oshiro, Kristina Tommee, Dylan Tsuruda, Sarah Uehara

Current Events Challenge

Medalist—Dylan Tsuruda

Kylie Aoki, Ryan Higashi,
Erin Kaneshiro, Nicholas
Kanno, Ty Minatoya, Joshua
Nakanishi, Chad Suga, Dylan
Suga, Judithanne Young

Geography Challenge

Medalist—Dylan Tsuruda

Finnley Baraoidan, Nicolas
Caballes, Shalev Eckert,
Kayci Kumashiro, Ty Minatoya,
Chad Suga, Shaye Suzuki,
Kristina Tommee,
Judithanne Young

Language Arts

Medalist—Paige Oshiro

Lauren Brese, Renee Galolo,
Nicole Hong, Lauren Lee,
Ryan Lee, Ty Minatoya,
Chad Suga, Sarah Uehara,
Alexa Yoo

Continental Math League

Medalist—Dylan Tsuruda

Shalev Eckert, Joshua Joo,
Ty Minatoya, Samantha
Nucum, Justin Ogasawara,
Paige Oshiro, Chad Suga,
David Toda, Kristina Tommee,
Judithanne Young

300+ Club Members (Reading Achievement Award)

Kylie Aoki, Alyssa Futa,
April Joy Laxamana,
Lauren Lee, Ryan Lee

Fifth Grade Honors

Eagle Scholar Soaring Eagles

Cameron Brewer
Lucas Chun
Joshua Fujita
Zachary Fujita
Matthew Higa
Eugene Lee
Jamie Lee
Lauryn Liao
Joshua Matsumoto
Micah Mitchell
Carly Nakamura
Bryce Sakata
Jalen Sur
Ally Wada
Haven Won

Eagle Scholar Challenger Roll

Michael Chang
Erica Cheung
Jonathan Kishaba
Christian Kobayashi
Laurence Kwock
Jewel Ito
Michael Johnson

Colby Nagano
Katelyn Nakagawa
Dru Pang
Lianne Park
Lilarose Smith
Cody Sugai
Jarren Uza
Shay Watanabe
Megan Yamauchi

JOY Citizenship Award

Dru Pang
Kaylie Hayashida

Math Olympiad

Medalist—Lucas Chun

Cameron Brewer
Zachary Fujita
Matthew Higa
Jalen Sur

Science Achievement

Medalist—Jewel Ito

Erica Cheung
Lucas Chun
Zachary Fujita
Joshua Matsumoto
Bryce Sakata
Lilarose Smith
Ally Wada
Haven Won

Geography Challenge

Medalist—Sean Yoshishige

Erica Cheung
Lucas Chun
Zachary Fujita
Eugene Lee
Jamie Lee
Katelyn Nakagawa
Bryce Sakata
Jarren Uza
Brant Yamamoto

Language Arts Olympiad

Medalist—Eugene Lee

Cameron Brewer
Lucas Chun
Zachary Fujita
Jewel Ito
Jamie Lee
Carly Nakamura
Bryce Sakata
Jalen Sur
Haven Won

National Current Events League

Top Score—Brant Yamamoto

Erica Cheung
Matthew Higa
Eugene Lee
Jamie Lee
Lauryn Liao
Bryce Sakata
Jarren Uza
Haven Won
Megan Yamauchi

Presidential Fitness Challenge

Erica Cheung
Kaitlin Ito
Kody Kim
Katelyn Nakagawa
Carly Nakamura
Lilarose Smith
Tani Takushi
Ally Wada

300+ Club Members (Reading Achievement Award)

Cameron Brewer
Joshua Fujita
Zachary Fujita
Michael Johnson
Jamie Lee

Art Recognition

Jake Angelo
Cameron Brewer
Erica Cheung
Jasmine Do
Zachary Fujita
Rachel Glass
Kaylie Hayashida
Sasha Healy
Jewel Ito
Kaitlin Ito
Laurence Kwock
Jamie Lee
Lauryn Liao
Kaitlyn Matsushima
Jacqueline Morgan
Colby Nagano
Kiana Oka
Riley Shimatsu
Reyn Shiraishi
Kaitlyn Takafuji
Maya Valdez
Ally Wada
Shay Watanabe
Scott Wong
Megan Yamauchi
Toby Yoshida

Fourth Grade Honors

Word Master Challenge

Medalists—Dakota Bates,
Kira Morimoto

2nd place—Bobby Liu

3rd place—Joy Yukumoto,
Michelle Hong

Finalists—Elisabeth Mathews,
Ryan Wong, Christianne Young,
Dylan Huang, Reanne Inafuku,
Travis Ishihara, Emily White

Language Arts League

Medalist—Joy Yukumoto

2nd Place—Reanne Inafuku,
Dylan Huang, Adam Kikuta,
Tyler Mishima

3rd Place—Carson Miyachi,
Amaya Cheng, Jennah
Laxamana, Steven Liang,
Elisabeth Mathews,
Kylee Sumida, Shannah Mau

Continental Math League

Medalist—Steven Liang

Dakota Bates, Michelle Hong,
Reanne Inafuku, Bobby Liu,
Brandon Okazaki, Emily
White, Ryan Wong

National Geography Challenge

Medalist—Samantha
Matsunaka

Adam Kikuta, Steven Lian,
Bobby Liu, Jonah Matsuzaki,
Carson Miyachi, Rena
Takatsuka, Shawn Tamashiro,
Emily White, Joy Yukumoto

300+ Club Members (Reading Achievement Award)

Andy Chen, Micah Fujiwara,
Dylan Huang, Elisabeth
Mathews, Kira Morimoto,
Brandon Okazaki, Emily White

Third Grade Honors

Math League

Conner Kojima

Language Arts League

Conner Kojima
Matthew Yamamoto

Eagle Choir

Outstanding Eagle Choir Students Award

Kylie Aoki
Joy Young

Outstanding Vocal Music Student Award

Lauren Brese
Tori Ono

Outstanding Eagle Choir Attendance Award

Kylie Aoki, Lauren Brese,
Erica Cheung, Sarah Harada,
Kaylie Hayashida,
Erin Kaneshiro, Saki Le,
Lauryn Liao, Keri Miyasato,
Kalena Montgomery,
Katelyn Nakagawa,
Kylee Nakagawa, Samantha
Nucum, Sydney Nucum,
Kylee Sumida, Ally Wada,
Christianne Young, Joy Young

Perfect Eagle Choir Attendance Award

Kristen Kaneshiro
Missy Uehara
Joy Yukimoto



Sixth graders Joshua Nakanishi and April Joy Laxamana

HBA Welcomes Fukushima Visitors— Raises nearly \$12,000 for Japan Relief Effort



Prayers, donations and compassion were sent to the people of Japan from Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) following the tragic events in March. Collectively, the students, parents, faculty and staff raised \$11,773 for Baptist Global Relief to assist the people of Japan.

HBA's Christian Ministries Department, led by Rob Lockridge, kicked off a school-wide fundraising effort over several weeks. From a bake sale, to a penny collection drive, to "love offering" donation sites on campus, individuals and school clubs alike gave and did what they could to help.

Middle school and high school students also welcomed a group of 15 adults and children from the Fukushima Asahimachi Baptist Church in Japan at a recent chapel service. Pastor Tomishige Kokubo described the devastation that they had witnessed. "There are a lot of people starving, stuck in the wreck around their homes without food, gas, water, or oil," said Pastor Kokubo, of his hometown of Fukushima City.

"Our visitors from Fukushima were impressed to the point of tears as 800 students surrounded them with prayer," recalled Chie Watanabe, HBA's Japanese language teacher, of the chapel service. "They joined our students as we sang 'Jesus Loves Me' in Japanese. They told me later that they thanked God for bringing them to HBA."

In addition, students started a spontaneous fundraising effort during their Junior/Senior Banquet just three days after the tragedies in Japan occurred. In one evening they managed to collect donations from each other totaling \$1,000. The money was given to the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention to use towards its relief efforts in Japan.



Above: HBA students welcome the youngest Fukushima visitors. (l-r) Chantelle Sonoda ('13), Alexander Camerino ('14), Jonathan Magota ('12), Adrienne Higashida ('11), Sarah Chan ('11)

Left: Pastor Tomishige Kokubo (far left) and members of his church from Fukushima, Japan were welcomed and prayed for during chapel at HBA in April. With Kokubo are Nobuko Kokubo, Sakiko Hasebe, Ken Yokokawa and Kyoko Yokokawa.

Hope Survives

HBA's Textile Design students had the opportunity to participate in Genki Notes—a joint project between the U.S.-Japan Council, Emerson College and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. The project aims to bring a breath of hope, a smile or a laugh to the people of Northeastern Japan in the form of hand-made notes of support.

Tomie Anne Tamura, grade 9, wanted to give encouragement to the people of Japan through her thoughtful and creative design. "I wanted to say that we all are praying for you and there is hope," said Tamura. "My design says 'Hope Survives.' I think that it shows them that everything will be okay in the future."



Campus News

Teachers recognized for contributions to students, school's mission



(l-r) Todd Yokotake, Diane Hom, and Tony Traughber

Diane Hom, Tony Traughber and Todd Yokotake ('84) were named the 2011 recipients of the Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award. The award, which recognizes outstanding teaching at the high school campus of Hawaii Baptist Academy, is made possible through the generosity of Hayden and Lorna Hu, whose children, Rachel ('05) and Trevor ('09), are HBA graduates.

"You are extraordinary teachers who go above and beyond in your academic mission, and demonstrate excellence in your Christian mission as well," said Mrs. Hu at a recent luncheon for the award recipients. "You have prepared our children and countless others to face the educational, work and social challenges of the world. But beyond that, you have touched their lives and you have made countless sacrifices. We humbly present you this award, a small token, to thank you for a job well done."

This is the fourth year that the Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award has been presented. Last year's recipients were Lynne Nakano, Pat Ota and Brad Shimizu.

2011 Recipients:

Diane Hom

Teaching students to write and to appreciate literature has been Diane Hom's passion at HBA for the past 40 years. Throughout her remarkable career as an English and Advanced Placement English teacher (she also served as principal of the upper campus for 11 years while teaching English at the same time), she has thanked the Lord for leading her to a place where she could make a difference. The Lord also allowed Hom to meet her husband, John, through HBA. John Hom, a science teacher at the middle school, retired in December, 2010 after 36 years at HBA.

Tony Traughber

Tony Traughber has served as HBA's Bible teacher for eight years, helping students learn about God's word and how it applies in their lives. His unique ability to connect with youth and challenge them to seek the truth is truly amazing. "I came to HBA because I believed it was a great way to love God and people," said Traughber. "I enjoy teaching here because being around high school students keeps me thinking about my faith and working on new ways to articulate ancient truth."

Todd Yokotake ('84)

Todd Yokotake has helped students at HBA express God's love through music for more than two decades. His energetic and encouraging spirit, as well as his servant heart continuously inspires his students and others in the HBA community. Yokotake is director of the select singing ensemble known as Soldiers of Light, and also has taught Concert Choir, Middle School Choir, AP Music Theory, Hawaiian Music, and Hawaiian Language. "I want to invest in the lives of students, share the love of the God, and challenge students to use their talents to glorify the Lord," said Yokotake about teaching at HBA. "Now, as a parent who has a child that attends HBA, it has been even a greater blessing to watch colleagues of mine invest in the life of my son."

Mr. HBA 2011

Jonathan Kim, Jr.



Jonathan with parents Jonathan and Debbie Kim

Although he is outstanding in both athletics and academics, he remains humble and gracious. He is the guy you cheer for not because he is tremendously gifted (which he is), but because he uses his gifts to genuinely bless others. Mr. HBA receives great respect from elders and peers alike because respect is what he gives. When he speaks, people listen. When he acts, people watch with calculated action. He is a leader yet avoids putting himself in the spotlight. He is a dedicated student, yet maintains a reasonable perspective on life and devotes time to others. He is fiercely competitive, yet his attitude is tempered with the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Mr. HBA embodies a series of contrasts that combine in him to make an admirable whole.

Miss HBA 2011

Shelby Tanaka



Shelby with parents Kevin and Deanna Tanaka

Miss HBA is an encouraging person with a distinct, bubbly, laughing voice. Her demeanor is always cheerful. And her friendship can be trusted because she is a person of integrity and maturity. But don't let her petiteness and sweetness fool you; she is a persuasive leader with a lot of spunk and competence. She calls out the best in us. She inspires us to do our best, to help the team, to follow through. Miss HBA can always be counted on to do what needs to be done and to do it with excellence, whether encouraging the varsity cross country and track teams, mentoring other girls through Servant Group, teaching children at church, initiating community service on her own, or leading others as president of the National Honor Society.

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Although this adviser may be petite, don't let her size fool you. Miss Enos' heart is by no means bound by her stature. Through her transparency in testimonies and devotionals, we find great authenticity in her genuine care for us. We have learned to love her not only as an adviser, but also as a true friend. So when the world attempts to draw you into the delights and wonders that a dishonest flavor might, remember Miss Enos' illustration of sincerity and take the time to do things right.

On our journeys, we will often make mistakes, and during those times, a sprinkle of humility will help us admit our faults and seek help. Thankfully, we have been exposed to many humble hearts during our high school years, especially that of Mrs. Gruspe.



Photo by Gary Hofheimer

HBA Graduates (back row): Brennan Lee, Jun Marcel Fritz; (front row): Kayla Kawamura, Joni Tamamoto, Jami-Lynn Grumling

Through sharing her wisdom at camps, chapels, and homeroom devotionals, Mrs. Gruspe has taught us the importance of humility. As you encounter times of both triumph and failure, we hope you will blend the value and importance of humility in each of your decisions.

Whether it is a 26-mile marathon or a 5 a.m. bike ride to school, this senior adviser has taught us the meaning of perseverance. He reminds us that it is important to hang onto God's promise and to never let your emotions splatter out of control. And as we face trials that will test our faith, we hope that you remember Mr. Stevens' pursuit of truth and do the same. So Mr. Stevens, thank you for being our role model for perseverance—ensuring that we will always be fully baked.

And finally, we cannot forget the one adviser who left the comfort and familiarity of his eighth grade teaching position to move up with us into high school. Mr. Honzaki's own patient heart has,

in turn, revealed to us an example of a patient lifestyle in which we can model our own after.

Through both firm discipline and gentle encouragement, he has shown that he will be faithful to us to the end and beyond. We must keep in mind Mr. Honzaki's example of patience so that in this world that demands the immediate and cursory pleasures, we will have the dash of discipline to wait for what will bring true joy and fulfillment.

With a pint of patience, a hint of hope, a spoonful of sincerity, a pinch of perseverance, a handful of humility, and a cup of courage, we finally have the ingredients for our recipe to continue to be "the sweet ones" beyond HBA.

Our successful flavor fusion resulted not only from our hard work and intelligence, but rather a combination of God's faithfulness, our parents' undying love for us, our advisers' perseverance and the amazing administration.

As a class, our recipe possesses the perfect balance of ambition, laughter, love and most importantly, courage. We have been melted, in a sense, through difficult assignments, bad days, and life changing experiences to show us how strong we are together. Over the years we have let our guards down during camps and leaned upon one another to get through the hard times. Like frosting to a cupcake, we've grown to truly complement one another. We've seen our class grow from a class who didn't want to participate in Spirit Week to one that took home the title of champions during our senior year.

Many years from now when we look back on our journey as a class, we will find courage. There have been moments when we united to protect one of our own, and we have made bold statements of independence and unity with a Beach Day and Spirit Week centipede.

When we look at our class we can see that no two are exactly alike; each brings a special texture to the mix. Some of us are as cool as mints, while others are hot like cinnamon. There will never be a class like the Class of 2011 and we hope that you will look back on your experience here at HBA with the knowledge that we are the perfect mix, ready to take on the daunting world set before us.

And as we officially head our separate ways, we want you to remember that this isn't a final goodbye, but merely a "see you later." As you move forward from HBA, take this recipe with you as a little pick-me-up when you face hard times in the future, remembering our connection to the past. We can guarantee you that life will not be easy, but if you hold on to this recipe, we hope that you'll find your sweet success.



generation green

Stewards of God's Creation

The elementary school at Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) is going *green*, thanks to a team of young, eco-conscious students. Generation Green, HBA's recycling club, encourages being good stewards of God's creation through a variety of educational and hands-on learning projects on campus.



“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S AND EVERYTHING IN IT.” PSALM 24:1

The club, which is open to HBA students in grades four through six, meets every Wednesday after school. “A small group of students wanted to start a club that promoted recycling,” said Lori Young, a teacher and one of Generation Green’s advisers. “There is no planned agenda. We just work on projects that the children want to do.” Teachers Rachel Kaneshiro and Cheryl Higa are also advisers.



A popular project with the club’s members involves recycling using earthworms. Thanks to a grant from the City and County of Honolulu and additional funding from

HBA’s Parent Teacher Fellowship, the group began a project last school year known as vermicomposting. The process uses the hundreds of hungry, wriggly critters to transform leftovers and garbage into nutrient-rich, organic soil that is perfect fertilizer for gardens.

This past school year, with assistance from the Waikiki Worm Company, the students converted their plastic bins filled with five pounds of worms into an innovative Pipeline Worm System. Invented by the company’s owner, the system provides a more effective and efficient way to harvest worms.

“The children are learning that they can recover resources that are trapped in kitchen scraps,” said Kaneshiro. “These nutrients are wasted when they are thrown away, but can be turned into worm food and used for plant growth instead.”

Carson Miyachi, a fourth grader, is excited about learning how to recycle with living things and being able to share this knowledge with others at school. “I am helping the environment and I get to touch the worms, too,” said Miyachi.

A recent recycling drive that Generation Green sponsored encouraged participation from all students in kindergarten through grade six. Incredibly, 571 pounds of aluminum, 443 pounds of glass and 901 pounds of plastic were collected.

“Because of the great response to our drive, we were unable to fit all of the recyclables in the large bin that was provided by the city,” said Higa. “Officials told us that it has never been filled up in one day before, but because of the overwhelming response from our students and their families, we needed to order another container.”

Earnings from the recycling drive, which totaled \$1,166, will go towards campus beautification efforts, including purchasing plants for the area outside the chapel. The balance will support future school activities that encourage going green. The school-wide effort led to HBA placing second in the Lex Brodie Recycling Challenge, where an additional \$500 was earned.

While promoting reducing, re-using and recycling, Generation Green members hope that their actions will serve to inspire others at school and in the community to make a difference. “I like our planet,” said fourth grader and member Michelle Hong. “But I don’t like picturing it without plants. That would be awful, so we all need to help.”

GENERATION GREEN FAST FACTS

Founded:

2008 by 12 eco-conscious students who wanted to start a recycling group.

Mission:

To promote “reduce, re-use, and recycle” awareness at HBA and to our community. To be good stewards of all of God’s creations.

Membership:

Open to all HBA students in grades 4–6

Past Projects:

- Vermicast program
- Blue Planet light bulb exchange
- Can/bottle collections

2010–2011 Members:

Grade 4

Christien Burgess
Mikayla Chun
Bryson Gonzalez
Michelle Hong
Tyler Mishima
Carson Miyachi
Kira Morimoto
Kyley Nakagawa
Julia Oliveira
Justice Stone
Kobi Tanioka
Sun-Hee Wong

Grade 5

Ashley Acoba
Jasmine Do
Sona Kim
Julia Lu
Bela Takiguchi

Grade 6

Kellie Akiyama
Makenzie Cammack
Esther Chang
Jade Che
Nicole Hong
April Laxamana
Kaci Omoto



[1] Ernest Jett, Sr. of Tyler, TX was the most senior attendee at age 90. [2] Tyler Lowery ('11) entertains MAC guests at all-school chapel. [3] Inducted into the President's Alii Eagle Circle were Flo and Jim King of Pollock, LA. The Kings were introduced to HBA by Helen (Howard) Tull, who was introduced by Ernest Jett, who was recruited by Burnell (Ed) Hutcherson. Group pictured with HBA Pres. Dick Bento. [4] Lurie Walker Stewart, former kindergarten teacher, is warmly greeted on the elementary campus.

Mainland Supporters Celebrate 35 Years of Partnering in Ministry

The Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) recently celebrated its 35th anniversary at its annual meeting in Honolulu.

A total of 85 people attended the meeting this year, and nine new members joined the MAC family. This year's theme centered on scripture in celebration of 35 years of partnering in ministry with HBA.

"We've a story to tell the nations," said Melvin Lutz, Jr., of Boiling Springs, NC, as he addressed the group for a final time as MAC chair. "As we look back on the rooting that has taken place here, God has blessed our institution that is HBA." Lutz challenged each member to continue to be faithful to their calling to support this ministry and to encourage others they know to do the same as well.

"This week, let's reflect on what God has given to us to use for HBA—prayer, talents, and the means to give," said Lutz. "Reflect on the struggles in the early days, and on the good that's come. But I also hope that we can become re-energized and re-committed to this cause in helping to change lives."

During their stay, the MAC visited with students and teachers on the elementary, middle and high school campuses, and learned more about the school's programs. They also

discussed future plans for HBA and methods of gaining support in their respective communities.

Lutz officially introduced Dr. Bob Byrd as the new chair for the rest of the year. Dr. Byrd lives in Villa Park, CA, while Mr. Lutz is from Boiling Springs, NC. In addition, Shirley Taliaferro of Louisville, KY was named vice chair.

Special guest speaker Dr. David H. McKinley, senior pastor of Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, GA, gave the devotional to the group during the week. Warren Baptist Church has been a faithful HBA supporter for 40 years. This year's theme "Rooted in the Past, Growing into the Future," centered on scripture from

Philippians 1:3-6. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began

a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ

Jesus." The Mainland Advisory Council will hold its next annual meeting on February 21–24, 2012 in Honolulu.

New MAC Members 2011:

Mrs. Jeanean (Stephen) Castle—Edmond, OK
John and Carolyn Hubach—Rea, MO
Ernestine Moody—Texarkana, TX
James and Rebecca Powers—Carlsbad, CA
John (Nan) Thompson—Clemson, SC

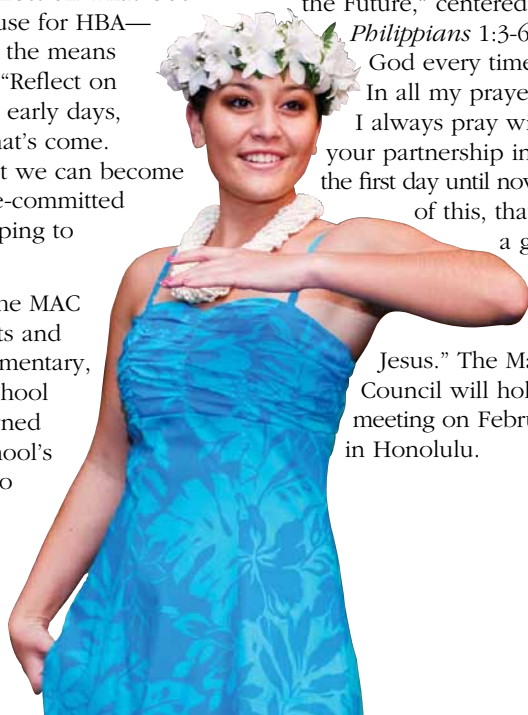
MAC Attendance Recognition: Recognized for 10 years of MAC attendance:

Mel and Joann Lutz—Boiling Springs, NC
Wade and Charlotte Johnson—Atlanta, GA

Among the MAC Charter Members Recognized were:

*Earl and Sax O'Keefe, Amarillo, TX
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2011 MAC Week Highlights

MAC Facts:

- The Mainland Advisory Council is a body of Christian supporters who believe in the purpose of HBA and are committed to ensuring its financial and spiritual well being.
- Mainland friends, led by the MAC, contribute nearly 70 percent of the total gifts received by the school.
- The Council was first organized in 1977 with 54 members. Today, 341 families from 29 states belong to the family of HBA supporters. Members attend the annual meetings in Honolulu at their own expense.



[1] Mary Ann Fulford, former HBA faculty and her husband, Gen. Carlton Fulford shared their testimony as parents of Rob ('88) and Andy ('95 associate). [2] Kindergarten class performance. [3] Cheerful middle school greeters await the MAC's arrival on campus. [4] Members of the Soldiers of Light paid tribute to the MAC charter members of 1977 at the Aloha Banquet. [5] The Aloha Council (TAC) hosts a welcome dinner for MAC guests. TAC members (l-r) Lucy Taketa, Morris Kimoto, Owen and Leona Chock. [6] MAC Week guest speaker Dr. David McKinley of Warren Baptist Church, with his wife, Connie and HBA President Richard Bento. [7] Polly and Harold Causby (seated) at the Aloha Banquet with hosts Irene and Henry Yamashita, and student host Sarah Chan ('11). [8] Wade Johnson of Atlanta, GA visits the science classroom of sophomores Sheldon Arakawa, Landon Teramoto, and Kristen Lum. [9] Joanna Lee ('06) displays her artwork for MAC members Darena Bankston (former HBA faculty) and Donna Stanford. [10] Ho'omana signing in worship. [11] Velma Arle takes a high school campus tour with guide Megan Horita ('15). [12] Cody Sugai, grade 5, gives an inspirational testimony.

Athletic Awards

May 2011



Photo courtesy of HBA Athletics Department

HBA Boys Volleyball 2011 Division II State Champions Front (l-r): Ryan Chang (JV), Kyle Kadomoto (JV), Mason Obta, Andrew Kanemaru, Travin Nagasawa, Kalei Hosaka, Reyn Sugibara, Matthew Wong, Christian Lui, Jeremy Irvin (JV), Jerome Do (JV). Back: Jared Gandia (Intermediate Coach), Danford Chang (JV Coach), Micab Aweau (JV), Kaimana Triska, Nathan Le, Christian Look, John Kuioka, John Hirokawa, Michael Fisher, Chad Barretta, Serafin David, Jr. (Intermediate Coach), Alan Cabating (Varsity Assistant), Teoni Obrey (Varsity Head Coach)

Softball

Team
ILH Champions
State Champions
Kylee Yamamoto
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
Cassandra Koja
ILH Honorable Mention

Boys Basketball

Landry Kiyabu
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Nathan Le
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
Jun Fritz
ILH Honorable Mention

Girls Basketball

Varsity Team
ILH Champions
Kayla Yamamoto
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Kimberly Au
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
Jordin Ramos
ILH Honorable Mention

Boys Bowling

Varsity Team
ILH Champions—
4th in State
Junior Varsity
ILH Champions
Trey Nakata
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Andrew Yamamoto
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
Tyler Lowery
ILH Singles Champion

Girls Bowling

Varsity Team
ILH Champions
Junior Varsity
ILH Champions
Amanda Lac
State Qualifier
Macy Tokuda
State Qualifier
Torri Yoshizawa
State Qualifier

Judo

Varsity Boys Team
ILH Champions
Intermediate Girls Team
ILH Champions
Reese Akamine
State Qualifier
Vanessa Burton
State Qualifier
Taylor Ishida
State Qualifier
Ryan Leonardo
State Qualifier

Swimming

Rachel Wong
State Qualifier
100yd Butterfly
Tyra Ippongi
State Qualifier
100yd Breaststroke
Natsuko Muranaka
State Qualifier
ILH 1st Team All-Star—
500yd Freestyle

3rd in State—
500yd Freestyle
5th in State—
100yd Backstroke

Boys Tennis

Varsity Team
ILH Champions

Girls Tennis

Varsity Team
ILH Champions—
6th in State
Junior Varsity Team
ILH Champions
Karlene Pang
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
ILH Singles 4th Place
State Singles T5th Place

Girls Canoe Paddling

Varsity Division 1 Team
State Runner-up
Varsity Division 2 Team
ILH Champions
Heidi Nicholls
ILH 1st Team All-Star

Boys Canoe Paddling

Thomas Nakasone
ILH 1st Team All-Star

Track & Field

Kanoelani Yadao
ILH 1st Team All-Star
300m Hurdles, 200m Dash
3rd at State 300m Hurdles
6th at State 200m Dash
State Finalist—100m Dash
Heidi Nicholls
ILH 1st Team All-Star
1500m Run, 3000m Run
6th at State—3000m Run
State Finalist—1500m
Lauren Levenson
vv ILH 1st Team All-Star
High Jump
T4th at State—High Jump
Jon Kim
State Qualifier
Kelvin Abe
State Qualifier

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HBA Receives HMSA Kaimana Award

For the fourth consecutive year, and fifth time in six years, HBA has won the HMSA Kaimana Award. The award program recognizes overall school excellence based on four criteria: academics, athletics, community service, and sportsmanship. Representing the Interscholastic League of Honolulu, HBA has won the Division II first place Kaimana Award (out of 17 schools) in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. HBA also finished second in 2007. HBA is the only school, regardless of division, to be recognized all six years of the program.

About 74 percent of the HBA student body competed in at least one ILH sport in the 2010-2011 school year.

Approximately 40 percent of those students participated in multiple sports.

HBA Debuts Track and Field Program

For the first time since the 1960s, HBA has its own Track and Field program. Previously, HBA students participated with students from other private schools in the Pac-Five program. Thanks to increasing participation and enthusiastic support from coaches, students and parents, the school's athletic department approved track and field as an official HBA sport.



Kanoelani Yadao ('13)

Athletic Awards

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Hailey Chong
State Qualifier
Matthew Ota
State Qualifier
Samantha Smithson
State Qualifier
Chalson Baitlon
State Qualifier
Aaron Miyasaki
State Qualifier
Kori Higashiya
State Qualifier
Chasen Fukuda
State Qualifier
Keri Ogoshi
State Qualifier
Lauren Sumida
State Qualifier
Sage Chun-Bulsecu
State Qualifier
Matthew Johnson
State Qualifier
Kimberly Au
State Qualifier

Girls Volleyball

Varsity Team
ILH Runner-up—
3rd in State
Cydni Asuncion
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Star-Advertiser State
Honorable Mention
State All-Tourney Team
Kayla Kawamura
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Kimberly Kadomoto
ILH 1st Team All-Star

Boys Volleyball

Varsity Team
ILH Champions
State Champions
4th in Star-Advertiser Final
State Rankings
25th in ESPN Rise Feb 50
National Rankings
Intermediate Team
ILH Champions
Michael Fisher
ILH Player of the Year
State Tournament —
Most Outstanding Player

Chad Barretta
ILH 1st Team All-Star
State All-Tournament Team
Mason Ohta
ILH 1st Team All-Star
State All-Tournament Team
Nathan Le
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Kalei Hosaka
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Christian Lui
ILH Honorable Mention

Soccer

Ashley Haruki
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Star-Advertiser All-State
Honorable Mention
Kallen Hosaka
ILH Honorable Mention

Football

Nathan Le
ILH 1st Team All-Star
Defensive Lineman
Chalson Baitlon
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
Kick Returner

Golf

Dylan Takabayashi
State Qualifier
Jade Salvador
State Qualifier

Baseball

Varsity Team
ILH Champions
State Runner-up

Cross Country

Boys Team
10th in State
Girls Team
ILH Runner-up
6th in State
Heidi Nicholls
ILH 1st Team All-Star
ILH Runner-up/
State 3rd Place
Kelvin Abe
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
State Qualifier
Aimee Uyehara
ILH 2nd Team All-Star
State Qualifier

Matthew Johnson
State Qualifier
Jared Dang
State Qualifier
Michael Oishi
State Qualifier
Isaac Fong
State Qualifier
Matthew Ota
State Qualifier
Elise Uyehara
State Qualifier
Keri Ogoshi
State Qualifier
Jamie Takushi
State Qualifier
Shelby Tanaka
State Qualifier
Kori Higashiya
State Qualifier

Wrestling

Rick Viveiros
State Qualifier

HBA Varsity Banquet— May 28, 2011

Female Athlete of the Year

Heidi Nicholls
Cross Country, Canoe
Paddling, Track & Field

Male Athlete of the Year

Nathan Le
Football, Basketball,
Volleyball

Street Sportsmanship Awards

Landry Kiyabu
Basketball, Baseball
Kayla Kawamura
Volleyball

Fulford Scholar-Athlete Awards

Brandon Arakawa
Cross Country
Aimee Uyehara
Cross Country

Alumni News

Aloha, Alumni



Photo courtesy of Alan Yeh

Manning the Alumni Association's Fun Fair booth are graduates from the Class of 1998: (l-r) Nadine Nakamatsu, Angela Choy, Waylen Miyashiro, and Alan Yeh. Yeh is also a teacher at the high school



Tim Kaneshiro ('70) and Von Kaneshiro ('83) at the Alumni Association's surf sample sale. Proceeds raised helped to establish a scholarship endowment to benefit students

NEWS BITES

Calling all Attorneys

Miss Maurine King is compiling a list of HBA graduates who are attorneys living in Hawaii, on the mainland, or abroad. If you would like to connect with Miss King and other alumni in the legal field, please email her at mking@hba.net

Make it official—become a member

HBA graduates are invited to join the HBA Alumni Association. Go to www.hba.net/alumni for more details and to sign up.

The HBA Alumni Association is blessed to have a great Board of Directors with members representing nearly every decade starting with the 1950s. The association's main purpose is to serve HBA and generate funds for a scholarship endowment, which will benefit students for years to come.

Since its creation two years ago, the association continues to form partnerships and increase its awareness among alumni, the HBA community and beyond. This past year, the association stepped up its involvement at the Fun Fair by hosting a kettle corn and saimin booth, as well as sponsoring another surf sample sale.

More exciting activities and ways to support the school are planned in the coming months, including another surf sample sale in November. Please visit the alumni page at www.hba.net for the latest information.

We welcome your involvement with the Alumni Association. We also extend an invitation to you to become an official member. Membership forms are available on the website. You can also update your contact information and check the database to locate fellow alumni on the site as well.

On behalf of the Alumni Association's Board, it is an honor to serve and continue to play an important role at the school, now and for the future. Please contact me at tkaneshiro@hba.net for more information.

Sincerely,

Tim Kaneshiro '70

Alumni Association President
Vice Principal and Admissions Director,
Elementary School

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HBA Alumna Receives Prestigious Research Honor

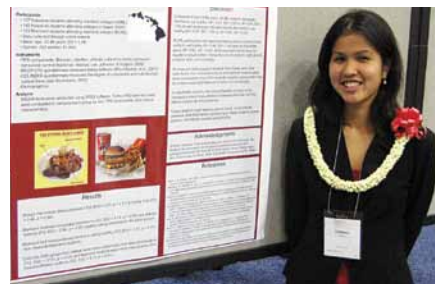
Candace Yonashiro, a graduate from Hawaii Baptist Academy ('06) and Pacific University ('09), was named the 2011 recipient of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's (AAHPERD) Research Consortium's Undergraduate Student Research Award. She is the first recipient of this newly created award.

Yonashiro, a physical therapy graduate student at Pacific University, sought to better understand the role of culture on dietary behavior as an Exercise Science undergraduate. The 2009–10 Exercise Science Student of the Year at Pacific led all facets of research in producing the project, "Influence of Hawaiian Culture on Dietary Behaviors of College Students," with professors Rebecca Concepcion and Brian Jackson.

Her research suggests that college students from Hawaii who study on the mainland experience additional stressors, compared to their mainland counterparts, which may reduce their intention to eat well or their belief in their ability to eat well.

"Candace went above and beyond what is to be expected from an undergraduate research project," said Concepcion. "She immersed herself in previous research and theories on health behaviors and culture, conducted a sound participant study, compiled and analyzed data, and interpreted and reported results in a meaningful way."

Yonashiro presented the findings from her research and received her honor at an awards reception in San Diego in March at the AAHPERD's national convention. She has an older sister, Jeanine Yonashiro Cho ('01) and two younger sisters, Rachel and Rebecca, both of whom graduated from HBA this year.



Candace Yonashiro ('06) with her award-winning research project on the role of culture of dietary behavior

Annual Giving Report FY 2009–2010

Dear HBA friends,



Dr. Timothy Morita

The Lord continues to bless our school with a dedicated family of supporters on the mainland and here at home. Even through these uncertain times we are inspired by the generous and thoughtful gifts that help to carry out HBA's mission of preparing young people in Hawaii to honor God with their lives.

One of these gifts came to HBA earlier this year from the estate of the late Nancy Blair. Ms. Blair, who lived in Chamblee, GA, was a talented woman with a compassionate spirit. She joined HBA's Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) in 2006 and was a contributor to the Dan Kong Middle School Fine Arts Program. Ms. Blair had a unique gift for discovering the talents of young musicians, teaching and encouraging them to be best that they could be.

"She fell in love with the kids," recalled Mr. Johnson of Ms. Blair's first visit to HBA. "She wanted to make music enjoyable; she loved HBA and wanted it done right for the Lord." On her modest salary, Ms. Blair purchased a much needed keyboard for the school, followed by chimes for the middle school. Then, in a final act of generosity, she rewrote her will to include HBA in it.

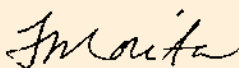
At the MAC's annual visit to Hawaii this year, MAC member Wade Johnson of Atlanta made a special presentation on behalf his dear friend, Ms. Blair. During the Aloha Banquet, Mr. Johnson presented President Bento with a check for \$150,000 from her estate; a portion of her total bequest to the school. Ms. Blair's gift will be used to strengthen the music program at HBA and her legacy will live on through our students for years to come.

The following pages of this annual giving report detail the gifts received during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Contributions received during this time totaled \$937,907 of which 36 percent, or \$336,937, was designated for the Middle School Capital Fund. Thirty percent, or \$279,184 was given to endowed scholarship funds, and \$190,868 went to support the upcoming high school expansion.

Although we do not know what tomorrow holds, we remain confident in the Lord's guidance and trust in His plan for HBA. Thank you for your prayers, and for your gifts of time, talent and financial resources to support our school and students.

Please contact us at 808-533-7094 or development@hba.net if you have questions or want to know more about giving to HBA.

In Christ,



Dr. Timothy T. Morita
Vice President, Institutional Advancement



MAC member Nancy Blair was a loyal supporter of HBA's Fine Arts program



Photo by Eugene Villaluz

Wade Johnson presents President Bento with \$150,000 from the estate of Ms. Blair

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Martin and Jeanette Rinehart (IN), with student host Rachel Yonashiro ('11), and hosts Liza and Enrique Cbe

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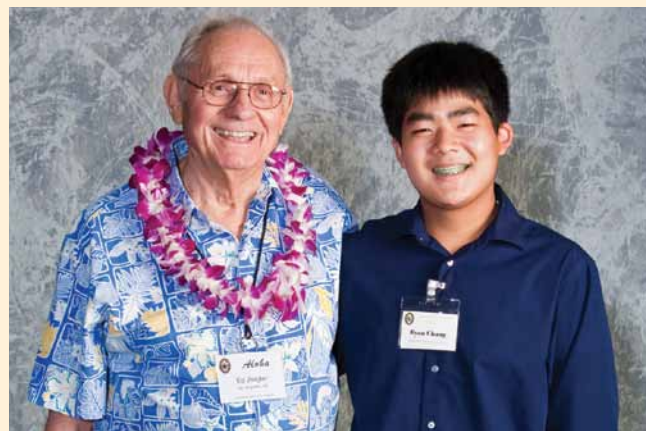


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Lisa (Van Volkenburg) Cogan, 47, of the class of 1980, died Dec. 11, 2009 in Ventura, CA. She was a para-educator at Phoenix Schools for special needs middle school children. She is survived by her mother, Connie Van Volkenburg.

Lianne K. Takemori, 40, of the class of 1988, died July 6, 2010 in Clinton, MS. She was the curator of Education and Studio Programs at the Mississippi Museum of Art. She was also the celebrated author of *The Four Dog Blues Band*, which was featured at the 2008 National Book Festival in Washington, DC and won several awards. Lianne is survived by her husband James Renfro, daughter Ivy, mother Sally Takemori and grandmother Mildren Takemori.

Connie Ruth (Tatum) Kanter, 66, an associate of the class of 1962, died Aug. 21, 2010 in Aurora, CO. She is survived by a sister, Peggy Lois Chinn of Oakland, CA.

Harvey W.J. Ching, 51, of the class of 1977, died Nov. 3, 2010 in Honolulu. He worked for Nature's Best Hawaii.

Helaine (Vernon) Skelly, 64, of the class of '64, died February 13, 2011 in Ilwaco, WA. She was an engineer with Boeing Electronics. She is survived by her husband, Peter.

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Mercer T. Bridges, 89, formerly of Augusta, GA, died Feb. 17, 2010 in Jacksonville, FL. Retired as an orthopaedic surgeon, he was also a well-known vocalist. He was a choir director and Sunday School teacher at Warren Baptist Church before joining First Baptist Church. He was president of the Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society in Augusta. Followed in death by his wife Ellen, he is survived by his children, Meliena, Celia, and Truett and four grandchildren.

Ellen Bridges, 85, formerly of Augusta, GA, died June 7 in Jacksonville, FL. She was an elementary music teacher. She was predeceased by her husband Mercer on Feb. 17.

Weldon K. Hamrick, Sr, 87, of Mocksville, NC died March 26. Retired from the U.S. Postal Service, he was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Lucielle, and two sons.

Margaret B. Petty, 86, formerly of Falkville, AL, died May 2 in Gallipolis, OH. She was a longtime member of Lebanon Baptist Church in Falkville. She and her late husband Bill were Mission Corps volunteers and served in Kentucky, Alaska, Hawaii and California. She is survived by her daughter Mary (Tony) Floyd; two sons, William (Susan) Petty and Peter (Carolyn) Petty; four grandchildren; and one great grandson.

J. Ivey Miller, 88, of Tyler, TX died May 6. He was preceded in death by his first wife Winnie. He served as pastor, missionary in Chile, and head of the Mexican Baptist Children's Home in San Antonio. He is survived by his wife, Louise; two sons, David (Sally) Miller and Jim (Rose) Miller; two daughters, Marsha (Ken) Mitchell and Susan (Doug) Cox; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Gladys Ivey, 87, of North Augusta, SC died June 9. She was former church treasurer and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist, No. Augusta and comptroller of Patchen Mingledorff & Assoc. She is survived by her husband Van Ivey, Jr.

Callie Mae Combest, 88, formerly of Panhandle, TX, died July 5 in Borger. She was active in First Baptist Church as a leader in Sunday School, WMU and choir. Preceded in death by her husband, Nelson, she is survived by a daughter, Rene (Jeff) Brain; a son, Larry (Sharon) Combest; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Dwight Ken Street, 88, of Matthews, NC, died July 21. A U.S. Army veteran, Ken served under Gen. Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star. He was part owner of Shelby Supply Co. He and his late wife, Rosemond, early established an athletic endowment fund at HBA. He is survived by one son, Michael (Vicki) Street; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Street; and several grandchildren.

Mary Lois Mitchell, 80, of Eupora, MS, died Aug. 9. A retired banker, she served as treasurer of Lollars Grove Baptist Church. She is survived by a son, Michael, and a daughter, Pamela Smith.

Kathleen Robinson, 97, of Shelbyville, KY, died Sept. 13. She was retired as a manager at South Central Bell and operator of the Keepsake Shop and was a member of First Baptist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Joan (Roy) White and Dr. Judy (Glenn) Rogers; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nancy Jane Blair, 72, of Chamblee, GA, died Nov. 6. A church musician retired from Briarlake Baptist Church in Decatur, GA, she most recently served at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, GA. She and the Georgia Baptist Jubalheirs, of which she was a member, contributed to the HBA middle school fine arts program.

Warren C. Hultgren, 89, of Tulsa, OK, died Nov. 14. He was pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, where he was senior pastor for 35 years. A past president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Hultgren also served as the SBC representative to the Baptist World Alliance and visited more than 70 countries. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; two sons, Warren, Jr. and Howard; one daughter, Landa Mabry; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Joe Sanders, 81, of Stuart, FL, died Jan. 11, 2011. He was retired as pastor of Nuuanu Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Doris, former HBA English teacher; a daughter, Debra (Frank) Bright '74; and one grandson.

H.B. Ramsour, Jr., 100, of Dallas, TX, died May 28, 2011. He was born January 11, 1911. Dr. Ramsour was President Emeritus of the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, now the Baptist University of the Americas, in San Antonio, TX. He served as president of the school, 1960 to 1976. Previously, he had served 21 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in Japan,

Argentina and Hawaii. He pastored Nuuanu, Kinoole and University Avenue Baptist Churches. He is survived by his wife, Violet; son, David (Carol Ann) Ramsour of Dallas; daughters, Carolyn '60 assoc. (Don) Mosley of Comer, GA, and Jeanne Horne of Honolulu; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Other Friends:

Wayne Frantz, 91, died March 7, 2010 in Honolulu. He was a shop instructor and maintenance worker in the beginning years of HBA. He was a charter member of University Avenue Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Betty, daughters Bessie (Bob) Kam and Bonnie (Dennis) Quarto, and six grandchildren, including Janel Kam McGruder '94 and Jon Kam '97.

Rayberta Ray, 99, former member of The Aloha Council, died March 30, 2010 in Louisville, KY. She and her late husband Hermon were missionaries in Japan before pastoring the Waikiki Baptist Church and hotel ministries. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Esther (Robert) Street, and three grandchildren. The Hermon and Rayberta Ray Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established at HBA.

Jonathan Kawai, 67, of Kaneohe, died Sept. 11, 2010. He was retired from the state Department of Education and had been a high school counselor at HBA, 1996-2005. He is survived by his wife, Anne; sons, Sean and Dallas; and daughters, Maile Sliger and Tara Kahahawai.

Lee James Bates, 45, of Honolulu, died Nov. 9, 2010. He was the owner of Artesian Auto Repair. Survivors include his wife, Kristeen; son Dakota, HBA 4th grader; and daughter Sera.

Murfie Malcolm Harris, 77, died Feb. 8, 2011 in Lexington, KY. Dr. Harris retired from HBA in 1996 after 29 years of service as Bible and science teacher, Dean of Students and Vice Principal. He is survived by his wife, Jean; two children, Twila (Dick) Masison of Mansfield, MA, and Dr. John (Pam) Harris of Nicholasville, KY; and four grandchildren.

Christian Sympathy is also expressed to the following faculty/staff members in the loss of loved ones:

Mark Kaneshiro, high school art teacher, in the passing of his mother **Kameko Kaneshiro**, 86, of Aiea.

Darlene Kaneshiro, elementary computer teacher, in the passing of her mother **Laura Henderson** of Waurika, OK.

Michelle Oda, high school secretary, in the passing of her father **Richard Oda**, 86, of Honolulu.

Natalie Kakimoto, first grade teacher, in the passing of her mother **Catherine Roberts**, 70, of Kaneohe.

Marty Sprankle, middle school Bible teacher, in the loss of his son, **Neil Sprankle**, 24, of Mililani.

David Uehara, technology director, in the passing of his father, **Milton Uehara**, 78, of Kaneohe.

Whom Do I Thank For Hawaii Baptist Academy?

A Grandfather's Reflection

by Wyman Au

Looking back over the past 35 years, I am very pleased and grateful for the role that Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) has played in my family's lives and how it continues to do the same for others today—providing a quality and outstanding Bible-based Christian education.

With three children having attended HBA, and with four grandchildren at the school now, I have often wondered to myself, 'whom do I thank for HBA?'

HBA embodies everything that I had hoped and wanted for my children—a program that exalts God and provides good spiritual and moral training, strong academics, a viable athletic program, and a clean and wholesome environment for learning. I appreciate the impact HBA has had on my children, and now my grandchildren. They are safe and happy there, and they love their school and teachers very much.

Through much faith, prayer, sacrifice, and even adversity, God heard our prayers and gave wisdom and favor to HBA. He sent wise leaders, dedicated faculty and staff members, godly people and strong supporters to bless HBA.

I would like to also express my heartfelt gratitude to these very special people that God used to bless HBA. To the parents, friends, teachers, staff, athletic department, administrators, volunteers, the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, and the Mainland Advisory Council (MAC): thank you very much for your prayers, sacrificial

and generous giving and selfless support in helping to make HBA what it is today.

There is a saying that goes, "From a small acorn, a mighty oak tree grows." This is the exciting story of HBA—a small seed that was planted a long time ago, but still growing and flourishing like the many mighty trees of God that we see on the campuses.

I thank God for Hawaii Baptist Academy, and everyone who helped to make it a school of excellence in and for Hawaii. It is a God-given legacy to all of our children, grandchildren, and their children's children. God bless HBA!

"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

First and foremost, I would like to thank God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for HBA. He knew our need long before HBA began. God put it into the hearts of the founders to begin His great plan and purpose for HBA. I saw how much God loves our children and desires that they learn His ways. I saw how God had His mighty hands on HBA. I saw how it had developed into a top school in Hawaii, still holding faithfully and firmly to its mandate of Christian education excellence for over 60 years.

HBA is a strong counterbalance to the debilitating worldly influence on our youth. I see its students today as the 'salt of the earth and the light of the world,' and as tomorrow's leaders and professionals, like the many alumni who came before them.



Wyman Au and his wife Liz, have been supporters of HBA since 1976. Their children Wendell ('82), Winona White ('84) and Willisa Lau ('88) attended HBA. Today, their grandchildren, Amber Au, grade 11; Taylor White, grade 7; Emily White, grade 4; and Logan Lau, grade 1, continue the family tradition.



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