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President's Message

Dear HBA Ohana:



It's hard to believe, but the new school year is already upon us, and we've had so many exciting things that have happened on our campuses during the 2012–2013 school year.

In this edition of *Soaring Eagle*, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our 113 graduating seniors and reflect upon the fond memories from our 60th commencement ceremony. I am pleased to tell you that 100 percent of our graduating class has been accepted to colleges here on Oahu and on the mainland. In addition to their academic successes, it is my most sincere hope that these young men and women will share the love of Jesus Christ to their community, and that the Lord will lead them during this exciting new chapter of their lives.

As for HBA, we have been patiently watching and awaiting the completion of our high school expansion project. In November, we celebrated the official opening of the Senior Pavilion. This coming fall, we look forward to the opening of our new Science, Arts and Technology Building and our new Learning Resource Center, which you can read more about in this issue.

To accomplish this project, we embarked on a \$17 million capital campaign, to which many of you generously supported. As of July, the total committed from gifts, pledges and designated funds has reached \$12.7 million, which is 75 percent of our goal. To those who have given,

we cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support. Your contributions will leave a legacy for future generations as we carry out our mission to share the love of Jesus Christ to every child and their family.

There is still plenty of time to contribute to the campaign. Please visit our website, www.hba.net, for more information. We ask that you prayerful consider how you can be a part of our legacy here at HBA.

In addition to growing at our high school campus, we've also expanded our staff. At the elementary campus, we created a new, full time position for a Christian Ministries Coordinator. Cindy Gaskins answered the call and is doing a marvelous job following up with the younger children as they accept Christ into their lives. In this issue, you'll read about how she took a fresh approach with our MAC Week activities, and built lasting connections between our students and our MAC friends.

With all of these changes happening, I am reminded and filled with gratitude for God's miraculous provision. In 64 years, we have been able to build a solid foundation for the school and we are now in a position to reach even more young people and their families with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Soaring Eagle*. Thank you for your support of HBA as we continue to be a place for our students to learn, grow and know Jesus Christ.

In Christ,



Richard T. Bento
President

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. Established in 1949 by missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the school is affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

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On the back cover:

1 Tyler Stokes, left, and Kristin Cook, right, with friends and family

2 (l-r) Sheldon Arakawa, Kelsey Bajet, Diana Holden and Matthew Johnson

3 (l-r) Malia Ito, Kristen Lum

4 (l-r) Bruce Matsui, HBA board vice-chair; Noa Smith

5 (l-r) Kara Matthews, Michael Oishi

6 (l-r) Noah Fong; Richard Bento, president

7 Evan Arashiro (middle right) with his parents (left) and Robert Lockridge, Christian ministries director

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Class of 2013 Baccalaureate

Together with their families, the Class of 2013 gathered at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu on May 26 for a final worship service together. The following is an excerpt from Lauren Stein's testimony, which she shared at that service.

At Senior Camp, I was sitting and talking with Mr. Hu. I've never been in his class, but he had one question for me: how did you end up with a name like "Stein?"

The question is fair, and my answer is simple: I am adopted from China.

There are many things that I don't know about where I came from, but there is one thing that I know for sure: God has used my adoption and my life to speak into my life about His love and His plan for me. I have learned three things because of my adoption: 1) God chose me; 2) God loves me; 3) God has a plan for me.

When I look back on my life, it amazes me that God chose me for this life. When I stop to consider where I could have been if I hadn't been adopted, I shudder. The possibilities are endless. ...He has placed each of us where we are so that we can be a part of each other's lives. Think about how cool that is. Only 113 people in the whole world can say that they are a graduate of the Hawaii Baptist Academy Class of 2013. And just as He chose me, He chose all of us to take part in His blessings.

As I look at my life, I can see the love that God has for me...[because] I couldn't have picked a more amazing and loving family. ...If you don't know very much about my family, I'll give you a basic run down. My parents are Lee and Jodi Stein and I have a sister. Her name is Mia and she is 1 and a half years old. If you're trying to figure out how far apart we are in age, Mia and I are 16 years and 5 months apart.

My mom and dad were married for four years when they adopted me from China. ...About two years later, I asked them for a baby brother or sister. They tried but couldn't have a baby. For another 14 years, I lived as an only child. Then nearly 20 years into their marriage, my parents found out that my mom was pregnant.

...This was the very last thing that any of us had expected. I was looking toward graduation, and my parents were looking toward retirement. This was not what my family had been planning. My parents never expected to be planning a 1st birthday and a graduation party within nine months of each other. They never expected to be paying for preschool and college at the same time. Yet this was God's plan for our family. While there is much that may seem ill-timed about Mia being born, now we are unable to imagine our life without her. She has blessed our family in so many ways. She keeps us busy and keeps us laughing.

Mia is definitely a handful. Just the other week, she was at my grandparent's house and managed to get a crazy straw out of a child-locked drawer. She took that straw and started using it to drink out of the dog's water bowl. In spite of all of her terrible-two mischief, she has become the light of our lives and we couldn't imagine living without her.

It is because of [God's love] that He blessed me with a family that brings so much joy in my life. Through my family, God has shown me what it means to be loved unconditionally. There have been times that I have screwed up so bad that I never thought that I'd be forgiven. But every time, I could look to my family for love and support.

God chose me to be a part of a loving family, and because of this, I know that He has a plan for me. He chose me for this life, and I know that because of His love, I can experience so much more than I can imagine.

As I, like all of my fellow classmates, look towards the future, there is a lot that I don't know. There is much to hope for and much to anticipate, but only God knows the full extent of His plan for our life. And for this reason, I place my trust in Him, in His love and in His plan.

Lauren Stein, Class of 2013



Left: Lee Stein carries one-year-old Lauren as they pose in front of the former U.S. Immigration Station Administration Building on Ala Moana Boulevard in Honolulu. Right: The Stein family enjoys vacation at Disneyland Toon Town during Spring Break 2013. From left to right: Lauren, Mia, Jodi and Lee Stein. Photo: Lauren Stein.

Class of 2013

Hawaii Baptist Academy

Timothy C. Abe +
Geena Mariko Zhong Qian Akahoshi +
Sheldon Keiji Arakawa ★ △
Evan Akira Arashiro ♥
Jacelin Yuko Sau Lung AuYoung
Micah Josiah Aweau ♥
Kelsey Brittany Bajet ★ △
Marisa Kailey Burkhalter ★ △
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Huiyi Chen
Kelsie H.Q. Ching +
Christy Michelle Mei Ling Chock + △
Hailey Laurel Sha Jun Chong ★ △ ♥
Kristen Denise Cook
Jared Ken Wai Ming Dang ★ △
Darby Yoshiko Davidson
Hayley Kathleen Dixon +
Annette Vilay Douangphoumy
Arie Nicole Lai Yee Esquef
James Hayato Sun Ezuka
Liana Yuk Yan Fang
Michael McBride Fisher
Isaac Josiah Fong ★ △
Nathan Ming Li Fong
Noah Matthew Fong
Riley Isao Fukuji
Kelsey Rose Yoshiko Fukushima +
Kira J. Goo +
Kainoa Joshua Gruspe
Kallie Lyn Kyomi Gustafson
Courtney Taylor Kahaumelani Hema
Marisa Emiko Hewitt ★ △
Emily Keiko Higa ★
Alissa Lynn Higashi ♥
Alicia Sora-Hyun Hiruko +
Diana Zhi Yun Holden ★ △ ♥
Jazmyn Midori Horiuchi
Mark John Seiki Ikehara
Rachel Kimiko Doi Inafuku + ♥

Matthew Bryson Kazuo Ishii + ♥
Malia Mei Li Ito + △ ♥
Kristyn Kimi Iwane ★
Matthew James Haruo Johnson ★ △
Justin Hyun Jong Joo ★ ♥
Kiana Marie Kameehonua Kageyama
Reese Toshiichi Kato
Skyler T. Kawahara
Braxton Kainalu Koji Kihara
Jordan S. Kimura
Courtney Leina'ala Akiko Kipi
Reyn M. Koizumi +
Samantha Wing Yan Li
Tiana Tristin Limoz ♥
Brandon Cory Mitsuo Liu ★ △
Christian Chi Look +
Wyllie Louie ★
Elaine Lu+
Nyckolle Grace Tolentino Lucuab + △
Kristen Emiko Lum ★ △
Jenna Nicole Mamiya
Ian Akiyoshi Martin
Kara Yuen Shan Matthews ★ △ ♥
Kimberly Kiku Matsui + △
Joel Hiroyuki Matsuzaki +
Kahiau Kuika'u'ionalani McKeague
Evan Michael Merez
Torie Summer Mariko Miyoi
Marcus Yukio Mizuno ♥
Natsuko Rani Muranaka
Christopher Masayoshi Nakagawa
Brandon G.H. Ngao ★
Michael Wah Kun Oishi +
Jessi Briane Sachi Omoto ♥
Timothy Francis Plick, Jr.
Regan Zenshiro Sato
Bryson Wai Jun Shea
Joel Akio Shibata ★
Andrew Tadashi Shiozaki +
Jarrett M. Shirai

Nicolette Mae Smith ★ △
Noa Takashi Smith ★
Chantelle Leiko Sonoda ♥
Lauren Sachiko Sonomura
Lauren Xiaoping Pualokenanionalani
Stein ★ △
Tyler Abrielle Stokes +
Lauren Anne Sumida ★
Dylan Kai Takabayashi +
Thomas Kwai Lun Tawata
Landon Will Teramoto
Miki Hanayo Teruya
Sharae Ke'alohilani Times + △
Kaimana Yukio Triska
Avery Lyn M. Tsuha ★
Matthew Kenn Ushiroda
Alyssa Ann Caitlyn Uwayne + △
Devyn Yoshio Kapukawai Uyeki ♥
Samuel Anthony Valdez ★
Brent A. Wakuzawa ★
Kaylin Wai-Lin Wakuzawa ★ △ ♥
Corinna Keiko Wong
Davis Jared Wong ★
Jamie Pei-Zhen Wong ★
Jenny Wong
Brayden Ken Yabuki
Kanoelani Li'awahine Yadao
Andrew Masaji Yamamoto +
James Kargin Yang
Carney Yim ★
Kyle Keiji Ralph Yoneshige +
Collin Michael Teen-Yau Young
Kristy Lei Young ★ ♥
Skylar Shiori Ka'imipono Shinn Yuen +
Sierra Kanani Kimiko Zinnel ★

★ With Highest Honors
+ With Honors
△ National Honor Society
♥ Attended HBA since Kindergarten



Congratulations, CLASS of 2013

THE CLASS OF 2013 TURNED THEIR TASSELS AND TOSSED THEIR HATS AS THEY CELEBRATED THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT HBA'S 60TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON JUNE 2 AT THE NEAL S. BLAISDELL CONCERT HALL.

SHELDON ARAKAWA AND **MATTHEW JOHNSON** WERE NAMED THE VALEDICTORIANS, AND **KELSEY BAJET** AND **DIANA HOLDEN** WERE NAMED SALUTATORIANS. NOAH FONG WAS PRESENTED WITH THE H.P. AND MARY MCCORMICK DISTINGUISHED FOUNDERS AWARD FOR CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLIFYING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER DURING HIS YEARS AT HBA. IN ADDITION, 17 STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED AS THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HBA FOR ATTENDING THE SCHOOL FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12.

MICHAEL HU, SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND TEACHER, GAVE THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 113 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013!

VALEDICTORIANS Sheldon Arakawa and Matthew Johnson addressed the Class of 2013. The following is an excerpt from their speech.

THERE WERE ONCE two people giving donations at a church. One of them, a rich man who had thousands upon thousands of dollars, gave a couple hundred towards a missionary fund. The other, a poor old woman, gave a single dollar bill. As the people gathered around saw the two donations side by side, they thanked the man dearly and scoffed at the woman silently. Embarrassed, the woman turned to leave, but all of a sudden a voice everyone knew spoke up, saying "don't look down upon the offering of this old woman. For the man has given but his pocket change, while she has given everything she owns."

The moral of this story is that it wasn't fair to judge both donors by the same standard. For though the dollar amounts were apparent, there was so much more to the story than the bottom line. What the people watching failed to consider was the possibility that the circumstances for both



Valedictorians Sheldon Arakawa (left) and Matthew Johnson (right). Arakawa will study creative media and animation arts at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Johnson will study physics at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

donors were vastly different, and they made the mistake of judging both of them only by what they saw. The same thing can be said for us. That as we have gathered here tonight, it's all too easy to look upon one another and judge based solely on what we see. That is, as we walk across this stage in a few minutes to receive our diplomas, some of us will be given different honors than others, while some of us will be given no honors at all, and the biting tendency in each of us will be to make judgments based on who receives what.

What we fail to consider, though, are the numerous differences that exist between us. For example, take the idea of natural talent. In every English class I have been in, there has always been the undeniable fact that some students see things better than others. You can make two

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students with the same background in literature read a novel like "Pride and Prejudice," and one of them will understand most everything on his first try while the other understands nothing even on his fifth. It happens every day, in math, in art, in science, and in athletics: some people are simply more gifted than others.

And natural talent is simply one of the infinitely many things that makes each of us different, and that is the reason we are completely and utterly unqualified to pass judgment on one another.



(l-r): Salutatorians Kelsey Bajet and Diana Holden. Bajet will attend Gonzaga University and Holden will attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa as a Regent's Scholar where she will study chemistry.

Now when I say judgment, I do not mean the same thing that parents do when they say to their children "exercise your good judgment," for what they mean then is for their children to analyze the situation at hand before choosing the best option. In a way, this is what colleges do in their application process. They look at the data, analyze it through their knowledge of statistics and patterns, and choose the students they think will be the most beneficial for the college. They do not pass judgment, they simply look at the logistics.

Neither do I suggest that grades are a form of judgment; for they are simply measurements of how well one performs in a class. In fact, grades are the only kind of thing that teachers have the right to report on, for no matter how well a teacher knows a student, there will always be more to the story than the teacher can know.

Rather, when we say judgment, we mean the tendency to impose values on the actions or efforts of someone else. When we see someone making

a sincere effort or doing something we consider to be moral, we deem him a good person. And conversely, if we see someone doing something we consider immoral, we deem him a worse person than we originally thought. Yet like the crowd watching the poor woman giving up her single dollar bill, both our notions of effort and performance depend on our understanding of others. No matter how much we try, we can never fully understand someone else.

Our point in explaining judgment to you is this: that no matter who you are or who you associate with, you are ultimately held accountable to two people: yourself and the God who knows you. For besides yourself, only God can understand the inner workings of your heart: all of the motives, the context, the efforts, and the intentions that go into making an action what it really is. To be held accountable means this: that in every choice we make, though people will say things about us, think things about us, or tell us exactly what they believed we should have done, the crux of the matter lies in doing what we know will be right in the eyes of the one who know the full story. To paraphrase the words of C.S. Lewis, mankind sees only the results of the raw material a man has been given, while God judges that man on his courage to do something great with it. That the important thing in any decision is not the final product, but how and why the decision was made in the first place.

So why does this matter? For one, the idea of everyone being accountable to only him or herself and God helps us not to lose ourselves in the crowd around us. For when we constantly judge others by what we see on the surface, we tend to lose sight of what lies beneath. We make excuses for ourselves based on the standards of others, and we deny our own uniqueness by obsessing over how we stack up against the actions of others. The result is that we constantly feel deficient as long as there is someone better than us nearby, and even if we do find the rare opportunity to be considered the best, then we are only left with a feeling of dull complacency. This is not success, this is stagnation.

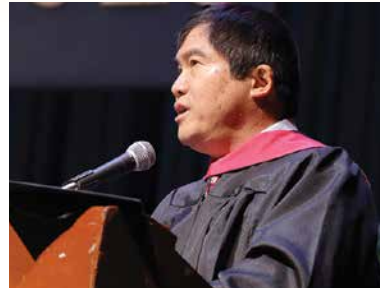
So rather than trying to match the actions of others, we should view each decision as a chance to either improve or degrade ourselves. To hold ourselves to what we know we're truly capable of, and to make the effort to change more and more into the people whom we are called to be. This is what we mean by success: to continually improve ourselves as we look towards tomorrow, striving to become better than what we ARE today.

Running Toward

Michael Hu, HBA teacher, science department chair and senior class advisor gave the commencement address. The following was taken from his speech.

I WISH FOR YOU ALL a life of “running toward.” In the recent Boston Marathon bombing, when the bombs exploded, most people ran away. A few heroic, magnificently caring people ran forward, toward the blast. They wanted to help. They put other people’s danger before their own safety. They took risks and by their actions, they were heroes. Live lives in which you are motivated by something larger than yourselves; have lives of engagement, commitment and risk. Risk, taken in service to what matters to you most, gives your life meaning beyond measure. We have a long tradition of winning here at HBA. We have sport banners in our gym that attest to our dominance in certain athletic endeavors. We have a trophy case that points to our victories in academic challenges. But winning, or the need to win or to present ourselves as winners, can at some point become a form of losing.

What is success? What is winning? During the Boston Marathon bombing, there were countless examples of people who ran toward the explosion sites in order to help victims. These actions give questions on success new context, transforming them into existential ones. As I watched and read reports of the bombings, I was struck by the way the actions of so many at the scene



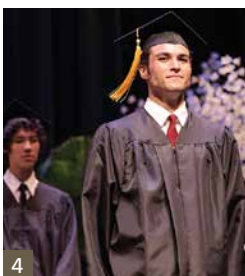
Michael Hu

represented a powerful answer to such questions. Amid the calamity, there appeared streams of people “running toward” the chaos, toward the explosions. These people were seized not by courage or a sense of destiny, but by a sense of purpose. Not everyone is prepared to run toward an explosion, but each

of you is exquisitely suited, and urgently needed, to run toward something. Your time at HBA has prepared you to live a life of “running toward.” It is a way of being, an attitude, a capacity for courage and grace. It is the best of who you are.

The best kind of learning does not train you to win. It teaches you to ask what winning might mean. It cultivates curiosity, courage and boldness, and it gives you a new capacity to act and take risks.

Live fully and live truthfully, class of 2013. You are measured not only by your success but how you rise from your failures and fallings. ...Run toward life. Class of 2013, I am indescribably proud of you. You absolutely humble me. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. God bless you all.



[1] (l-r) Richard Bento, president; Bruce Matsui, board vice-chair; Ron Shiira, vice president; Morris Kimoto, board chair; Walter Agena, board member; Marsba Hirae, high school principal; Claudia Atta, middle school principal; Tim Kanesbiro, elementary school vice principal **[2]** (l-r) Nathan Fong, Arie Esquef **[3]** (l-r) Corinna Wong, Elaine Lu, Kelsey Fukushima **[4]** Kaimana Triska **[5]** (l-r) Jazmyn Horiuchi, Kallie Gustafson **[6]** Kanoelani Yadao

High School Academic and Service Recognition May 2013

Bible

Excellence in New Testament
Asia Ono, Kayla Vergara

Excellence in Old Testament
BJ Hosaka, Jana Sasaki

Excellence in Christian Thought
Daniel Kimoto, Chad Kon,
Matthew Johnson

English

Outstanding English 9 Student
Hellen Chen, Chester Hui,
Sydney Suzuki

Outstanding in English 10
Alecia Griffin

**English 10 Socratic Award for
Critical and Creative Thinking**
Joyce Lee

Outstanding English 11 Student
Jolie Ayabe, Jasmine Berndt

**Outstanding AP English
Language and Composition**
Chad Kon

Outstanding English 12 Student
Timothy Plick, Corinna Wong

**Outstanding AP English 12
Student**
Matthew Johnson, Kara Mathews

Shakespeare Recitation
Timothy Plick

Excellence in Public Speaking
Kimo Tago

**Outstanding Communication
Skills Student**
Airi Yoshioka, Matthew Ishii

Journalism

Excellence in Editorial Writing
Matthew Johnson

Excellence in Feature Writing
Kimberly Matsui

Excellence in Photo Journalism
Reese Kato

**Newspaper Production—
Most Valuable Junior Staffer**
Kara Marushige

**Newspaper Production—
Most Valuable Staffer**
Matthew Johnson

**Hawaii High School Journalism
Award for Best in State for
Editorial Cartoon**
Jana Sasaki

**Yearbook Production—
Most Valuable Staffer**
Christian Oshiro, Matthew Ishii,
Brandon Ngao

PE and Health

**Outstanding Female Grade 9
PE Student**
Hellen Chen, Shaynie Fukuda

**Outstanding Male Grade 9
PE Student**
Mitchell Chamness, Jantzen Nakai

**Outstanding Female Grade 10
PE Student**
Alecia Griffin, Jana Sasaki

**Outstanding Male Grade 10
PE Student**
Christian Castillo, Kyle Castillo

Visual and Performing Arts

**Outstanding Member in
Concert Band**
Evan Sakaguchi, Tyler Yamashiro

**Outstanding Sophomore in
Wind Ensemble**
Loryn Rimando

**Outstanding Junior in
Wind Ensemble**
Daniel Oshiro

**Outstanding Senior in
Wind Ensemble**
Kimberly Matsui

**Overall Excellence in
Leadership and Achievement**
Regan Sato

Drama Ace (Five Semesters)
Annette Douangphoumy, Ian Martin,
Chantelle Sonoda

**Fall Semester Drama
King and Queen**
Ian Martin, Marisa Hewitt

**Spring Semester Drama
King and Queen**
Jonathan Huster, Jessi Omoto

Outstanding Artist Award
Kayla Braunthal, Michelle David,
Kainoa Gruspe, Alicia Hiruko,
Jaci Ishikawa, Corey Koyamatsu,
Matthew Saiki, Sydney Suzuki,
Kaylin Wakuzawa, Kelsea Yamashita,
Airi Yoshioka

Outstanding Graphic Designer
Chelsie Arume, Ashley Benn,
Mikayla Mau, Randi Nishida,
Ashley Young

Outstanding Artist Award
Jolie Ayabe, Hellen Chen,
Huiyi Chen, Annette Douangphoumy,
Tiana Limoz, Natsuko Muranaka,
Jana Sasaki, Brenner Wakayama,
Danielle Woo, Kelsea Yamashita

**Outstanding Drafting
and Design Student**
Kristy Young

World Language

**Outstanding Achievement
in French 2**
Alecia Griffin, Joyce Lee

**Outstanding Achievement
in Chinese 1**
Hai-Dong Hui

**Outstanding Achievement
in Chinese 2**
Junlang Chen

**Outstanding Achievement
in Chinese 3**
Amanda Lac

**Outstanding Achievement
in Chinese 4**
Jamie Wong

**Outstanding Achievement
in Japanese 1**
Dillon Kodama, Chambre Mangiarelli

**Outstanding Achievement
in Japanese 2**
Brandon Nakamura

**Outstanding Achievement
in Japanese 3**
Ryan Chang, Carly Ishihara

**Outstanding Achievement
in Japanese 4**
Matthew Johnson, Evan Merez

**Outstanding Achievement
in Japanese 5**
Andrew Yamamoto

**Outstanding Achievement
in Spanish 1**
Kainani Gruspe

**Outstanding Achievement
in Spanish 2**
Charisse Agraan

**Outstanding Achievement
in Spanish 3**
Bri'el Kashiwamura

**Outstanding Achievement
in Spanish 4**
Madison Davis

Overall Excellence in Chinese
Carney Yim

Overall Excellence in Japanese
Nyckolle Lucuab

Overall Excellence in Spanish
Chad Kon

**Overall Excellence in Language
Usage and Cultural Interaction**
Jordan Kauwe

Mathematics

Outstanding in Geometry
Hellen Chen, Chambre Mangiarelli,
Michael Tawata

**Outstanding Student in
Algebra 2-10**
Jessica Truesdell

**Outstanding Student in
Algebra 2-Honors**
Megan Horita

Outstanding Student in Algebra 3
Matthew Kishaba

**Outstanding Student in
Trigonometry**
Kelsea Yamashita



Three young ladies were the recipients of this year's special scholarship awards. From left to right: Richard Bento, president; Hailey Chong, recipient of the Reverend O.W. "Dub" Efurud Memorial Scholarship; Richard Yaginuma, president and chairman, Kilohana Kai Scholarship Foundation Program; Nicolette Smith, recipient of the Kilohana Kai Scholarship, in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong; Evelyn Chang, sister of the late Larry Wong; Naomi Masuno, niece of Sue Nishikawa; Kristy Young, recipient of the Sue Nishikawa Endowed Scholarship; and Faith McPatridge, niece of Sue Nishikawa.

**Outstanding Student in
Pre-Calculus**

Daniel Kimoto

**Outstanding Student in
Advanced Algebra with Financial
Applications**

Brent Wakuzawa

**Outstanding Student in Discrete
Mathematics with Probability**

Brandon Liu

**Outstanding Student in
Foundations of Calculus**

Collin Young

**Outstanding Student in
AP Statistics**

Kane Verity, Kristyn Iwane

**Outstanding Student in
AP Calculus A/B**

Michael Oishi

**Outstanding Student in
AP Calculus B/C**

Matthew Johnson

**HBA Mathematics Team
High Scorer**

Brandon Ngao

**HBA Mathematics Team
Most Valuable Member**

Wyllie Louie

**State Mathematics Bowl
Division A Champions**

Michelle Horio, Daniel Kimoto,
Wyllie Louie, Brandon Ngao,
Joel Shibata, Brent Wakuzawa

Social Studies

**Outstanding Student in
Ancient World History 9**

Brandon Hirokawa, Sydney Suzuki

**Outstanding Student in
Government 9**

Shannon Mau, Jantzen Nakai

**Outstanding US History 10
Student**

Alecia Griffin, Aaron Wilford

**Outstanding Modern World
History 11 Student**

Jolie Ayabe, Chad Kon

**Outstanding AP World History
Student**

Brittani Hartley, Jensen Vinca

**Outstanding Political Science 12
Student**

James Ezuka, Matthew Johnson

Outstanding Economics Student

Brandon Ngao, Noa Smith

Social Science Scholar

James Ezuka



Brandon Liu was named the recipient of the Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier of Light Leadership Scholarship. Liu (left) with Soldier of Light Director Todd Yokotake ('84).

Mock Trial

**Outstanding Attorney,
Mock Trial Team 1**

James Ezuka

**Outstanding Attorney,
Mock Trial Team 2**

Reyn Koizumi

**Outstanding Attorney,
Mock Trial Team 3**

Brittani Hartley

**Outstanding Newcomer,
Mock Trial Team 1**

Daniel Oshiro

**Outstanding Newcomer,
Mock Trial Team 2**

Henry Jin

**Outstanding Newcomer,
Mock Trial Team 3**

Danielle Toda

**Outstanding Witness,
Mock Trial Team 1**

Trent Tsuzaki

**Outstanding Witness,
Mock Trial Team 2**

Warren Wakuzawa

**Outstanding Witness,
Mock Trial Team 3**

Jessi Omoto

Science

**Outstanding Student
in Biology**

Stephanie Dang, Chester Hui

**Outstanding Student
in Forensics**

Madison Davis, Matthew Ishii

**Outstanding Student in
Chemistry**

Jana Sasaki, Tyler Yamashiro

Outstanding Physics Student

Robert Bueche, Elise Uyehara

**Outstanding Student in
AP Biology**

Diana Holden, Brandon Liu

**Outstanding Student in
AP Chemistry**

Daniel Kimoto, Elise Uyehara

**Outstanding Student in
AP Environmental Science**

Sheldon Arakawa, Christian Look

**Outstanding Student in
AP Physics**

Kristyn Iwane, Matthew Johnson

**Parent Teacher
Fellowship (PTF) Awards**

PTF High Achievement Award

Gr. 10

Alecia Griffin, Megan Horita,
BJ Hosaka, Dylan-John Loo,
Jana Sasaki, Nicholas Siu-Li,
Rylie Wada

Gr. 11

Daniel Kimoto, Chad Kon,
Elise Uyehara, Jensen Vinca

PTF Service Award

Gr. 9

Hellen Chen, Jantzen Nakai

Gr. 10

BJ Hosaka, Danielle Toda

Gr. 11

Ryan Chang, Micah Pascual

Gr. 12

Hailey Chong, Riley Fukui

**Special Awards and
Service Recognition**

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

Micah Pascual

**The Reverend O.W. "Dub" Efurd
Memorial Scholarship**

Hailey Chong

**Mallory Kathryn Ellis Soldier
of Light Leadership Scholarship**

Brandon Liu

**Kilohana Kai Scholarship,
in Memory of Mr. Larry Wong**

Nicolette Smith

**Sue Nishikawa
Endowed Scholarship**

Kristy Young

**National Merit
Scholarship Program**

**Finalist in the 2013 National
Merit Scholarship Program**

Matthew Johnson, Reyn Koizumi

**National Honor
Society Inductees**

Grade 11

Walden Butay, Bri'el Kashiwamura,
Cassandra Matsushige,
Micah Pascual, Nicole Saiki

Grade 10

Christian Castillo, Kyle Castillo,
Michael Dang, Dylan-John Loo,
Maria Palalay, Asia Sheehab,
Anne Shiraishi, Nicholas Siu-Li,
Rylie Wada, Sarah Yoo

Grade 9

Hellen Chen, Chester Hui,
Annemarie Lee, Kailee Liu,
Jantzen Nakai, Shelbi Nakano,
Joshua Namba, Elissa Ota,
Sydney Suzuki, Kayla Vergara,
Jordyn Wang, Isabel Wiemken,
Aaron Wong



Micah Pascual is this year's recipient of the L.O. and Johnnie Taylor Outstanding Service Award. This 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. Taylor, past MAC members from Dallas, Texas. Pascual (left) was presented the award by Vice Principal George Honzaki.

Mr. & Miss HBA 2013

By HBA's "The Light" 2012–2013 High School Staff

The highest honor the students and faculty bestow on an HBA student are the titles of Mr. and Miss HBA. To be eligible for this honor, students must be seniors whose cumulative semester grades, from grades 9 through fall semester of grade 12, average 3.0 or better. Mr. and Miss HBA should typify the best in HBA students, including their contributions to school life through their leadership and extra-curricular activities, and also in their character.

KRISTYN IWANE

"I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." —Philippians 3:13-14

Miss HBA is one whose character, work ethic and intellect are unparalleled. Give her a challenge and she will most definitely exceed it. Diligent and self-disciplined, Miss HBA is a force to be reckoned with.

Miss HBA always strives to do her best and be the best in whatever she is involved in, be it in academics, athletics or school clubs. Her desire to excel, along with her intellect and strength to persevere has earned her many rewards, including highest academic honors and the Division II Tennis title since the ninth grade. She has served on the student council and is a member of the Interact club, Servant Group, and was a mentor for the JV tennis team.

Miss HBA is not one to be self-satisfied with her achievements. Rather, we would find her expressing a longing to do more in this life, to reach higher heights, and to confess that she has not yet attained that which she set out to achieve. She is after an unforeseen prize, one which Christ calls her towards, even if she may not know exactly where God is leading her (John 13:7).

Kristyn Iwane, you are most deserving of the honor as Miss HBA.

We thank you for your contributions to HBA. May you continually be an example to us all as you press on towards the prize that God has for us!

MATTHEW JOHNSON

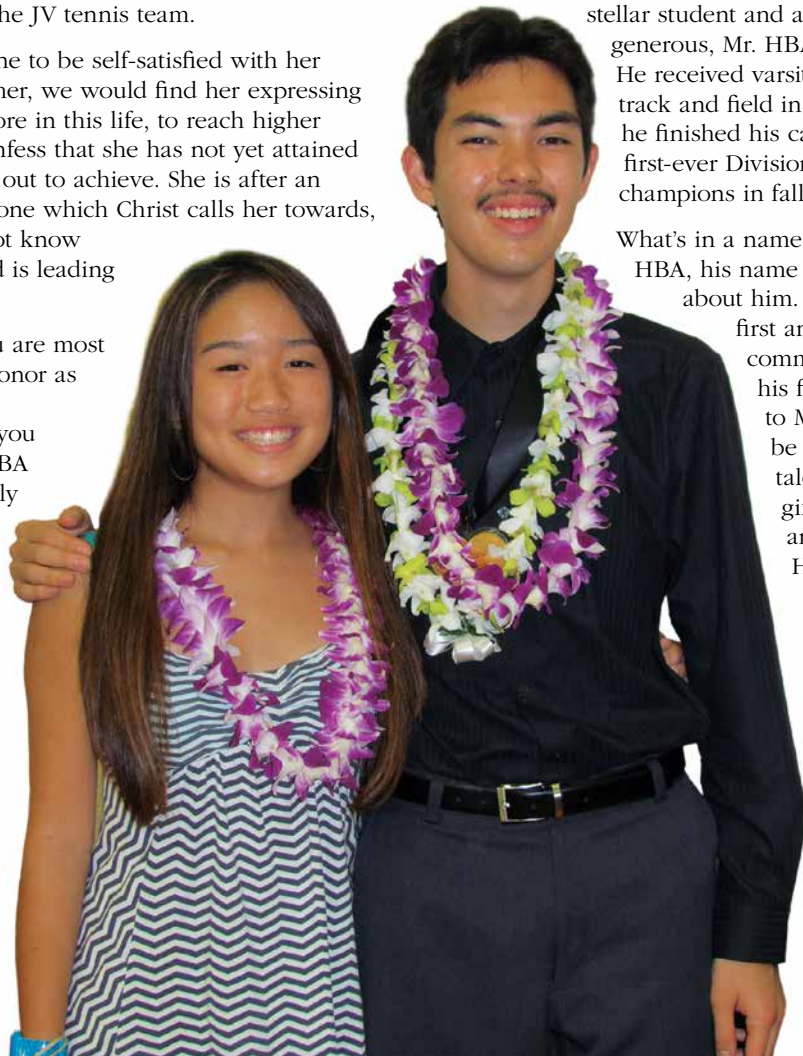
"WHAT'S IN A NAME?" Without naming anyone in particular, 2 Timothy 2:22 says, "pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace," which is an apt description of an ideal Mr. HBA.

Imagine setting out to create just such an uncommonly admirable young man. He would be extraordinarily dependable, honest, mature, and industrious, with an uncommonly good sense of humor, faithfulness to his friends, commitment to his family, and a strong relationship with God. Encouraging to others, he would be curious about all manner of subjects, and be gifted yet humble. Indeed, this year's Mr. HBA is just such a young man. He deeply impacts others by genuinely caring about them.

An adept writer and editor for HBA's Eagle Eye newspaper, Mr. HBA has also served on the student council and been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Servant Group, and Model UN. He is a stellar student and a National Merit Finalist. Peaceful and generous, Mr. HBA is nonetheless a fierce competitor. He received varsity letters in both cross country, and track and field in all four years of high school, and he finished his career as a senior captain of HBA's first-ever Division II HHSAA State Cross Country team champions in fall 2012.

What's in a name? Well, in the case of this year's Mr. HBA, his name is perhaps the only thing common about him. During the year of his birth, both his first and last names were the second most common in all of the United States. In fact, his first name, Matthew, was second only to Michael, which happens to be his younger brother's name. Rare talent, extraordinary leadership, unique gifts and uncommon kindness, these are what we find in this year's Mr. HBA, Matthew Johnson.

*Kristyn Iwane and
Matthew Johnson,
Miss and Mr. HBA 2013*



Middle School Academic and Service Recognition May 2013



Ty Minatoya (left) and Makenzie Cammack (right) were the recipients of the LIGHT Award—Living in God's Heart Together (Excellence in Word and Deed).



Micah Mitchell (left) and Ally Wada (right) were the recipients of the Ka'imi Na'auao (Seeker of Wisdom) Award.



Joshua Nakanishi (left) and Renee Galolo (right) were the recipients of the Soaring Eagle Award (Academic Excellence for Grade 8).

Bible

Excellence in Bible 7
Zachary Fujita, Lianne Park

Excellence in Bible 8
Samuel Hixon,
Kristina Tommee

English

Best Voice in Writing
Kristin Moniz, Bryce Sakata

Best Overall in English
Lucas Chun, Anika Keuning

Spelling Bee Winners
Jamie Lee, Lauren Lee

Best Creative Writer
Paige Oshiro

Outstanding Novelist
Sarah Harada

Outstanding Poet
Jordyn Hartley

Best Overall English
Alexa Yoo

Mathematics

Outstanding Student in Math 7

Michael Johnson,
Taija Nakakura

Outstanding Student in Algebra I
Ryan Lee, Kristina Tommee

Science

Excellence in Science 7
Natalie Kwon, Eugene Lee

Excellence in Earth Science 8
Samuel Hixon,
Kristina Tommee

Social Studies

Outstanding Excellence in Geography
Anika Keuning,
Bryce Sakata

American History 8 Knowledge Award
Kylie Aoki, Dylan Tsuruda

American History 8 Speaker of the House
Makenzie Cammack

American History 8 Outstanding Student
Paige Oshiro

Visual and Performing Arts

Fabulous in Fine Arts 7
Zachary Fujita, Joel Lau,
Jamie Lee, Stacie Yamamoto

Aspiring Artist
Kyara Bunch, Esther Chang,
Nicholas Domingo, Trevor Kubo, Brandon Miyasato,
Paige Oshiro, Kylie Tamaki,
Khristian Vinca, Alexa Yoo

Fantastic in Fine Arts 8
Shalev Eckert, Judithanne (Joyy) Young

Thriving Thespian
Makenzie Cammack,
Joshua Nakanishi

Outstanding Student in Beginning Band
Kaylie Hayashida, Eugene Lee, Colby Nagano, Tani Takushi, Travis Lau

Physical Education and Health

Outstanding in PE and Health, Gr. 7
Natalie Kwon, Bryce Sakata

Outstanding Performance in Health and Fitness, Gr. 8
Kyara Bunch, Kiara Chun,
Charles Eghan, Chase Higa

Special Middle School Awards

Ka'imi Na'auao (Seeker of Wisdom)
Micah Mitchell, Ally Wada

Soaring Eagle (Academic Excellence for Grade 8)
Renee Galolo,
Joshua Nakanishi

LIGHT - Living in God's Heart Together (Excellence in Word and Deed)
Makenzie Cammack,
Ty Minatoya

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Service Awards

Gr. 7
Amber Liu,
Cody Sugai

Gr. 8
April Laxamana,
Ty Minatoya

Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration May 2013



From left to right: Oze Farris and Joy Yukumoto, recipients of the J.O.Y. (Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last) Award; Kobi Saito and Missy Uehara, recipients of the Citizenship Award; and Adam Kikuta and Emily White, recipients of the All-Around Award.

Sixth Graders Say “Aloha” to Elementary Campus. The Class of 2019 bade farewell to HBA’s elementary campus on May 24 at the Sixth Grade Aloha Celebration. The celebration, which was held for the first time in the main courtyard at the elementary campus, began with a class song directed by Matthew Kamada, sixth grade teacher. Using the melody line from the popular praise song “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord),” by Matt Redman, the students thanked their teachers, parents and family members for their love and support. The song concluded with the chorus to the hit pop song “Good Time” by Owl City and Carly Rae Jensen, with students dancing to the song.

Following the song, Principal Amy Vorderbruegge addressed the students. She explained that the purpose of the celebration is to commemorate “life together, and to look forward to your next steps.” Part of those “life together” events included the

sixth graders’ visit to Camp Erdman, learning robotics and participial phrases and much more. In addition to celebrating their “life together,” Vorderbruegge reminded the students to listen to God’s voice so they can know and follow His direction for their lives. As a reminder of that direction, Vorderbruegge presented each member of the Class of 2019 with a compass.

“This token, a compass, whose purpose is to help you find the direction you should go, is meant to serve as a reminder that when you think you know what direction to go, or are searching for which direction to go—use God as your compass to guide your direction. I pray that your direction will give honor and glory to God,” said Vorderbruegge in her address to the students.

Congratulations to our sixth grade students and we wish you well on your new adventures.

Sixth Grade Honors

PRESIDENT’S EDUCATION AWARD

Nicole Arakaki
Dakota Bates
Andrew Chen
Amaya Cheng
Mikayla Chun
Naiya Fujikawa
Michelle Hong
Reanne Inafuku
Jayni Ishikawa
Mariko Jurcsak
Kacie Kaneshiro
Kristen Kaneshiro

Adam Kikuta
Kristin Lau
Jennah Laxamana
Steven Liang
Bobby Liu
Samantha Matsunaka
Shannah Mau
Tyler Mishima
Carson Miyachi
Kalena Montgomery
Sydney Nucum
Brandon Okazaki
Caily Okazaki
Julia Oliveira
Peyton Oshiro

Emily Osurman
Karlyn Oura
Kobi Saito
Sydnée Sambueno
Rena Takatsuka
Kobi Tanioka
Noah Tatsuyama
Nicole Tommee
Missy Uehara
Madelyn Weaver
Emily White
Christianne Young
Shea Yuen
Joy Yukumoto

HIGH ACADEMIC AVERAGE

Dakota Bates
Naiya Fujikawa
Kristen Kaneshiro
Adam Kikuta
Kristin Lau
Steven Liang
Bobby Liu
Emily Osurman
Rena Takatsuka
Joy Yukumoto
Nicole Tommee
Missy Uehara
Emily White

TROPHY RECIPIENTS:

ALL AROUND AWARD

Adam Kikuta
Emily White

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Kobi Saito
Missy Uehara

J.O.Y. AWARD

Oze Farris
Joy Yukumoto

Athletic Awards

By Deren Oshiro, Athletic Director

Students Feted at HBA Athletic Banquet, More than 300 Attend Event



From left to right: Michael Fisher, Kanoelani Yadao, Dylan Takabayashi, Alyssa Uwaine, Kelsey Bajet, and Matthew Johnson

Over 330 students, coaches, administrators, parents and guests gathered at the HBA Varsity Athletic Awards Banquet on May 18.

The annual event, held for the third consecutive year at the Manoa Grand Ballroom, recognized all of the HBA students who participated in varsity sports during the past school year for HBA, Pac-Five or other combination teams. It is one of the few opportunities during the year to bring together the students, coaches and parents from all of the various varsity teams and sports, so it serves as a time of fellowship and is an uplifting way to culminate each sports year.

Five teams were honored for winning their respective ILH Championship and, in some cases, State Championship. These were: HBA girls basketball (ILH), HBA boys volleyball (ILH and State), HBA girls bowling (ILH), HBA boys bowling (ILH), and HBA boys cross country (ILH and State).

The HBA Athletic Booster Club helped subsidize the event for the athletic department. KTM Services/Enjoy Products donated the snack mix, containers, wrap and decorations for the centerpieces, as well as favors for the luncheon event.

In all, about 130 students were presented with certificates, letters, pins and team awards.

Special Individual Award Winners:

**Ken & Rosemond
Street Sportsman-
ship Awards**

Dylan Takabayshi
Golf

Alyssa Uwaine
Cross Country, Soccer
and Track and Field

**Athletes of
the Year**

Michael Fisher
Volleyball

Kanoelani Yadao
Volleyball,
Track & Field

**Robert Fulford
Scholar-Athlete
Awards**

Matthew Johnson
Cross Country and
Track and Field

Kelsey Bajet
Basketball

HBA Honored for School Excellence with Kaimana Award

For the sixth consecutive year—and seventh time in eight years—HBA has won the Kaimana Award for overall school excellence.

Unlike many awards that focus solely on athletic accomplishments, the Kaimana program—sponsored by the Hawaii Medical Service Association—recognizes overall school excellence based on four criteria: academics, athletics, community service and sportsmanship. Each school earns points based on its athletics participation (percentage of student body involved in interscholastic sports), championships won, athletes' grade point averages, and community service hours accrued by the total student body. Schools have points deducted in the sportsmanship category if their athletes or coaches are cited for various negative behaviors.

Representing the Interscholastic League of Honolulu (Oahu's private schools), HBA has now won the Division II first place Kaimana Award (out of 17 total schools) in 2006 and every year since 2008. HBA also finished second in 2007. HBA is the only ILH school—regardless of division—to be recognized all eight years of the program.

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- Approximately 40 percent of those students participated in multiple sports

Over 70 percent of the HBA student body competed in at least one ILH sport in the 2012–2013 school year and over 40 percent of those students participated in multiple sports. Well over 90 percent of the student-athletes had grade point averages of over 2.75.

Over the past year, HBA won varsity ILH division II championships in boys bowling, girls bowling, girls basketball, and boys volleyball. HBA also captured the division II state championship for boys volleyball and the first division II state championship for boys cross country.

HBA students also participated in numerous community service projects and Christian ministries led by the Servant Group's heavy participation in the City of Joy ministry which reaches out to the homeless community out on Oahu's Leeward Coast. On Saturday mornings throughout the year, HBA students participate in this ministry by distributing food, visiting with families, and doing crafts and games with the children.

Athletic Director Deren Oshiro represented HBA and received the award at the Kaimana Awards luncheon banquet June 15, 2013, at the Hawaii Convention Center. All told, HMSA presented over \$100,000 in awards and scholarships to the winning schools and to the 22 student-athletes representing all five interscholastic leagues from across the state. HBA received a \$1,500 check, a banner, and a rock and crystal trophy for its school award.

Serving as award presenters were Josh Pacheco of ESPN 1420AM, Dave Reardon of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Dave Vinton of OC16 Sports and former UH Wahine Basketball Coach Dana Takahara-Dias. The keynote speaker was Clarissa Chun who won a wrestling bronze medal in the 2012 Summer Olympics. The emcee was Hawaii News Now's Steve Uyebara.

Leaving a Legacy through Art

MAC Week 2013: Building One Body

By Christina Yasutomi

THE RAIN WAS RELENTLESS. It poured, and it poured, showing no signs of stopping, but that didn't dampen their spirits. Inside the halls of HBA's elementary school, the voices of children echoed back and forth with loud and excited chatter as they spoke with MAC (Mainland Advisory Council) visitors. That day, the two groups worked side-by-side, creating artwork that has now become a permanent part of the school.

"The theme of this year's MAC Week was 'building one body,' and we wanted to do that by having everybody interacting with each other," said Lani Wilkinson, art teacher at HBA's elementary school.

Wilkinson, who recently joined HBA's faculty, was recruited by Cindy Gaskins, the elementary school's newly hired Christian ministries coordinator, to create a memorable experience at this year's MAC Week. Gaskins, who coordinates MAC Week activities at the elementary campus, said she wanted to provide more opportunities for the students to get to know the MAC visitors better and to build a lasting connection between both groups. So both women, along

with Principal Amy Vorderbruegge, set out on a mission to unify the different age groups by using art.

On Wednesday, April 20, the MAC guests arrived at the campus. Heavy rains forced Gaskins and Wilkinson to quickly readjust their plans and move their art projects into the school hallways.

"It was crazy," said Gaskins, "but it worked."

The stained glass murals that were painted at MAC Week have been installed in the elementary campus chapel.



Students and MAC visitors add colorful paints to a stained glass mural. Photo by Rachel Kaneshiro.

Gaskins and Wilkinson set up six different art stations. Each MAC member was assigned to a station where they would get to know different students. All of the projects were designed to encourage conversations between the students and their guests.

For the first project, students and MAC members participated in circle painting, which involves painting circles on canvases using lots of brightly colored paint.

"A circle is a symbol of connection and unity. Each person's contribution matters and is important," explained Wilkinson.

Each participant was instructed to paint circles of all sizes and colors. They were also encouraged to paint inside of, and touch, other circles. That way, they could visually see the connection.

For the second project, participants added colorful paints to stained glass murals, designed by a select group of students from each grade level. The murals depicted different scenes from the creation story. During the school year, the students learned how the Bible is divided into five acts, with the first

act telling the story of God's creation, explained Gaskins.

The third project served as another reminder of God's creation, as the participants decorated flower pots, which were later sold at the HBA Fun Fair.

The fourth project involved painting two mosaics on tiles featuring the HBA eagle mascot and Isaiah 40:31, the text of the school's alma mater.

The fifth project involved more circle painting, this time on other tiles that would be added to the mosaic.

The last project helped revive some HBA history. One day, while Wilkinson and Gaskins were in the midst of planning their MAC Week activities, they came across a box of old photos in Wilkinson's storage room, chronicling years of history at HBA's elementary campus. Inspired, Wilkinson put the photos to use, and had the students, along with the MAC guests, decoupage the photos onto wooden chairs students use in the health room, along with a wooden bookshelf that sits in Principal Vorderbruegge's office.



Vernetta Ellerd, Arlington, Texas, and Belinda Giles, Olton, Texas, help HBA elementary students decoupage old photos of HBA students, staff and teachers, onto wooden chairs and a bookshelf. Photo by Eugene Villaluz.

“So it’s something our MAC friends did with the children, and the children also see it. It’s more than just a once-a-year MAC thing. Rather, it serves as a reminder that we did this together,” said Gaskins.

The stained glass murals now hang prominently in the chapel at the elementary campus where students can see them each week as they come together for worship. Plans are being made to have more stained glass murals created at next year’s MAC Week to continue the story of all five acts of the Bible. The mosaics will be laid out on two concrete benches in the courtyard by the flagpole, and the canvases used for circle painting will be displayed every year during MAC Week.

“We wanted something that would last here at the school,” said Gaskins, “so the next year when the MAC people come, they’re going to see the stained glass

window in the chapel, and they’re going to see the tiles on the benches.”

“The art projects really captured the essence of this year’s theme, with all of the children, and our MAC visitors, working together,” said President Dick Bento. “This has been an exciting school year with the construction of our new Science, Arts and Technology building, the renovation of the Learning Resource Center, and the enhancement of our athletic facilities. None of these projects would have been possible without the support and commitment from our MAC members.”

Another new element that Gaskins and Vorderbruegge added to MAC Week was an interactive prayer experience. On Tuesday, April 19, students from the elementary school met with MAC members and shared what they were learning in school. They then took prayer requests from the MAC members and



Students and MAC visitors paint on tiles to create a mural with HBA’s motto and mascot. Photo by Rachel Kaneshiro.

prayed for them. The MAC members also took prayer requests from the students, and prayed for them as well.

At the end of the week, the elementary students wrote thank-you letters with prayer requests to different MAC members, which were then presented at the closing dinner. In response to the letters, the MAC members wrote their names on cards, which were displayed in each classroom to serve as a visual reminder of the people who are supporting the students from afar.

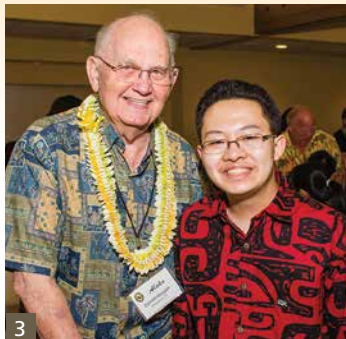
“Our goal was to help the students know who the MAC people were. I think we accomplished that a little bit better this year,” said Gaskins. “I feel there was a great connection.”

Each February, the Mainland Advisory Council holds its annual meeting in Honolulu. During their stay, MAC members and their guests visit HBA’s three school campuses and meet with students, parents, faculty and staff. During their visit to the high school campus, MAC friends participated in a blessing ceremony for the construction projects.

Dr. David H. McKinley, Senior Pastor of Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., was the special devotional speaker for the week. Warren Baptist Church



Left: Students and MAC visitors participate in circle painting. Photo by Rachel Kaneshiro. Center/right: Three wooden chairs that were decoupage with old photos of HBA students, teachers and staff, now sit in the elementary campus health room.



[1] MAC Chair Shirley Taliaferro passes the gavel to incoming chair Ed Spurling. **[2]** Naiya Fujikawa, 6th grade, carries an umbrella as she escorts Julie Reynolds, Celeste, Texas, to the elementary campus. **[3]** Dr. Darold Morgan, Richardson, Texas, and Daniel Kimoto, 11th grade. **[4]** Martha Meserole, Alexandria, Va., and Ansleigh Seaver, 11th grade. **[5]** The Friday night finale "We Are the Body of Christ," is presented by the Soldiers of Light, the High School Concert Choir, the Middle School Choir and Halau Hula O Ka Lama Ula. **[6]** Jason Mori ('59), Alexandria, Va., reads with Evan Chang, 2nd grade. Photo by Eugene Villaluz.

has been a faithful supporter of HBA for more than 40 years.

MAC Chair Shirley Taliaferro of Louisville, Ky., addressed the group with a memorable visual demonstration, reflecting on HBA and its clear foundation, Jesus. "Supporting HBA is the right thing to do," she said.

Elected as incoming MAC chair was Ed Spurling of Richardson, Texas. Wade Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., will serve as vice chair.

In his MAC Week report, President Bento shared that 76 students made first time professions of faith during the first seven months of the school year. Since then, another 34 students invited Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior during HBA's annual Christian Emphasis Week in March. In regards to the high school expansion project, President Bento said the school's dedication to academic

excellence will continue to attract families and provide new opportunities to share the gospel.

"Beyond bricks and mortar, this campaign isn't about constructing a building at all. It is about changing young lives through a relationship with Jesus," said President Bento. "We want every child that is enrolled at HBA, along with their parents and grandparents, uncles, aunties, cousins, and every person in the world to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to accept Him as Lord and Savior."

Next year's MAC meeting will be held February 18–24 at the Sheraton Waikiki, during which time HBA's 65th anniversary will be highlighted. Mainland friends are invited to join MAC members for this historic observance. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 808-533-7094 or development@hba.net.



Top: Dr. David H. McKinley, senior pastor at Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., and devotional speaker for MAC Week 2013, speaks at chapel in the high school gymnasium. Bottom: Ernest Jett, Sr., Winnsboro, Texas, leads the responsive reading at the construction blessing ceremony for the new building. Photos by Eugene Villaluz.

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CELEBRATE WITH US HBA'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

High School Construction Continues at Steady Pace

Senior Pavilion Now Officially Open

New Science, Arts and Technology Building Scheduled to Open in September

By Christina Yasutomi

CONSTRUCTION AT HBA'S Stan Sagert High School campus continues to move forward at a steady pace. On November 13, 2012, the school officially opened the new Senior Pavilion. Located next to the high school cafeteria directly below the gymnasium, the pavilion replaces the former courtyard that once held benches and tables for students. Now, the pavilion holds new lockers constructed from eco-friendly material, new tables and benches, and a living roof, complete with a lawn and sun lighting.

"The idea behind the living roof was to provide more grassy areas for our students despite our limited space," said Ron Shiira, vice president.

The roof also has an environmental benefit. According to Charles Kaneshiro, architect at Group 70 International, the roof reduces the amount of storm runoff in the area because the grass absorbs the rain water, thus reducing erosion. Kaneshiro says the roof can also be used for educational purposes, such as hosting art classes on the grassy space, or for conducting science experiments, like dropping objects from the roof to measure their velocity. In May 2013, Ryan Fronteira, high school English teacher, held a lecture for one of his classes at the pavilion.

"It was really nice and refreshing. I think we may hold more classes out here next year," said Fronteira.

In addition to hosting lectures, students have also hosted social events at the pavilion. In February, the Chinese Club celebrated the lunar new year with a Chinese lion dance inside the pavilion. In May, the Junior Class celebrated Cinco De Mayo. As part of the festivities, the students and teachers hung a piñata from the living roof.

President Bento and Vice Principal George Honzaki officially open the Senior Pavilion on November 13, 2012. The senior class was also on hand to take part in the ceremony. Photo by Ron Shiira.

Above: Ryan Fronteira, high school English teacher, holds a lecture at the Senior Pavilion on May 17, 2013. Right: The Senior Pavilion.



The new Learning Resource Center is located in the original senior area, between the current library and Student Services office. Courtesy Group 70 International.





1
Construction begins for the new Science, Arts and Technology Building, June 2012.



2
September 2012



3
November 2012



4
December 2012



5
February 2013



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April 2013

Watch the construction of our new Science, Arts and Technology Building and our Learning Resource Center through our special time lapse camera on our website, www.bba.net. Look for the "High School Construction Update" banner on the homepage.

This summer, the original senior area, located between the current Learning Center and Student Services office, was demolished and construction began on the expanded Learning Resource Center. When complete, the new Learning Resource Center will be expanded by 46 percent and upgraded to a state-of-the-art facility, featuring the latest digital and technological advancements, including a sound booth for audio recording. A mezzanine loft, overlooking the main library room, will allow for adequate bookshelves and more study and meeting spaces for students. Construction on the Learning Resource Center is scheduled to be finished in October. The existing Learning Center will be transformed into a teacher workroom and a spare classroom.

Upgrades are also taking place for the high school athletics facilities this summer. Air conditioning is being installed at the high school gymnasium.

"I'm excited about everyone, including our athletes and our spectators, being comfortable on hot and humid days," said Deren Oshiro, athletic director. "Because we have to use the gym for chapels, band performances, the Christmas program, graduation, and all sorts of non-athletic functions, it makes sense to have AC in our gym."

In addition to a much more comfortable gymnasium, students will also look forward to the opening of the brand new Science, Arts and Technology Building this fall semester. The three-level building features three biology and chemistry classrooms with separate labs, a bigger physics classroom, and a Science/Technology Courtyard for conducting outdoor experiments. The project will increase the science lab space by

a year-long course that includes not only studying key films in history, but writing, producing, promoting, and distributing films made by students. Journalism is planning on being able to use the studio for the expansion of its program to include more broadcast work, and the Photography class will have the facilities to spend more time on lighting and portraiture."

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS: Total Goal: \$17 million

As of July 1, we have reached 75 percent of our goal.



132 percent compared to existing facilities. Visual arts students will also have new classrooms, a special lab for digital arts, an outdoor art deck, a ceramics center and a kiln room; all of which will increase the art program space by 82 percent. Film students will have a soundproof room complete with LED studio lighting and a green screen. Sean Malinger, art department chair, says he and his colleagues are expanding their curriculum to take advantage of these new features.

"Next year we will see the return of the course The Art and History of Film,

The building is also eco-friendly. According to Kaneshiro, a "smart system" using a combination of direct digital controls (DDC), light sensors and occupancy sensors will regulate the building's central air conditioning and lighting in each room. Based on the number of bodies, and the amount of sunlight, the system will automatically adjust the room temperature and brightness of the lights. In total, the new building will save approximately 34 percent of the energy used by a standard building.

"HBA recognizes that we can do our part to sustain resources for future generations and respect what God has created," said Kaneshiro.

In addition to saving energy, the building is also designed to reduce water use by 40 percent with low-flushing toilets and automatic faucets that control the amount of water being used.

The new building will also include enhanced athletic facilities with a new locker room and a new athletic laundry room. The locker room will have water-saving shower heads and all of the appliances in the laundry room will be Star Energy approved.

To top off all of these energy-saving features, the new building will be LEED certified. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Administered by the United States Green Building Council, it is the leading third party certification program for sustainable development. Under this program, HBA's middle school campus was Gold certified in 2007.

With the development of a LEED certified high school campus, HBA will be one of the most "green" educational campuses in Hawaii, said Kaneshiro.



The new Science, Arts and Technology Building will be a state-of-the-art facility. It is expected to be completed in September 2013. Courtesy Group 70 International.

The Science, Arts and Technology Building is scheduled to be completed in September 2013.

You can watch the construction as its happening through our time lapse cameras. To view these cameras, visit HBA's website, www.hba.net, and click on the "High School Construction Update" banner.

"Our new high school expansion project has been carefully designed to further the mission of HBA," said Shiira. "These

new enhancements will allow faculty and staff to provide a quality education to our students, so that they may be better prepared to inspire and create in a way that brings honor to God. This will allow our students to make an impact in the communities where they choose to live."

To support this project, and also fund land acquisition for future growth, HBA launched a \$17 million capital campaign in November 2012. To thank donors, the school will be constructing a donor wall at the new Science, Arts and Technology Building, featuring a mural of the HBA eagle mascot. Names of the donors with personalized messages will be beautifully etched into nameplates that will be permanently displayed as part of the mural.

"The good news is that so far we have raised 75 percent of our needed funds. We would like to raise the remaining gifts and pledges to meet our campaign goals by February 2014, giving donors three to five years to meet their pledged commitments to HBA," said Shiira.

The donor wall will be unveiled during the 38th annual Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) meeting in February, as part of the school's 65th anniversary celebration.

If you would like to donate to the capital campaign, or increase your current donation, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (808) 533-7094, or e-mail development@hba.net for details.



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HBA Hires Claudia Henna to be Digital School Principal

George Honzaki to Assume Role of Middle School Principal
Alumna Carole (Nakama) Masaki ('95) Joins HBA Staff as Development Officer

Hawaii Baptist Academy celebrates a milestone this year by announcing Claudia Henna as the school's first digital school principal. The school, which is still in its early planning stage, will be an online extension of HBA's programs and provide distance learning through new and creative technology. This fall, Henna will join Vice President Ron Shiira and



Claudia Henna

HBA Board Member Ken Hensarling, Jr. on the newly formed Digital School Leadership Planning Team.

Henna began her career in education as HBA's registrar in 1985. In 1989, she left HBA to work for the Hawaii Department of Education. Over the course of 19 years, she gained extensive experience as director of statewide online learning, a school administrator, a technology education specialist and as a resource teacher in public schools. In 2008, she returned to HBA to serve as the middle school principal.

Henna studied education administration as a doctoral candidate and received a master's degree in secondary education and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



George Honzaki

Following in Henna's footsteps is George Honzaki, who will become HBA's new middle school principal. Honzaki began his career as a teacher and program coordinator for Community Quest at Kailua High School in 1995. He then transferred to Castle High School the following year. In 1997, Honzaki joined the HBA faculty and taught at the middle school for 10 years. During that time, he helped to develop an effective discipline and accountability program that the middle school still uses today. He then went on to teach at HBA's high school, where he mentored and led students to produce outstanding publications, including HBA's annual, "The Light," and the award winning "Eagle Eye" newspaper.

In 2012, he became the high school vice principal.

Honzaki received a master's degree in middle level education, a professional diploma in secondary education, and a bachelor of arts in history from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

A search is now underway for a new vice principal at the high school.



Carole Masaki

HBA has also hired a new development officer. In February, the staff welcomed alumna Carole (Nakama) Masaki ('95). Masaki entered HBA in first grade in 1983. In eighth grade, she was appointed to be the middle school's student body president. In high school, she was an active participant in student council and was elected student body president her senior year. During her sophomore year, she joined the Soldiers of Light and continued with the group through graduation.

Following graduation, Masaki attended Oral Roberts University (ORU), but returned home after her freshmen year due to unforeseen circumstances. She began working in the hotel industry, which lasted eight years. She then returned to ORU where she received a master's degree in organizational dynamics and a bachelor's degree in government. While at ORU, she served as an international representative/admissions counselor for one year, then became a women's residence hall director for four years. In 2012, she returned to Hawaii to begin working in the hotel industry again. Shortly after, she followed her life-long dream and returned to work at her alma mater.

"Coming back to work at HBA was always in the plan. I love developing people, and I feel I can really do that by working in the education sector," said Masaki. "After being away from HBA for 18 years, I was excited to see all of the changes that have happened. It makes me want to tell all of my fellow alums, and get them excited again about our school."

HBA Welcomes iPads and Adds Social Media Networks

High School Students to Receive Individual iPads and Elementary Students will have iPad Labs in Fall 2013

Alumni Can Now Reconnect on Facebook

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY teachers received their new iPad 4's on June 3. The iPads are a continuation of the school's ongoing endeavor to provide access to technology that enhances the learning process for our students.

This fall, all high school students will be issued individual iPads, and students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade will have access to iPad labs that will be assigned to each grade level. Middle school students will be added to the program the following school year, and will also be provided with individual iPads.

The iPads will allow students and teachers to utilize electronic media and interactive content in place of traditional textbooks; have immediate access to the Internet for research, writing and collaboration; demonstrate learning in more visual and creative ways; and enhance instruction and learning through apps specifically designed for education.

In addition to new technology, HBA is also expanding its reach online through social media. In April, the Development Office launched a Facebook page for the HBA Alumni Association, and in June, the school launched its own business Facebook page.

All alumni are invited to "like" the HBA Alumni Association page at www.facebook.com/HBAAlumni, and all members of our HBA ohana are invited to "like" our business page at www.facebook.com/HBAEagles.

HBA Donates More than \$40,000 to Oklahoma Relief Efforts

Students, Parents and HBA Supporters Rally to Help Tornado Victims



Back row from left to right: Richard Bento, president; Cindy Gaskins, Christian ministries coordinator; Michael Johnson, 7th grade; Matthew Johnson, 12th grade; Rob Lockridge, Christian ministries director; Teresa McCain, Baptist Student Dorm Manager, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention; Darrell McCain, director, Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Michelle Brese, president, Parent-Teacher Fellowship; Russell Jobiro, board member at large, Parent-Teacher Fellowship; Marcie Ann Jobiro, sixth grade; and Ron Shiira, vice president. Front row: Kacyn Ideue, third grade; Aaron Yoshida, third grade; Shea Erler, third grade; and Alyssa Young, third grade.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY (HBA) has given \$40,834.59 to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Disaster Relief (BGCO DR) to support on-going relief efforts in Moore, Okla., following a massive tornado that destroyed homes, businesses and two elementary schools. At one of those schools, seven children were killed while they were taking shelter from the tornado.

"This tragedy happened in a place we are all too familiar with; a state with several HBA ohana connections. That is why we were especially moved to reach out and help," said Cindy Gaskins, Christian ministries coordinator at HBA's elementary school.

On May 22, the school launched "Moore Love from HBA," a campaign to raise funds for the BGCO DR, which has more than 5,000 volunteers and provides hot meals, water purification, mobile showers and laundry, chain saw debris removal, mud-out, ash-out, child care and medical assistance to anyone in need.

The first contribution to the campaign came from the Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF), which donated \$36,000 from funds raised at the school's annual Fun Fair. The fair is HBA's largest fundraiser and is presented each year through the generosity and efforts of the PTF.

"I am very thankful that our PTF members were able to partner with us on this campaign," said Richard Bento, president of HBA. "God has been faithful in sustaining and growing our school for nearly 65 years and I am thankful that we are able to share His love with other children and families in Oklahoma during this time of great need."

Another significant contribution came from HBA's third grade class, which donated \$1,000 from proceeds raised at their annual Mini Market Day. The Mini Market Day is a hands-on lesson that teaches the basics of entrepreneurship by allowing the students to operate their own "stores" and sell products. It also provides them an opportunity to learn about philanthropy.

"The third graders worked hard earlier in the year not knowing this need would arise. Third grade teachers Mrs. Ito and Mrs. Hewitt determined that the Mini Market's success provided a way that they could contribute. To me, that teaches our students an invaluable lesson about how we can help others when God has blessed us," said Gaskins.

In addition to the third graders' contribution, students at the elementary, middle and high schools also donated more than \$2,300 to the campaign. Additional funds were provided by other HBA supporters.

"On behalf of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, we are truly grateful to the students and families at HBA for their love for the people in Moore, Oklahoma. This donation will go a long way to provide help, and hope, to those who must now rebuild their entire lives," said Darrell McCain, director of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Disaster Relief (HPBC DR).

The HPBC DR is part of the Southern Baptist Convention's network of disaster relief teams. Here in the islands, the team has responded to several disasters, including Hurricane Iniki on Kauai in 1992, the earthquake on the Hawaii Island in 2006 and local flooding on all islands by helping families clean up their flooded homes and remove debris. Hawaii DR volunteers have also responded abroad to other disasters, such as the Japan earthquake and tsunami, in New Jersey and New York after Hurricane Sandy and also in Mississippi to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. McCain says there is still more work to be done in Oklahoma.

"The best way people can help right now is by giving monetary donations," said McCain.

Donations can be made online at www.bgco.org, or by mail to BGCO Attn: Disaster Relief 3800 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. All donations will go directly to helping those in need.



Class representatives hold up donations collected to help families in Moore, Okla. On May 29, the students prayed a blessing over their donations during their last chapel of the school year.

A Teacher's Healing Touch

Fourth Grade Teacher Reaches Out, Bringing Spiritual Healing to Family

By Christina Yasutomi



Karen Iseri, left, and Cody Sugai, right, at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children in 2010. Iseri visited Sugai at the hospital every Sunday for more than two months. Photo by Jeanette Sugai.

KAREN ISERI responded to God's call to be a teacher 32 years ago, but she never imagined just how that calling would ask her to show Christ's love to one of her students and his family.

On February 17, 2010, the faculty and staff at HBA's elementary campus received a desperate phone call from Jeanette Sugai, the mother of then fourth grade student Cody

Sugai. Earlier that afternoon, the school nurse called Jeanette to report that Cody had a severe headache. As Jeanette drove Cody from school to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, the severe headache turned into excruciating pain. At the hospital, a CT scan revealed bleeding in his brain. Jeanette asked for the school to pray for Cody as he was placed under heavy sedation in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) to have the blood and other fluids drained from his brain.

"Everyone who knew Cody was praying for him. Even after school, teachers would come to my classroom and we would pray for Cody's healing. The students in my class prayed for him every day," said Iseri, who was Cody's teacher at the time. "It was a school-wide mission."

But Iseri felt the Holy Spirit calling her to take her ministry one step further. On Sundays after church, she would visit Cody and his family at the hospital to see how Cody was doing.

"I knew Cody was a Christian because he would always pray in class...but I wasn't sure of his parents' walk with God, so when I saw them, I told them we were praying for them," said Iseri.

Iseri was right. Cody's father, Scott, was not a Christian, and his mother, who was a believer, had not attended church since high school. But the Holy Spirit was already at work in their lives. During Cody's first week in the hospital, Scott had his first encounter with God.

Each night at around 2 a.m., an imaging technician would come to Cody's bed to take x-rays. During that time, Scott would leave the PICU and walk past the hospital's chapel on the way to the cafeteria.

"I didn't grow up in a Christian home... God was for the weak," said Scott. "...Finally one night I went inside...so then I just prayed, 'God, I'm scared. I don't know what to do. I need your help,' and instantly, I felt this physical weight being lifted off of me. So that's when I initially knew that God was real and that I was not alone and that Cody was not alone."

A week later, the doctors were able to diagnose the problem and determined that an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) had caused the bleed in Cody's brain. AVM's generally occur at birth and most people don't know they have one until it causes a problem.

For the next several weeks, while coming out of sedation, Cody would have to relearn all of the things that most of us take for granted. On February 27, Jeanette wrote in an e-mail update to family and friends:

"We have our work cut out for us, we have to help him strengthen his eyes, his tongue, his jaw – he has to relearn practically everything! But as each day passes, small steps are big accomplishments."

During those long weeks in the hospital, God continued to reveal Himself to Scott and Jeanette. Cody's pediatrician, neurologist and his first nurse on the pediatric recovery floor were all Christians. The nurse encouraged Scott, who was not a believer, to "keep the faith alive, because he's seen miracles happen on this floor," said Scott.

Iseri also continued to visit the Sugai family every Sunday after church. During her visits, she would bring her church bulletin which had a prayer list that included Cody's name. She would also bring handmade get-well cards and poster-sized group pictures of his classmates to remind Cody that he was loved and not forgotten.

At the end of April, Cody was discharged from the hospital, but he had missed nearly three months of school. Once again, Iseri heard God's call to go above and beyond for the Sugai family. So Iseri, along with three other teachers, volunteered to tutor Cody for five weeks during summer break. By the end of those five weeks, Cody was completely caught up and able to start fifth grade in the Fall. Cody says he is very thankful for Iseri.

"I think that's another thing that HBA provides," said Cody. "We're not just a school. We're a family."

*Karen Iseri,
Fourth Grade Teacher*





Karen Iseri received The Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award on April 30 for her outstanding dedication to HBA student Cody Sugai. From left to right: Hayden Hu, former HBA parent; Karen Iseri, fourth grade teacher; Lorna Hu, former HBA parent and TAC vice-chair; and Rachel Hu ('05).

"As a teacher, students become part of your 'family,'" said Iseri. "The Bible says in Romans 12:15-16a, 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.' Cody was an exceptional student who loved and continues to love the Lord today."

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praying for, for so long. The following week, they returned to Iseri's church and Scott and Jeanette accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

"If Karen didn't come to visit us in the hospital, I would have never said, 'Let's go to the church to say thank you,'" said Scott. "...Even that night in the chapel, it really didn't come together for me until we went and said thank you to Karen's church. Karen got us in the door, and we never left."

In January 2011, Scott, Jeanette and Cody decided to publically proclaim their new found faith and were all baptized together. In 2012, Cody's sister Erin also proclaimed her love for God and was baptized.

The Sugais continue to attend Honolulu Christian Church (HCC), the church that Iseri also attends, and are active members. Both families are still very close.

"We've gotten to know them as a family...at a deeper level," said Iseri. "[We have them] in our care group for support, and we always pray for each other."

Cody says on Sunday mornings he listens to hear "Aunty Karen's" laugh when the pastor says something funny. Sometimes, both families will sit together during the service.

In addition to starting the school year on time, the Sugai family received another blessing. Through Iseri's love for Cody, the Sugai family came to know Jesus Christ. In September 2010, Scott was prompted by the Holy Spirit to visit Iseri's church to thank the congregation for their prayers and support. He told Jeanette he wanted to "put a face to the name" that the church had been

"Not only is Karen an exceptional teacher, she is an exceptional servant of God and prayer warrior, so willing to share the love that He has for each and every one of us," said Jeanette. "Today, I know that God placed Karen in our lives for a reason, for His plan, all in His timing! For that, we praise Him and are forever grateful and thankful to Karen from the bottom of our hearts!"

This fall, Cody will be an 8th grader at HBA's middle school. He continues to be steadfast in his faith. Last year, he was named the 2012 Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Champion representing Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children and the State of Hawaii. CMN recognizes remarkable children who have not only triumphed despite severe medical challenges, but also show great leadership and inspiration.

In April 2013, Iseri received the Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes exceptional teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that their students receive the highest quality education while also



From left to right: Scott Sugai, Cody Sugai, Karen Iseri and Jeanette Sugai

demonstrating the love of Christ. The award is made possible through the generosity of Hayden and Lorna Hu, whose children, Rachel ('05) and Trevor ('09), are HBA graduates.

In addition to the Rachel and Trevor Hu Teaching Excellence Award, the 2012-2013 HBA yearbook staff dedicated this year's elementary school section of the yearbook to Iseri.

Iseri was a teacher at Moanalua Elementary School, Nanaikapono Elementary School and Kalakaua Middle School before joining the HBA faculty 12 years ago. Her son, Ellison, attended HBA beginning in kindergarten, and graduated from the high school in 2009. While Ellison was a student, Iseri says that both she and her husband appreciated how HBA's administration, faculty, and staff demonstrated their love for Jesus Christ to their students and families, and she wanted to be a part of that same mission.

Iseri is married to Scot, who is the manager of Tamashiro Market. Their son Ellison, who was voted Mr. HBA by his peers in 2009, recently graduated from Seattle University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Iseri was born in Honolulu and graduated from Moanalua High School. She received her master's degree in educational communication and technology and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Hawaii.

"I would like to thank God for 'guiding' me to Hawaii Baptist Academy, and thank President Bento and Dr. Ovitt for giving me the opportunity to teach at HBA," said Iseri. "It has truly been a rewarding experience with abundant blessings."

HBA Alumni Chronicles

By Maurine King

JENNIFER HEE ('97) is probably the alumna best known outside her class because of the trips and creative events she organized while working with HBA's Development Office. In 2005, I had the pleasure of traveling with



Jennifer Hee

her to reunions in Seattle, Denver, San Jose and Los Angeles.

Her present position as executive director of the local Arthritis Foundation will touch even more of our lives. Unless we die young, most

of us will probably feel the effects of some sort of arthritis, and there are about 100 varieties to go around. One in five Americans already has doctor-diagnosed arthritis. In her third year with the Foundation, Jenn has not only raised funds, but organized such programs as free exercise classes and camps for kids who suffer with arthritis, and promoted awareness of the ailment. In a 2012 article in MidWeek magazine, Jenn was interviewed for the feature "Doctor in the House." In the full-page article, she indeed sounded like a doctor, providing expertise and general information on the disease as well as on the Foundation. Since starting with the Foundation in September 2010, Jenn has seen giving go up locally by 43 percent and the attendance at the annual Arthritis Walk

has doubled. The Arthritis Walk on May 5 drew 1,200 attendees. As of late June, Hee says the walk raised \$200,000.

Fundraiser is not a career that children name with nurse or firefighter when asked what they want to be when they grow up.

Jenn got her start when still in high school with a summer job in HBA's Human Resources Office.

This led to a position after her college graduation which expanded to include alumni relations. From 2005–2010 she was director of development for the UH William S. Richardson School of Law, where "she was credited with helping the school exceed its fiscal year 2010 fundraising goal by 23 percent" (*Pacific Business News*, June 22, 2012).

"When one is honored, all rejoice."

I Corinthians 12:20. Jenn has received the Alaka'i 'Opio Award for Exceptional Leadership, given to a Young Professional by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Last year, she was recognized by Pacific Business News as one of "Forty under 40." Most of the honorees are business professionals, but Jenn has spent her career with non-profits.



Jennifer Hee, executive director for the Arthritis Foundation in Hawaii gives a double shaka with volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals at the 2012 Arthritis Walk. The 2013 Arthritis Walk drew more than 1,200 attendees. As of late June, Hee says the walk raised \$200,000. Photo courtesy Jennifer Hee.

Jenn has served a term on the Alumni Association Board. At Hawaii Kai Baptist Church, she is a member of the missions committee and a hula and sign language instructor for the group Ka Wai Ola. She has gone on mission and disaster relief trips around the country—most recently to Texas—and hopes her next trip will be international.



Jennifer Hee, left, with Dr. Betty Jean Chatbam, center, of Shelbyville, Ky., and Hannab (Okamura) Watanabe, former HBA music teacher, at the elementary school chapel in 2004.



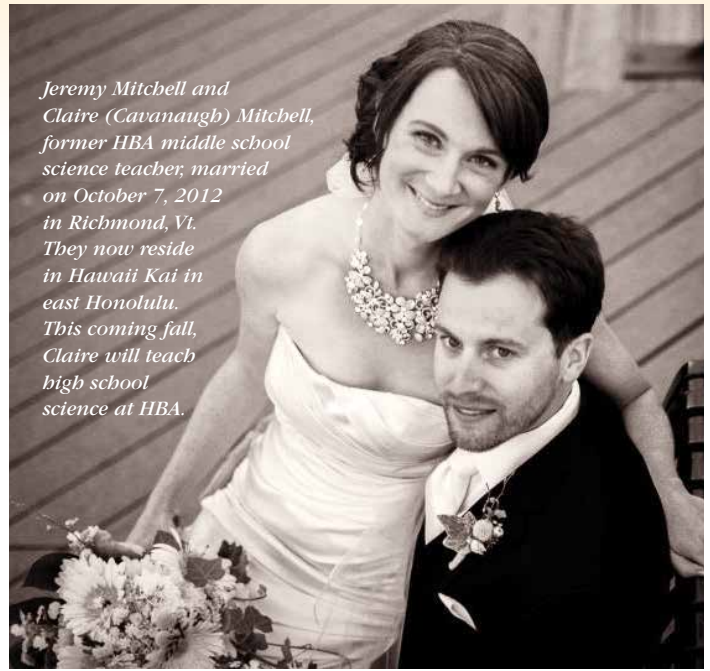
Jennifer Hee ('97), helps raise awareness about juvenile arthritis at the state legislature in February 2013. From left to the right: State Sen. Gil Kabele (D, Hilo); State Sen. Donna Mercado Kim (D, Kalibi Valley-Moanalua-Halawa); Sherri Fujita, Arthritis Foundation volunteer; Emily Fujita, Arthritis Foundation Youth Honoree; State Sen. Malama Solomon (D, Hilo-Honokaa); Jennifer Hee, executive director, Arthritis Foundation; State Sen. Will Espero (D, Ewa Beach-Iroquois Point); and Suzanne Chun Oakland (D, Nuuanu-Liliha).

Marriages

Stan Setoda and Alicia (Kaneshiro) Setoda ('98) married on June 12, 2012 in Honolulu at the HBA elementary school chapel. They now reside in Mililani, Hawaii.



Jeremy Mitchell and Claire (Cavanaugh) Mitchell, former HBA middle school science teacher, married on October 7, 2012 in Richmond, VI. They now reside in Hawaii Kai in east Honolulu. This coming fall, Claire will teach high school science at HBA.



In Memory of

The Aloha Council

George A. Nomura, 80, of Kaneohe, died April 15, 2013. He was retired as band director at Waipahu High School. He is survived by his wife, Pat, former HBA music teacher; daughters Valery Nomura-Ishida, Stacie Kendall, Corinne Christy; and granddaughter Taylor Ishida, HBA junior.

Mainland Advisory Council

Rae Dean Prevost, 85, of Arlington, Texas, passed away Dec. 3, 2012. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Arlington. She is survived by husband Robert; daughter Linda Dorsey; sons Robert III and J. Neal; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

James Munnerlyn, 76, of Rowlett, Texas, died Dec. 14, 2012. Member of First Baptist, Richardson, he was retired as engineer for Mobil Oil Corp. He is survived by wife Nancy; sons, James, Mark and Thomas; and five grandchildren.

Philip H. Trew, 87, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Dec. 20, 2012. A retired real estate investor, he was a Shriner and member of University Baptist Church. He is survived by wife Joan; son Philip Jr.; daughters Jan Huggins Barry and Deborah Huggins Morgan, MAC member; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Aubrey S. Ghann, 86, of Augusta, Ga., died Jan. 22, 2013. He was a member of Warren Baptist Church and founder of Ghann's Cricket Farm, Inc. He is survived by wife Helen; daughter Fonda Patterson; son Clay; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Bobbie Sue Taylor, 93, of Winnsboro, Texas, died April 6, 2013. She was a member of First Baptist, Winnsboro. She is survived by husband, R. Doyle; son Marcus; daughter Kayron Sue, MAC member; six grandchildren, including Sunny Polito and Heather Wessels, MAC members; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cindy Ann Sweitzer, 49, of League City, Texas, died April 24, 2013. Cindy worked for United Space Alliance and was active at University Baptist Church as a member of the orchestra, chamber singers, and other ministries. Survivors include her mother, Betty Sweitzer, MAC member, and brother John.

Former Faculty

Manuel Manny Butac, 66, of Pearl City, Hawaii, died March 4, 2013. He taught practical arts at HBA, 1999-2006. He is survived by wife Sharon, HBA elementary secretary; son Michael ('95); daughters, Shari Sugai and Tiffany ('03); and 5 grandchildren.

William "Bill" Russell, 89, of Vegas, Texas, died March 23, 2013. He taught art, journalism, photography and psychology at HBA, 1967-70. Survivors include wife Margaret; three sons, Warren, Bob, and Tim; daughter, Cindy Laxton ('74); 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

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

Cynthia Lee, HBA fine arts teacher, on the passing of her father, **Col. Thomas E. Lee**, 73, of Vienna, Va., on Nov. 17, 2012.

Sharon Hagio, HBA development office staff, on the passing of her father, **Hajime Hagio**, 95, of Volcano, Hawaii, on Jan. 8, 2013.

Erin Yamada ('06), and former HBA science teacher, on the passing of her grandfather, **Herbert Muraoka**, 83, of Honolulu, Hawaii, in a car accident on Jan. 10, 2013.

Erin Schlittenhart, HBA Bible teacher, on the passing of her mother, **Rose Christensen**, 71, of Bella Vista, Ark., on Feb. 20, 2013.

Baby Eagles



Jemimah "Jemi" Joy Hahn was born to John Hahn, HBA middle school English teacher, and Tricia Hahn on June 14, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds and 9.2 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Jemi is now very active, easy going and full of smiles. Siblings: Moriah, 2.



Elijah Takeo Aguiar was born to Joseph Aguiar, HBA elementary school physical education teacher, and Tiffany Aguiar, HBA middle school physical education teacher, on May 5, 2012. He weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Currently, Eli's favorite things to do are going to the beach and harassing his dog, Stella.



Brooke Kiyomi Leiana LaBarre was born to Maulia LaBarre and Nicole (Matsusaka) LaBarre ('05) on April 27, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Siblings: Kaylee, 5, and Blair, 3.



Sophia Grace Honzaki was born to George Honzaki, former HBA high school vice principal, and Tammie Honzaki on May 7, 2013. She weighed 6 pounds and 7.7 ounces and was 19 inches long. This fall, George Honzaki will be HBA's new middle school principal.



Kyla Akemi Nishimiya was born to Layne Nishimiya and Kammie Ann Nishimiya, HBA sixth grade Humanities teacher, on December 14, 2012. She weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Sibling: Kirra Nishimiya, 6.



Gabriel Raiden Nelson was born to Chris Nelson and Raena (Kaneshiro) Nelson ('06) on March 18, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sibling: Timothy Hayate Nelson, 2.



Oliver Minwoo Yamasbata was born to Grant Yamasbata ('89) and Juri Yamasbata, HBA middle school and high school art teacher, on August 23, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds and 8.4 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Oliver has become quite social and laughs easily. Sibling: Eleanor, who passed away. She was delivered on August 15, 2011 and was 6 months old.



Ryder Kazuo Ke'aomaikalani Mukai was born to Ross Mukai, HBA high school math teacher, and Tariya Mukai, former HBA high school English teacher, on October 1, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds and 15.5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Attention MAC and Mainland Friends:

Plan now to attend MAC Week 2014 February 18–21, 2014 at the Sheraton Waikiki


Join us as we celebrate Hawaii Baptist Academy's 65th anniversary at our Mainland Advisory Council Meeting, February 18–21, 2014 at the Sheraton Waikiki, located at 2255 Kalakaua Avenue in Honolulu.

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upcoming events

August 1 – First day of school

August 22 – The Aloha Council (TAC) Meeting,
5:30 p.m., Middle School MPR

September 6 – Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF)
Kick-off Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Middle School MPR

September 25 – See You at the Pole

September 27 – Spike Night, High School Gym

September 30–October 11 – Fall Break

October 28–November 1 –
Christian Emphasis Week (Elementary School)

November 8 –
Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Annual Meeting



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